

LAKE NEWS

2013 - control efforts continue

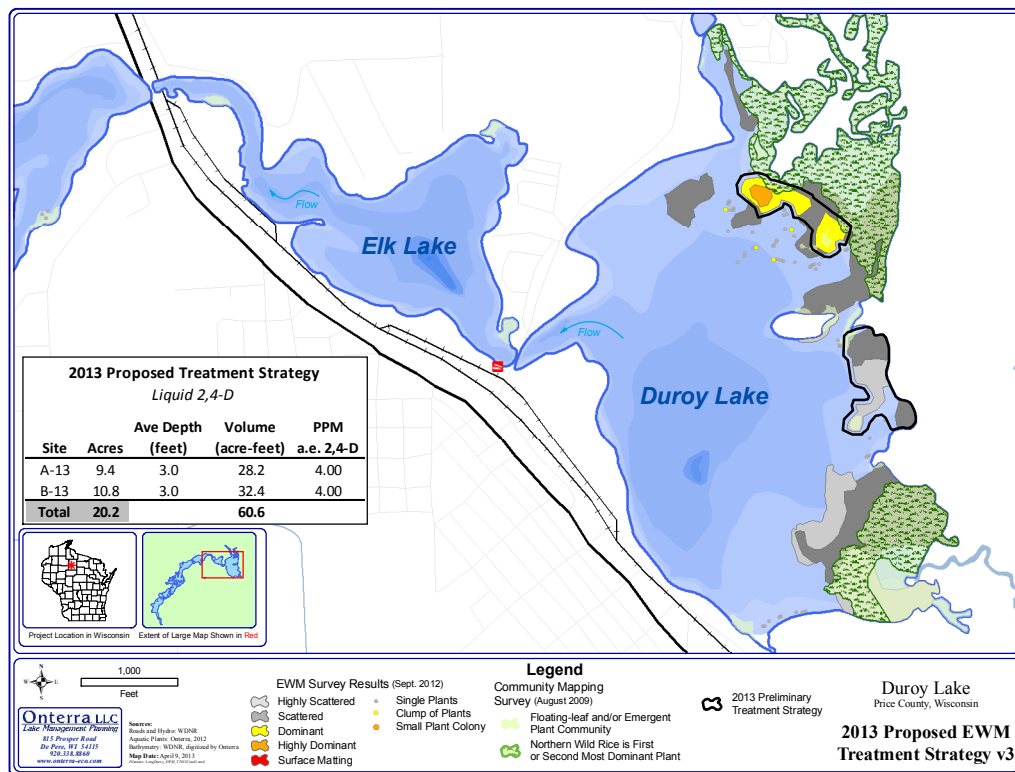
Duroy this year's focus

Invasive Aquatic weed control continues to be the focus of the Phillips Area Chain O' Lakes. In the past years significant efforts were invested in survey, treatment and monitoring of control efforts. This year plans are to make progress in Duroy Lake, the first of the chain and the most noticeable from the Highway 13 thoroughfare in Phillips.

Past years surveys showed increasing infestation of Eurasian Milfoil in Duroy Lake. Past application of liquid herbicides have proven to be

less than effective due to the significant water flow over the treatment areas. So, this year a

crystalline form of the treatment herbicide will be used.



Couple's efforts provide data for Wilson treatment results

Last year's successful treatment of Wilson was proved through the efforts of Jane and Daren Daily. They put in nearly 50 hours on the waters of the lake providing empirical data

that confirmed the results of the 2012 treatment program in Wilson Lake.

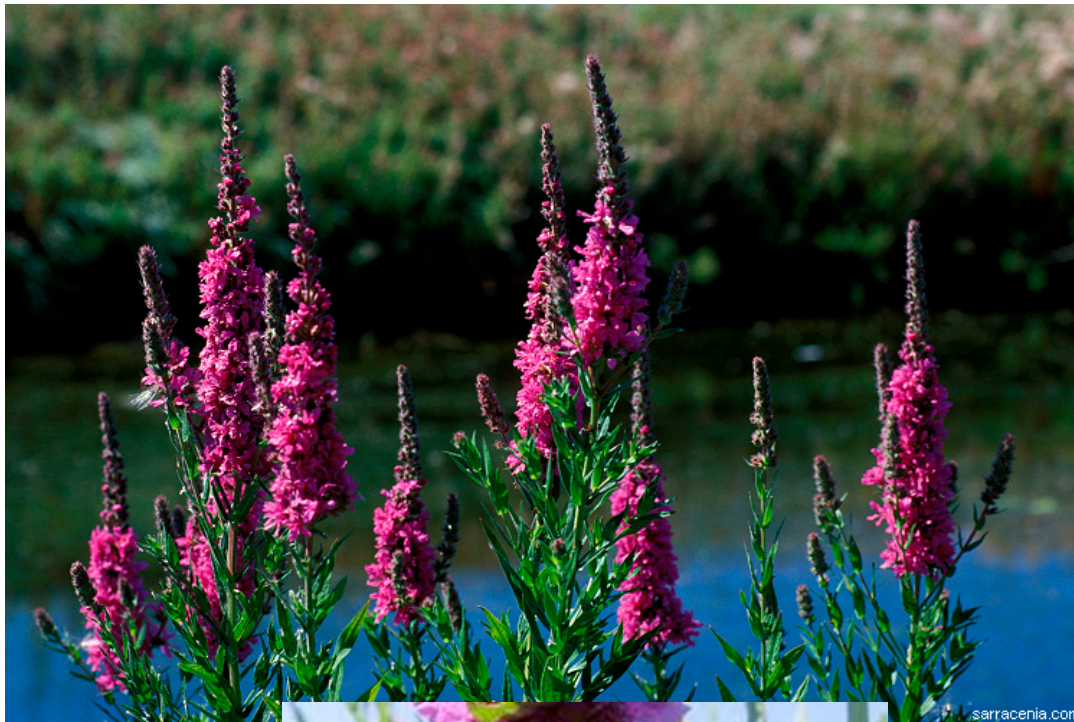
Testing for water clarity, temperature and sampling they went to various locations. The

consulting firm, Onterra, supervised the data collection and submitted the findings for assessment to the DNR to determine success in the project.

Daren and Jane deserve special praise for their efforts and dedication.

**3rd Annual PCOLA
Chicken Dinner, June 9 (See page 2)**

Loosestrife also a concern



Association president, Blake Pluemer reminds PCOLA members that invasive species are not just Milfoil.

As a part of our Association's labor commitment for the current grant program, we need a



few volunteers to survey the shoreline around lake Duroy to look for, and if possible, remove

Purple

Loosestrife.

This is another invasive species that has been found in our chain, and the sooner and more we remove the less chance there is of it spreading.

Our commitment and pre-approved reimbursement allowance for this part of the program is for 10 hours @ \$12/hour and one day of personal boat use at \$70/day. We

may be able to increase the reimbursement amount if we can find volunteers to participate at a higher level than this.

In this article are some images of Purple Loosestrife. Let me know if you're interested in helping out with this, either by email or call 715-339-2445.

Third Annual Chicken Dinner June 9

For the third year Dan and Holly Vernig at Birch Island Resort are providing the great location and the Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings for the 2013 Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association Chicken Dinner fund raiser.. The event is scheduled for June 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

As in past years it's family fun at the core of the event. There will be games, prizes and raffles to compliment the food and beverages to raise funds for the fight against invasive aquatic species in the chain of Lakes.

Anyone with an interest in the quality of the Phillips Chain of Lakes is invited to come and have a great time. If you're interested in helping call 339-3151.



Jelly ... plant or animal?

Have you ever seen strange jelly-like blobs in your lake and wondered what they were?

Most likely they were Bryozoa. Bryozoans are aquatic animals with a name that literally means "moss animals".

Bryozoa are colonies of tiny colonial animals called zooids and appear as gelatinous globs up to the size of a football. Most species are marine animals, however there is one class, Phylactolaemata, that live exclusively in freshwater. They are often attached to submerged surfaces such as tree branches, roots, rocks, pilings, docks, etc. Sometimes, a clump that has broken loose can be found free-floating or washed up near the shoreline.

Bryozoans filter water for their food like sponges and feed on small microorganisms such as diatoms and other unicellular algae.

Each zooid in the colony has whorls of delicate feeding tentacles swaying slowly in the water catching food. Some

freshwater varieties are thought to be useful indicators of water quality. It is said that they like water that is eutrophic, which means very productive lakes with lots of food, and are generally indicative of moderate to good water quality.

Bryozoans reproduce by more than one method.

When you look at them, there you'll see a large number of tiny black dots visibly

imbedded in the jelly. Each of these tiny black dots becomes a statoblast. A statoblast is a cyst, similar to egg or spore. At the end of summer, as the lake water cools, the bryozoan dies. The jelly dissolves and releases the statoblasts; when released they look like small, dark brown disks with radiating barbed spikes. These statoblasts can remain dormant for some time, withstand drying and freezing, and survive the winter to start new colonies next year. Reproduction can also occur by budding off new zooids as the colony grows. If a piece of a bryozoan colony breaks off, the piece can continue to grow and form a new colony.

Extraordinary efforts making a difference



Invasive species control began with Eurasian Water Milfoil

Chain O' Lakes president Blake Pluemer has the following comments about the efforts of the members of the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association.

"Thanks to the extraordinary volunteer efforts and generous donations of the members and supporters of the Phillips Chain O'Lakes Association, we have completed our 2nd major DNR grant program. Our financial liabilities associated with the 2012 AIS Treatment Program have been paid in full, and our labor commitments have been completed and verified by the DNR.

"In summary, the treatments on Wilson Lake were deemed very successful, along with the areas treated on Long lake, but the treatment in Lake Duroy was far less

effective. Based on these results, we have applied for a scaled down but similar program that would concentrate treatment on Lake Duroy this spring. At this point we have not heard whether we have been approved for this 2013 grant application. If approved, a level of support similar to what was completed in 2012 will be required.

"A full report on the 2012 program can be accessed from our web site, or from the link below.

"Thank you again to all who donated their time, money, and energy to the cause!"

Don't Miss the PCOLA's 3rd Annual

Chicken Dinner

Birch Island Resort

on Wilson Lake

*Sunday,
June 9th
1 to 3 p.m.
All proceeds
to be used
for lake
treatment of
invasive
aquatic vegetation.*



*Games,
Prizes,
Raffles
and
Family
Fun*

339-3151

\$2300 raised in PCOLA raffle

Recently, on Dec 1, 2012, the Phillips Chain Of Lakes Association held a raffle ticket drawing at Harbor View in Phillips. The Phillips Chain Of Lakes Association, along with help from several local businesses, sold raffle tickets in order to raise funds to help with the costs for control and treatment of Eurasian Milfoil weeds on the Phillips Chain of Lakes. Over \$2300.00 was raised in the raffle to help the cause.



P.C.O.L.A. Association members present at the raffle drawing were: L to R - Blake Pluemer, Kay Pluemer, Andy Sherry, Laurie Zondlo, Lonnie Sherry and Travis Nez.

The fundraiser raffle winners were: 1st place-\$500.00 Dale Kosterman, Phillips WI, 2nd place \$200.00- Kathy Czeshinski New Berlin, WI and 3rd place \$100.00- Bettie Temperly Brookfield, WI

Hartman leads volunteer effort

Ira Hartman of Phillips volunteered over 60 hours in support of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. That means that of the 200 volunteer hours required of the association, Ira gave 30 percent.

The association gives Hartman special recognition and thanks for his tireless service.

Volunteers needed

Last year, as in-kind payment, the members of the Lakes Association provided over 200 hours in volunteer efforts in the "Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. This year our association will again need 200 or more hours of volunteer effort for this program.

Volunteers, as well as some paid staff from the DNR, Sea Grant and other organizations are the program's manpower. Boat inspectors help perform boat and trailer checks, disseminate informational brochures and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

If you are interested in helping with this program contact Blake at 339-2445, or any association officer.

Program Fast Facts

- 92% of boaters aware of invasive species law.
- 96% of boaters inspect & remove plants.
- 89% of boaters dispose of bait
- 97% of boaters drain boat/equipment
- 95% of boaters drain fish/live-wells.

Missed and remembered

Curt Capelle was very active in the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association and he will be missed after his death last September.

Curt retired to his log home on Long Lake in 2005. Curtis A. Capelle died peacefully on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at his home with his dogs by his side.

Capelle was born in Milwaukee in 1941, served in the U. S. Navy and spent his professional life as a mortician in Plymouth, Oconomowoc and Kenosha.

Throughout his life he was committed to

community involvement.. He was a avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He especially enjoyed his Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Dawg and Hans.

His outdoor activities were shared with friends and especially his sons, Matthew and Bradley, and his grandchildren, Carter and Paige.

On September 15, 2013, his funeral was held in Phillips and he was buried in Lakeside Cemetery. Curtis Capelle will be missed by his family and friends as well as the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association.

Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association Membership Sign-Up

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Member Type: Family (\$25/yr) _____ Business (\$50/yr) _____ Single (\$15/yr) _____

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Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Comments & Suggestions: _____

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