

2016

Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association

Lake News



Fish Sticks volunteers work over winter on fishing habitat. Above: Bob Fiorelli, Rick Liebelt, Cully Erickson, Bill Ruff and Clarence (Moose) Lacina. They added fish habitat in 24 locations on the chain.

Fish Sticks make habitat in the Phillips Chain

Bill Ruff led a very successful Fish Sticks (shoreline habitat) program that resulted in the placement of 24 "sticks" on the shores of the Chain this spring.

Fish sticks are single trees or groupings of trees that are placed in the lake near the shoreline and are securely connected to a tree stump or other anchor point on the shore. These trees provide valuable near-shore



Once a tree is felled and secured to the shore it becomes a "Fish Stick" to provide fish habitat.

habitat for a wide variety of fish species, reptiles, and insects, and have been shown to increase the overall productivity in lake ecosystems. More fish! Special thanks to Bill and his team, consisting of Cully Erickson, Clarence (Moose) Lacina, Rick Liebelt, and Bob Fiorelli

There are plans to place additional sticks next spring. If you're interested in providing a location for one or more please contact Bill Ruff at 715-339-3680.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

The goal of the CB/CW program is to educate boaters on the precautions and actions they can take to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. A thank you goes out to Bob Fiorelli for his work on administration and scheduling for the CB/CW program over the past several years. We're still looking for a program leader, please contact Blake Pluemer at 715-339-2445 if you're interested

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held At Harbor View, Monday, August 22 at 6 p.m. Please attend if you're able, and bring a friend or neighbor!



Gary Rand, Chris Ferch, Mark Smikowski, Mike O'Hara, all members of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association- West Allis Chapter

Wood Ducks need shoreline homes

A project is being led by board member Gary Rand and funded by the West Allis chapter of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association to obtain 30 donated Wood Duck houses for placement on the Chain. If you have an interest in placing one on your shoreline, please contact Gary at 414-617 9957.

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Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment

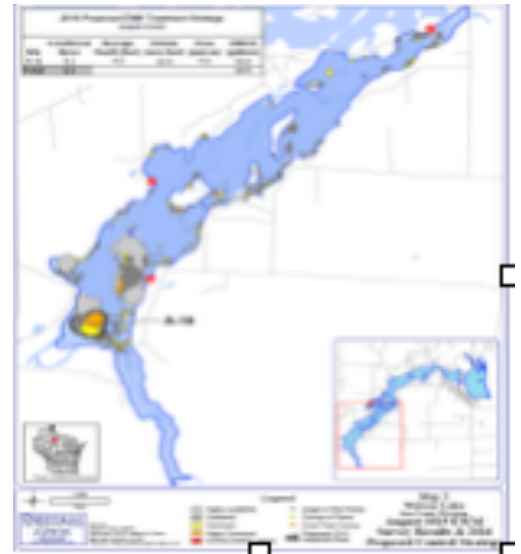
A herbicide treatment was applied to an 8 acre section of Wilson lake in an attempt to reduce the growth and spread to the rest of Wilson. The whole lake treatment that was completed in 2012 was very effective, however significant re-growth had occurred in certain areas. It is expected that this spot treatment will postpone the need for another whole lake treatment by 2-3 years. As DNR funding was not available for this year, the Association will be funding the entire cost of the treatment, permits, and monitoring services, the combination of which is expected to be approximately \$8500.



EURASIAN MILFOIL



Myriophyllum spicatum L.



Purple Loosestrife continues to plague wetlands

Another invasive species present and threatening our Chain is Purple Loosestrife, which can result in the suppression of the resident plant community and the eventual alteration of the wetland's structure and function. Large stands can jeopardize native wetland plants and wildlife by eliminating natural foods and cover. At the current stage of growth in our Chain (mainly in Duroy Lake) it is recommended to manually remove the plants; making sure to remove all plant and root material from the lake and shoreline area. Dispose of the plant material to prevent any re-growth.



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2016 Fundraiser Raffle
"Help Control the Lake Weeds on Our Chain 'O' Lakes"

Prizes: 1st: \$500.00 2nd - \$200.00 3rd - \$100.00

Drawing held Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016
During the Association's Meeting at the Sand Trap
You Need Not be Present to Win

Lic. #: R0031328A-15935
Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3/\$10

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Raffle Fund Raiser

Laurie Zondlo is leading a raffle ticket fund raiser to help raise funds for this year's herbicide treatment. The drawing will be held and cash prizes will be awarded on Sept. 3rd at the Sand Trap Bar & Grill. With \$500 going to the 1st place winner, \$200 to 2nd place, and \$100 to 3rd. If you need tickets please contact Laurie at 715-339-2422.

Join the Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association

Fill in this form and send it with your dues to:

Sue Rand, Treasurer, Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association,
7798 Tuckaway Shores Drive, Franklin, WI 53132.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

Member Type:
Personal/ Residential _____ \$25/yr
Business _____ \$50/yr

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Every dollar is used to make
our lakes better.

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

For questions or info contact: Blake Pluemer 715-339-2445 or Rich Norton 715-339-4638