



Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association

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FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

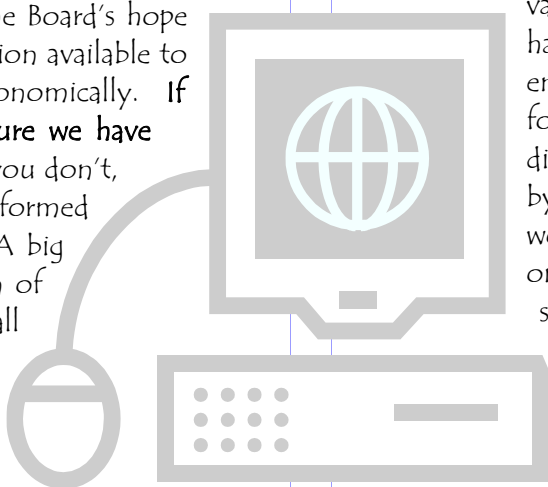
New Year's Greetings from the shores of the beautiful Chippewa Flowage. As one year ends and another begins I like to pause a bit to look back but, even more importantly, to look forward to all the opportunities that lie ahead. Your membership in your CFAPOA is vital to carrying out our mission to protect and preserve this unique resource. Everyone who owns a house, cabin, business, mobile home, or even a vacant lot within 2 miles of the shore is eligible for membership. In our numbers is our strength. Our numbers give us credibility, standing, and clout when dealing with Sawyer County, the WDNR, and all other entities. Please encourage your qualifying friends and neighbors to join us. That will help to insure we successfully complete the Moonshine phase of the Chippewa Islands Project this year. It will help to insure the upcoming DNR fisheries management plan incorporates our priorities. It will help to insure invasive species control projects don't do more harm than good. It will help your CFAPOA live up to its mission to protect the Chippewa Flowage.

ANNOUNCING ... www.cfapoa.org We are very pleased to announce the creation of our very own website at www.cfapoa.org. Members are now able to obtain cfapoa and other relevant information directly from our site. Notices will be emailed directly to members when newsletters and timely announcements are available on the site. It's the Board's hope that this site will make information available to members more quickly and economically. **If you have email, please make sure we have your current email address.** If you don't, we will continue to keep you informed through traditional methods. A big thanks to member Tim Gavigan of oldcabin.net, for making this all possible! Applause, applause, Tim. Good job!

ONLINE DIRECTORY???

The Board is seriously considering making the CFAPOA Directory available online but would like input from the membership before doing this. The main

benefit of an online directory is that members can access current directory information anytime from any place. Online directories can be kept current and correct more easily and economically than hard copy ones. Members would be given a user name and a password to access this confidential part of the site. The disadvantage to an online directory is that hackers, if they want to and try hard enough, might be able to access the information also. Of course, hard copy directories can be copied and accessed by non-members, too, but it probably wouldn't be available worldwide. The online directory would contain the same information as our current directory. **Please let us know YOUR opinion on this issue.** See page 6 for how to contact us. The Board plans to finalize its decision about the online directory the beginning of March after receiving direction from you. Now is the time to speak up and let your opinion be known.



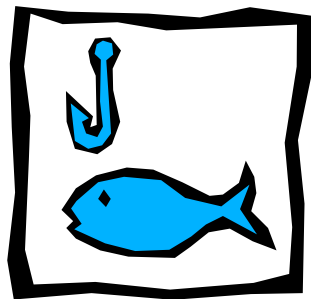
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fish Habitat

Nancy Ruhlow & Carmen Sipes, Co-Chairs

During our Annual Meeting last August, Dave Neuswanger from the WDNR conducted a survey of members present to determine their fishing priorities so a **fisheries management plan** could be developed for the Chippewa Flowage. At that time, the following order of importance was determined:

Walleye	96%
Crappie	90%
Musky	85%
Bluegill	83%
Perch	52%
Small Mouth	50%
Large Mouth	46%
Northerns	27%
Bullheads	4%



Over the next few months, the WDNR will finalize the plan for our lake. We will have an opportunity to give input again and over the next few years you'll be hearing a lot about it. At this point, we still don't know if the crib building, as we've grown to know it, will continue or not. A committee meeting will be scheduled once we have the report from the WDNR. We'll keep everyone informed via newsletters and the website.

Grants & Funding

John Kaiser & Marl Reeder, Co-Chairs

During this winter, we are investigating possible sources of grants and funding for our CFAPOA projects. We are also working with the Social Committee to plan the 2006 Pig Roast. This event brought \$8000 into our treasury last year for the Chippewa Islands Project and the Board has decided to sponsor it again. You'll be hearing more about this event and other financial issues in future newsletters.



Invasive Species

Dennis Clagett, Chair

Eurasian milfoil and purple loosestrife are in the Chippewa Flowage and, unfortunately, they're probably here to stay. Both are undesirable weeds since they multiply rapidly and choke out other forms of vegetation. They've been brought here by birds and boats and the problem of how to handle them is under study by many groups, both governmental and private. As more definitive information and answers are available, we'll keep you informed. In the meantime, **please remember to wash all vegetation from your boat BEFORE putting it into the Flowage.** This will help slow the spread of these plants in our lake.



Shoreline Protection

Chuck Block, Chair

At the December Town of Hunter meeting, the Board voted to form a committee to determine the feasibility of developing a town ordinance to address boat safety/sanitation issues on the Chippewa Flowage. The committee will include town board supervisor Kay Ryan, CFAPOA board members Chuck Block and Chris Jeffords, Neal Kephart of the DNR and Erik Olson of LCO College.

The NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference Planning Committee selected Carroll Schaal, Madison DNR, as a workshop speaker for the NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference at Telemark in June. Carroll will present a new workshop, Overdevelopment 101, which introduces new conference participants to the negative consequences of the overdevelopment of our shorelines. Carroll will also give this presentation at the Wisconsin Lakes Annual Convention in Green Bay in April, 2006.

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Social

Marl Reeder & Carmen Sipes, Co-Chairs

The 13th Annual Holiday Party was held at the Blue Heron Restaurant on December 3rd. 100 people attended the event. In addition to delicious food, lively conversations, and great door prizes, we collected **56 pounds** of non-perishable items for the Hayward Food Shelf. Thank you to Betty Ballenger, Block, Blue Heron, Clare Dombrowski, Guerra, Mary & Delores Hixson, Bill Meiser, Jack & Marl Reeder, Dennis & Arlene Schomber, Elly Simpson, George & Carmen Sipes, Cindy Slaby, and Dianne Wilke for their door prize donations. The 50/50 raffle was won by Cheryl Treland who donated the \$180 purse to the CFAPOA treasury. Thanks, Cheryl!



We've begun working on the Spring Fling for this coming June 3rd as well as the 2nd Annual Pig Roast yet to be scheduled. More information will be given about these events in the next newsletter.

New Members

Dick Kahler, Chair

This is a new committee, but something we've done for many year. We want our new members to feel welcome and to learn about our projects, events, and issues. New member packets are currently being assembled for distribution. Please remember to let your friends and neighbors know about us.



The more, the merrier!

Water Quality

Chris Jeffords, Chair

The water quality committee was formed to begin observing and documenting lake water clarity, chemistry, temperatures, and dissolved oxygen at various times and locations throughout the open water periods. These results will help us see any significant trends as well as determining the trophic state (aging process) of our lake. Data will be made available to all our CFAPOA members and eventually on our website. DNR Water Quality Manager Craig Roesler will be helping us coordinate and implement the program which we plan to begin as soon as the water thaws.



The quality of our water in the Chippewa Flowage is important to all of us, and each of us can impact it in both positive and negative ways. Appropriate use of proper fertilizers, keeping septic systems operating to their optimum, controlling pet wastes, creating buffer areas, and minimizing the impervious surfaces are just some of the actions we can do to limit the sources pollution that affect our lake quality. On the other hand, excessive impervious surfaces, shoreline clearing and lack of buffer zones provide easy access for these sources of pollution and can eventually cause problems to not only our lake but the entire ecosystem.

If you would like to volunteer for this program, please contact myself or any board member. Further information can be found at an excellent website: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/selfhelp/aboutshlm.htm

**Good Luck
Birkie skiers
& workers!**



LET IT SNOW! Our first real snow of the season happened on November 15th. Although we had isolated areas of frozen water earlier, the larger areas of the lake began freezing over on Thanksgiving morning. Things are looking great for all the winter activities now, so come enjoy our winter wonderland.



DIRECTORIES The 2005-06 CFAPOA Directory was distributed to members in early December. If you didn't receive yours, please let us know. Members who joined after the initial printing, but before the distribution, were listed on Appendix I. Thank you to Nancy and Olga Ruhlow for their assistance with the labeling and mailing of the directories.

MEMBERSHIP We currently have 367 members! If you have family, friends, or neighbors not listed in the directory, they probably aren't members. Please share the membership form found in your directory or at the end of this newsletter with them or encourage them to check out our website to obtain a membership form. Or, if you'd prefer, we'd be happy to contact them directly. Just give us their name and address. Remember, the more members we have, the more clout we have with government agencies and the more people available to help with projects.

BIRTHS We are very pleased to announce the birth of Erika Spankus, born May 16, 2005. Mom, Dad, and big sister Gabrielle can hardly wait to take her fishing on the Flowage!

NEW MEMBERS Please welcome the following new members: John & Sam Donatell, Harrison & Marie Farley, Bill & Joan Pfannenstiel, Bob Smith, Bruce & Veronica Willand.

SYMPATHIES We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Helmuth Marquass who died on August 27, 2005. Helmuth and his wife Dorothy owned a home on the Chief Lake where Helmuth and his brother enjoyed many years of fishing together.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Thank you to the following individuals and businesses that have made donations to the CFAPOA.

General Fund

- David & Mary Bell
- Terry & Patricia Birk
- Nate & Donna DeLong
- Ed & Carol Dutton
- Ron Erlandson
- Jeff Farley
- Max & Mary Grefig
- Robert Huffman
- Tom Hunter
- Roger & Kathy Kisch
- Mike & Ann Markman
- Dorothy Marquass
- Al & Pauline Mau
- Rick & Vicki Maurer
- Ronald & Ann Miller
- Alex & Bette Mitera
- Jim & Shirley Novak
- Harry Patterson
- Lance Paulson
- R & R Bayview Resort
- Robert & Kathy Rosendahl
- Jack & Wanda Schnitger
- Barbara Sealey
- John & Carol Spankus
- David & Julie Stietz
- Richard Terry
- Bernie & Kathleen Tworek
- Walt & Pat Wyczawski

Fish Habitat Committee
(formerly the Crib Fund)

- Anonymous friends
- Don Basten
- Pat Duffy
- Gerrit & Beatrice Fitzgerald
- Mike & Julie Lensing
- Gary Marx
- Musky Tale Resort
- Jim & Judy Niccum
- Tim O'Reily
- John & Mary Sweeney

Fish Habitat Committee

- Stuart Wood & Andria Femrite

Moonshine Island Project

- Larry & Sylvia Alexander
- Nancy Heidbreder

Moonshine Island Project

- In memory of Bette Clagett*
- Dwayne & Kathy Gormanson
- Daniel Hardy
- Don & Jean Saum

Moonshine Island Project

- In memory of Mary Kahler*
- Chris & Rose Armatys
- Gary & Linda Crank
- Ken & Judy Guerra
- John & Marlen Kaiser
- Ernie & Pat Potter
- Ron & Ellie Seidel
- Bob & Marguerite Tibbitts

Moonshine Island Project

- In memory of Jerry Withey*
- Janice Withey

Mary Kahler Memorial

- Nancy Ruhlow & Barb Schweig
- Clifford & Nancy Stetter



CFAPOA—WE ARE CONNECTED

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM (SCLF) The CFAPOA is an active member of this organization. In fact, CFAPOA Director Chuck Block was recently elected to the SCLF Board of Directors. We thought you'd want to know more about it. To quote their bylaws, "The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate education, research, and sharing between organizations, individuals, governmental bodies, and the general public of Sawyer County; to maintain and improve Sawyer County's water bodies, environs, and watersheds for now and future generations, including, but not limited to: aesthetics, water quality, wildlife habitat, fisheries, and recreation. These purposes will be accomplished while respecting the rights of property owners." Some of the major issues being addressed by this organization currently are high property taxes, law enforcement in Sawyer County and activities of the WDNR to stock local lakes with fish. If you'd like more information, you can contact them at Sawyer County Lakes Forum, PO Box 20, Hayward, WI 54843 or online at www.sawyercounty lakesforum.org

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LAKES (WAL) The CFAPOA is an active member of this organization also. CFAPOA Directors Doug Kurtzweil, Dick Kahler, Chris Jeffords, Dennis Claggett, and Chuck Block have attended past WAL conferences and several board members are looking forward to future conferences to keep informed of all the issues that effect our lake and lakes around the state. WAL is a "nonprofit group of citizens, organizations, and businesses working for clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone." If you're interested in joining this group as an individual, you can contact them at WAL, One Point Place, Suite 101, Madison, WI 53719 or online at www.wal.org

WALLEYES FOR NORTHWEST WISCONSIN (Hayward Chapter) While the CFAPOA does not belong to this group, we do encourage our members to belong as individuals. This organization's objectives are to "promote a high quality walleye fishery in area lakes; to protect and enhance water environment quality and to maintain and improve habitat; to work with Tribal, and State agencies, area Lake Associations and area Resort Associations to maintain and improve area lake walleye populations; and to encourage the importance of catch and release programs." They have donated monies to CFAPOA for the Chippewa Flowage Crane Lake Aeration Program and to the Chippewa Islands Project. To join, please contact them directly at Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, PO Box 13249, Hayward, WI 54843, or contact us and we'll send you their application form.

HAYWARD FOOD SHELF CFAPOA members have been contributing to the Hayward Food Shelf during our annual holiday parties for many years. The Food Shelf is located in the basement of the VFW and provides approximately 160 families with meals for 3 days each month. If you are interested in donating items or monies directly to them, you may drop off non-perishable items between 9:00 and 12:00 every Monday morning or by mailing your check to Hayward Food Shelf, PO Box 779, Hayward, WI 54843.

NORTHWOODS HUMANE SOCIETY We've been collecting for this organization for years also. Members bring their donations to the Annual Meetings and Spring Flings each year and then we transport the items to them. Their building is located off Hwy. 77 south of Hayward. If you're interested in donating directly to them, you may contact them at 715-634-5394 or www.northwoodshumanesociety.org or by mail to Northwoods Humane Society, PO Box 82, Hayward, WI 54843 or stop by the 3rd Annual Turkey Bowl on Saturday, March 11th, at Schultz's Restaurant here on the Flowage and make your donation. If you're in the area, you won't want to miss this. It's a good time for a good cause!

BOARD UPDATE The Board is pleased to announce Terry Kinderman has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board. Terry brings a great deal of knowledge about the Flowage to the Board and we hope you join us in welcoming him to his new position. His term will expire at the Annual Meeting in August, 2006.

The CFAPOA Board meets monthly to work on association business. In addition to overseeing committee work, the Islands Project, and the usual association business, here are some of the other areas receiving our attention currently:

- 2005-06 Budget
- 2005-06 Goals
- Bylaw Revisions
- Website development
- Future projects ideas

WEBSITE ADVISOR(S) NEEDED If you're interested in helping develop and maintain the new website, please let us know. Webmaster Tim Gavigan will do the actual technical work on the site but we need a member or two to oversee what's happening and provide feedback, as well as offer suggestions and creative ideas for the site. If this sounds interesting to you, let us know. This job can be done from anywhere and anytime. Experience with scanning and emailing photos is desired. Please contact Barb Schweig if you'd like more details or want to volunteer.

MEMORIALS CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations made in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person's name to us to CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations will be used for the Islands Project, unless specified differently by you. The Board is currently deciding where future donations will be used once the Islands Project has been completed.

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Please stay in touch. We're always interested in your opinions and comments. Contact us anytime at cfapoa@hotmail.com OR www.cfapoa.org OR CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555. And, please remember to let us know of any changes in your addresses, phone numbers or email address.



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Please share with a friend or neighbor!

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) _____

Home Street Address _____

Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Local Phone _____

Email _____

Local Area Address _____

Local Area Town, State & Zip _____

Please return this form and your check to:

CFAPOA,

PO Box 555

Hayward, WI 54843-0555

Single membership= \$10; Family membership= \$15



CHIPPEWA ISLANDS PROJECT by Doug Kurtzweil

About 2 1/2 years ago, your CFAPOA launched an ambitious effort to protect and preserve the last two large, undeveloped, privately-owned island parcels on the Chippewa Flowage—one on Big Timber Island, the other on the "Moonshine" Island. Recognition of the total cost of around \$1.25 million made it quite clear we needed some help. The key to success appeared to be building relationships with like-minded organizations and individuals to deal with logistics and assist with funding. To help with our local fund-raising effort, the CFAPOA entered into a working agreement with the Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust (CWRLT), a local 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. CWRLT set up a segregated account, "CWRLT/CHIP," for donations and figured it would take us 18 months to save Big Timber. We did it in less than 10!

This leaves the "Moonshine" Island. The CWRLT gives us another year and a half. I believe we will beat that by about 1 year. The initial appraisal is nearly complete as are the various logistical details. With your continued support, I anticipate a bit of a celebration at the Annual Picnic in August.

CWRLT has also recently acquired (by bequest) a vacant lot on the southeast end of Chief Lake. It will be nice to always have this mini-refuge in the midst of one of the more highly developed neighborhoods on the Flowage.

Donations to the Chippewa Islands Project continue to be needed at:

CWRLT/CHIP

PO Box 13097

Hayward, WI 54843

Their web site is www.cwrlt.org

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 555
HAYWARD, WI 54843-0555



Please mark your calendar

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| 2/2/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
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| 4/6/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
| 5/4/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
| 6/1/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
| 6/3/06 | Annual Spring Fling at Treland's Resort & Motel |
| 7/6/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
| 8/3/06 | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.) |
| 8/13/06 | Annual CFAPOA Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort
(Please bring donations for the Northwoods Humane Society.) |