

The Sandpiper – Spring 2018



“The Sand Lake Shoreowners Association is formed for the purpose of promoting (1) boating safety and stocking programs, (2) conservation of our natural resources, (3) to be concerned about the watershed as to how it affects the lake, and (4) to promote the enforcement of all town and county laws and ordinances affecting Sand Lake”

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From the President

Greetings from Sand Lake. As I started this column, I noticed that the Fall Newsletter included a statement hoping for good ice and snow for winter recreation. Little did I know that wish would continue until the end of April this year. The latest report I have had from the lake is that the snow is finally melting, but there is still lots of ice and snow to melt before any “soft water” recreation will be happening. Based on the Lake Association records which go back to 1979, the latest ice out for Sand Lake was May 9, 2013. Maybe that record is in jeopardy this year. It is interesting to note that the earliest ice out was March 20, 2012 and the average since 1979 is April 15th.

The winter of 2017 started off with the Annual SLSOA Christmas Party held at Red Schoolhouse Wine Shop on Dec. 2nd. We had a great time with a full house of 42 people attending. This kind of event is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other lake association members. More details from the event are included below.

From my observation, there were less people ice fishing on the lake this winter. The deep snow later in the winter probably had something to do with that.

It was good to hear that snow conditions were excellent for the American Birkebeiner cross country ski race this winter. The event draws thousands of people from all over the world and has a significant economic impact on the region. In 2017, the event was cancelled due to lack of snow.

In February I attended the Sawyer County Fisheries Forum. This year’s program highlighted partners that the WDNR works with on projects and educational events. I have included some events and activities below that you might be interested in checking out.

Fortunately, so far this year I am not aware of any break-ins or other issues that have happened over the winter. I encourage you to keep up with “neighborhood watches” and be on the lookout for any suspicious activity.

With the late spring and heavy snow, I would assume the bears will or have emerged from hibernation with limited food available. You might want to bring in your bird feeders at night and take extra precautions with garbage.

Let’s hope spring is finally here!
Warren Johnson

April Fool's 2018



April Fool's Day 2018 greeted the area with 8-10 inches of new snow and single digit temperatures. Quite a change from 2017 when the ice went off the lake on April 3rd.

SLSOA On Line

Check out the Sand Lake Shore Owners website at: www.sandlakeshores.com.

There is also a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sand-Lake-105008459540107/>

You can use the Facebook Account to post photos, comments, events etc.

If you have items, photos or documents that you would like to include on the website, you can send them to the Sand Lake email at: sandlakes1@aol.com.

Thanks to Brian Kantar for setting up and maintaining these accounts.

Upcoming Dates

Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday May 26, 2018

Fall Meeting

Saturday September 1, 2018

All meetings are held at St. Philips Church,
Stone Lake

Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 8:30am

Board Position Elections

At the May 26th meeting, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer will be up for election. Ken Stark has agreed to serve another term as Secretary, but we will need to elect to a new Treasurer. If you have an interest, contact any officer or board member for more information. A big Thank You goes out to Michelle Baranick for her service as Treasurer.

Boating and Safety Regulations

By the end of May, we plan to send a mailing to all lake residents with a summary of the current boating and safety regulations for Sand Lake. With the increased interest in vacation rentals, we encourage you to make sure all guests are aware of the regulations and courtesy rules by posting these in your cabin. Let's all try to keep the lake safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Fishing Contest

Don't Forget to submit your entries for the SLSOA's year-long fishing contest. There are categories for most species including - Musky, Northern, Walleye, Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, and Perch for both adults and kids. Send your entries and a photo if possible (but not required) to PO Box 272 in Stone Lake or our email address at: sandlakes1@aol.com. Winners will be recognized and trophies presented out at the spring meeting.

Christmas Party

The annual SLSOA Christmas Party was held on Saturday Dec. 2nd at Red School Wine Shop in Stone Lake. Dinner was prepared by Bavarian Chef, Maximilian (Max) Hintler of Maximilian's Inn, formally on Sand Lake. The Christmas Party included an auction of donated items and desserts to raise money for the Stone Lake Feed a Family Program. Between direct donations from members and funds raised through the auctions a total of \$1,354 was raised. Thanks to Ken Stark for his help with the auction and to Betsy Schneider and her committee for organizing the event.

Boat Ramp Monitoring

It has been a couple years since SLSOA was able to find summer workers to provide information and monitor the boat ramp to help prevent the introduction of invasive species in Sand Lake. If you know of anyone that might be interested in doing this please let us know.

Sawyer County Calendar of Fishing Events

The following are some items picked up at the Sawyer County Fisheries Forum that might be of interest. Check with the Wisconsin DNR Office for more details.

May 1: Muskies Inc. meeting 7 PM Flat Creek Inn.

**May 4: "State of the Chippewa Flowage"
8 PM Deerfoot Resort**

**May 5: Family Fishing Fun Fair
10 AM- Noon Hayward Community Library**

**May 11-13: Ladies Spring Musky Workshop
Deerfoot Resort**

**May 18-19: Fishing Has No Boundaries
Lake Chippewa Campground, Hayward**

**June 22-23: Kid's fishing at Musky Fest
Shue's Pond (3rd and Kansas) Hayward**

**Aug. 5 Muskies Inc. Youth Fishing Day
Tiger Cat Flowage**

**Aug. 25 Sawyer County Outdoor Projects and
Education COPE) Family Fun Day
Summit Lake Game Farm**

Oct. 5-7 Muskies Inc. Fall Tournament- Hayward

**Oct. 19-21: Ladies Musky Fishing School
Deerfoot Resort.**

SLSOA Membership Dues

2018 Sand Lake Shore Owner's Association dues are \$25 and are due by June 1.

Mail to: Sand Lake Shore Owner's Association,
P.O. Box 272
Stone Lake WI 54876

Or, bring them to the Spring meeting on May 26.

Please return the following so we can make sure we have your correct contact information:

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Sand Lake Address: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Telephone Number: _____