



Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association

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N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Splendid, splashy springtime greetings from the still snow covered shores and ice covered waters of the Chippewa Flowage. Yup, we finally had a winter; not a bad one, just a nearly normal one. It's been awhile. And, it's been hanging on. Today, April 3, (my dad's birthdate — he would be 80) is the first day I actually saw much water running. There's almost a foot of snow all over the yard and I've seen enough of that. But spring is here! Chipmunks out a week ago. The creek out front has opened up (where there is water) and I saw 2 blue herons last Friday. They did not look comfortable. And, I just saw a robin. Yes, finally spring is here.

The Flowage seems to have come through in pretty good shape. The early freeze up, snow, ice thickness, and then, very slow melt caused some sleepless nights. But the WDNR has been monitoring the oxygen levels and, while getting a little scary in some areas late last month, seem to be rebounding there and have remained excellent in places like Tyner. As long as "spring" stays!

Ah, the opener approaches! It should be another good one. The VHS bait rules have been rationalized but VHS and other transmittable, transportable disasters are still with us. If your boat has been in storage, no problem. If you've been in any other waters within 2 weeks, PLEASE pressure wash, steam clean, and/or bleach the wells and bilges, especially if your boat has been in Lake Michigan or Superior or the Lake Winnebago/Fox River system or Mississippi River waters. This VHS stuff is for real and I think that when it starts to show up in inland lakes, they might close/restrict all public and private landings.

So, as we get ready to thoroughly enjoy another great season on the Chippewa Flowage I ask everyone to be careful, be courteous, and be clean. Good luck, have fun, enjoy!

CFAPOA
25th Anniversary
1983 — 2008

by Nancy Ruhlow

Planning for the 25th anniversary party is going on as you read this. Again, the party will begin at **12:00 at Deer Run Resort on River Road on Sunday, August 3rd**, come rain or shine. Let's all hope for shine!!!! The event is to run until 5:00. We are renting a tent to supplement the shelter at Ruth and Denny's in case of too much sun or some rain.

The activities we are planning include: free food and beverages (water, pop and beer with a cash bar for mixed drinks available in the resort), bingo games, a casting contest, live DJ with music and dancing, a horseshoe contest, cookbook and T-shirt sales, photo displays, invasive species displays, beach ball volleyball, kids games (assuming we have enough kids), adult games (including but not limited to pass the orange).

There will also be a silent auction of a dozen or so theme baskets such as Mexican, Winter Nights, Chocolate and many others. Then too, there will be Door Prizes and, if it works out, we will have party favors.

We have worked hard to put this together for our membership and hope you will all come and bring your families. Members and their families' admission is free and we are going to charge \$6.00 for each guest which entitles them to food and beverage and any of the activities.

So, PLEASE put the date on your calendar and plan on attending. We will be sending a pre-stamped postcard to you in the summer newsletter for you to return so we have an idea of how much food and drink to order but if you decide you can come at the last minute, just come anyhow.



14th Annual Spring Fling— June 7th
See pages 2 & 11 for details.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

INVASIVES by Dennis Clagett

This spring brings preparations for combating the invasive species purple loosestrife. As in previous years, I will be establishing a beetle rearing farm. Presently, I am considering an offer from the Hayward DNR to use one of their Mass Rearing Stations which would provide a 10 fold increase in the number of beetles produced.



This is the 2nd year of the Adopt-A-Shoreline Program (AASP). Although many volunteers have been working for years to keep our lake free of litter and to try to control the invasive species, the AASP was originally established just last year. This program is supported by many CFAPOA members. Volunteers for the program are assigned an area of shoreline to keep clear of litter, etc. They also identify purple loosestrife plants and remove the flower heads before they mature. Doing so prevents 2-3 million new seeds from being introduced to our shorelines. This plant, if allowed to grow and reproduce unchecked, will displace the native plant life in a few years.

If you'd like to volunteer for this program, contact me at 715-462-4814 or rclagett@centurytel.net. Below are the members of last year's patrol. I'm hopeful they will continue in the program and will be joined by new volunteers this year. More information will be coming in the next newsletter about AASP as well as the beetle production and release.

2007 Purple Loosestrife Patrol

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| Denny & Ruth Aaron | Larry Kirby |
| Ron & Jan Bergman | Tom & Laura Marquardt |
| David Bissonette | Al & Nancy McElroy |
| Dennis & Barb Clagett | Rick & Linda Olson |
| Tony DeJoode | Hank & Patty Petit |
| Jerry & Kathy Eppers | Jack & Marl Reeder |
| Karl & Kathleen Euler | Don & Sue Reinardy |
| Alan & Linda Fish | Nancy Ruhlow |
| Whitey & Donna Gilbertson | Barb Schweig |
| Larry Gilmer | George & Carmen Sipes |
| Chris & Patti Jeffords | Dick Terry |
| John & Marlen Kaiser | Tyler Treland |
| Terry Kinderman | Terry & Debra Wall |

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Ruhlow

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to CFAPOA:

Rob Barabe & Carrie Peterson.....James Slough



SOCIAL

The 14th Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Treland Resorts off County Hwy B.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with fellow members of our organization. It's a time to get reacquainted as well as to meet our new members. There will again be a large table of those wonderful appetizers we've grown to expect. These will be covered by your \$7 reservation fee. There will also be a cash bar for your convenience. *(In order to reduce the price and simplify things, the free drink has been removed from this event.)*

After we've had an opportunity to "meet, greet, & eat," there'll be a few comments from the Board and then it's on to the raffle and door prizes.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this event. Reservations are due May 26th. The reservation form is located on page 11.

As always, donations of raffle items, door prizes, or items for the Northwoods Humane Society and the Hayward Community Food Shelf are appreciated.



Don't you think Noah should have just swatted those 2 deer flies when he had a chance?

Source: July, 1989 CFAPOA newsletter

WATER LEVEL by Doug Kurtzweil



The Chippewa Reservoir Steering Committee (CRSC) met most recently on March 20, 2008. This is the water level committee with representatives from the 6 major stakeholders; CFAPOA, LCFRA, DNR, US Forest Services, LCO, and Xcel. The bulk of our time was spent reviewing the major concerns and then we began to delve further into specifics.

The erosion problem (high water) was discussed at length. Erosion is happening from when the ice starts to go out, all the way to freeze up. The winter drawdown does mitigate some of the damage wind blown “icebergs” can do to sandy shorelines. But, at 1312.5’ and higher, wind, waves, and wakes take a toll. Suggested solutions ranged from monumental rip-rap projects to limits on boat/motor sizes and lots of things in between.

Winter water levels are my biggest concern. Or, I should say, winter water levels with enough dissolved oxygen to support life (fish). The last bad winterkill 11 or 12 years ago took years to recover from. Snow depth, drawdown, and late ice-out, are all factors. The CFAPOA survey said 93% of us like to fish. The eagles, loon, herons and otters need the fish. A significant winterkill would reduce the importance of August water levels at my dock considerably for some time. But what do you think?

The Sawyer County Record of March 26, 2008, has a lengthy, banner headline article on the water level meetings and I strongly recommend it all. Check it out at www.haywardwi.com, click News, click “Rise and fall of Big Chip water sparks meetings of stakeholders.”

The CRSC meets again in May.

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE STORAGE RESERVOIR FORECAST FROM XCEL

Elevation as of April 1, 2008: 1309.48 ft.

Season: Spring 2008

Typical Spring Full Elevation: 1313.0 ft.

2008 Projected Spring Full Elevation Range: 1312.5 – 1313.0 ft.



Comments:

- ◆ The extremely dry conditions that have been experienced over the past two years have continued somewhat through the winter months and into the spring in the upper portion of the Chippewa River watershed. The snowpack this past winter was less than normal but greater than the past several years. The snowpack has remained on the ground longer than in past years as well.
- ◆ Xcel Energy performed a minimal drawdown of 3.56 ft. (minimum elevation of 1309.44) this winter due to concerns with having to refill during the springtime months with the snowpack and river inflow. The previously targeted winter drawdown elevation of 1308.0 ft. was never reached due to concerns with refilling in the spring due to the extended period of below normal precipitation.
- ◆ Discharge from the dam will be maintained at or slightly above the minimum flow requirement (250 cfs) until the reservoir refills.
- ◆ Spring rains and any resulting river inflow to the reservoir are impossible to predict in advance. As such, the rate of refill or target elevations are also difficult, if not impossible, to predict with a high degree of accuracy.
- ◆ Xcel Energy will re-evaluate reservoir levels and discharge from the dam through the spring to refill the reservoir as much as rainfall and runoff dictates. Discharge from the dam will be readjusted as necessary during the spring period to try to refill the reservoir to the target level range.

“A TASTE OF THE CHIP” LOOKS GREAT!

Thanks to the many members listed below, we have over 320 recipes in our new cookbook and they look wonderful! From snow ice cream to chiles rellenos, sausage-pickle soup to Irish Cream bundt cake, the recipes all sound delicious. These recipes are time and family tested and will surely become favorites in your home. The cookbooks will be on sale at cooperating Flowage resorts and businesses starting Memorial Day weekend for \$10 each. They will also be available at all CFAPOA events, beginning with the Spring Fling on June 7th. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the 25th Anniversary Party and conservation projects for the Chipewa Flowage. We think you'll want one for yourself and several for family and friends.



THANKS CONTRIBUTORS!

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| June Abendroth | Eileen Griese | Bobbi Kinderman | Eddie Schultz |
| Judy Akey | Judy Guerra | Terry Kinderman | Melissa Schultz |
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CFAPOA LAKES CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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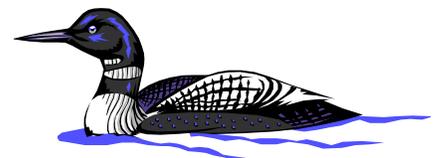
Home Street Address _____

Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

_____ YES! I'm interested in attending the 2008 Northwest WI Lakes Convention at Telemark in Cable June 19 and/or 20th. *Scholarship application deadline: May 1, 2008.*
(Winners notified after May 1, 2008)

Return this form to: CFAPOA
 PO Box 555
 Hayward, WI 54843-0555



LET'S TALK FISH by Doug Kurtzweil

I like fish. They're fun, they're fascinating, they're delicious. The #1 thing folks like to do on the Chippewa Flowage is: fish! And, most of them want to catch — walleyes, crappies, muskies, bluegills. The "Proposed" Fisheries Management Plan specifically addresses these species "of most importance." to us.

So, let's talk walleyes. Historically, the Flowage is a walleye factory. Great natural reproduction, almost too many smaller fish, thus no size limit, and a 3 fish daily bag limit. Many of you told me 2007 was the "best ever."

A critical component of adult walleye populations is the young-of-year recruitment rates a couple to a few years earlier. One method of determining reproduction success is the annual electrofishing capture surveys done every fall since 1990. This survey attempts to tabulate the number and size of walleyes hatched that spring that have survived to September/October. On the Flowage, from 1990 to 2002, the number per mile, (the statistical measure) was over 90. From 2003 to 2006, it was about 50. In 2007, it was under 8. We have lost a "year-class" of walleye reproduction. Panic time? Well, not yet. If we lose the 2008 year class, we have a real problem; if we lose 2008 and 2009, we can probably change the name to Nelson.

The experts are optimistic; I'm concerned. What can we do? Several things.

1. Release all walleyes over 20" unless they're going "on the wall." Something like three quarters plus of walleyes over 20" are females, the brood stock, the future. Besides, those 13, 14, 15 inchers fry up so nice and are much better on the table. And, small fish usually have much lower levels of mercury contamination.
2. Harvest every largemouth bass you can, especially on the west side. Smallmouth bass and walleyes seem to be able to co-exist in balance. The dire experiences of Nelson Lake and Big Sissabagama indicate the opposite for largemouth bass and walleyes.
3. Do everything we can to help persuade the bureaucrats to "get a clue."
 - ◆ First, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are different fish! Different habitat, limnology, target prey, etc. Esocids — northern, musky, tiger musky all look somewhat similar but have different openers, sizes, bag limits so come on, largemouth and smallmouth have to be managed independently. Contact Joe Hennessy, Bureau of Fisheries, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.
 - ◆ Second, let's help these folks to come up with some scientific, biological basis to totally protect largemouth with the late June opener and 14" size limit. (It can't be done.) Point that out to Joe at the address above.
4. If you have attended your County Conservation Congress meeting, thank you. If you haven't, why not? Do you know your county delegates? It's the same old story; the decisions are made by those who care enough to show up.

The reproductive failure of our walleyes in 2007 might just be a blip, an anomaly; or not. Constant interest and involvement is so very important to being able to have any affect at all on management decisions. We all have to educate ourselves and then get involved. It's what our forebearers would have expected; it's what our descendant are owed.

FISHING & BOATING VIOLATIONS

Please remember, if you see something that you know or suspect is against the law or dangerous, please contact a local DNR warden. Our eyes and calls can assist them in making the Chippewa Flowage a safer and better place for all.

Call 1-800-TIP-WDNR



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF LAKES (WAL) by Chris Jeffords

WAL has completed a summary of the recent legislative activities of utmost importance to our lakes. Below is a copy of their summary called "**Legislative updates: what happened and what didn't.**"

March 13th was the final day regular legislative session. WAL has been working on many bills this session. The list below details where various bills ended up in the legislative process. Bills that did not get passed by the full Senate and Assembly died at the end of the session.

Regulation of piers in navigable waters (*Companion Bills AB 297/SB169*)

What would it do: The subject of piers has been controversial in recent years, and the legislature has considered bills to regarding pier placement in navigable waters the past two sessions. This bill exempts certain piers and creates a pier permitting process.

Where in the process: Passed by the full Senate and Assembly. This bill will be sent to the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed.

Statewide ban on phosphorus in lawn fertilizer (*Companion bills SB 197/AB 396*)

What would it do: This bill would institute a statewide ban on phosphorus in lawn fertilizer (with reasonable exemptions) modeled after Dane County's successful ordinance. WAL supported this bill.

Where in the process: Passed the Senate, Amended by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Full Assembly failed to schedule a vote on the bill. Bill died in the Assembly.

Illegal to transport (*Companion bills SB 454, AB 821*)

What it would do: This bill would make it illegal to operate motor vehicles and recreational trailers on highways if they have aquatic plants attached.

Where in the process: Passed the full Senate, referred to two Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. Bill died in the Assembly Committees.

Restoring independent DNR Secretary (*AB 504*)

What it would do: Restore the authority, starting immediately upon passage of the bill, to appoint the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board rather than the Governor.

What happened: Assembly Natural Resources Committee amended bill and voted to send bill to full Assembly. Bill referred to another Assembly committee, dies in the Assembly Committee with the end of the session.

Restoring independent DNR Secretary (*SB 15*)

What it would do: Restore the authority, starting January 2011, to appoint the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board rather than the Governor

What happened: Passed full Senate, bill dies in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee with the end of the session.

Slow no wake within 100 feet of shoreline (*SB 385*)

What would it do: require boats to operate at slow wake speeds within 100 feet of shoreline (local opt out provision included)..

What happened: Full Senate passed the bill. Bill dies in Assembly Committee on Tourism with the end of the session.

Great Lakes Compact (*SB 523*)

What it would do: ratify the eight state agreement to protect the Great Lakes water from being diverted outside of the region. WAL supports this bill.

What happened: Passed by full Senate, public hearing held in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Bill dies in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The Governor may call a special legislative session on this issue.



Working for clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone



Fishing has no boundaries inc

by Pat Lindgren* & Barb Czarnecki

Do you have a pontoon? We'll get back to this question later. But, first what do you know about Fishing Has No Boundaries? FHNB was founded in Hayward, WI by a local fishing guide, Bobby Cammack, in 1986. The idea came to him as he was recovering from a broken leg, a temporary disability that gave him insight into the difficulties faced by persons with disabilities. His goal was to assist those with disabilities to participate in the sport of fishing, enjoy nature and the great outdoors. He had no idea the extent of the impact FHNB would have on people with disabilities. The beauty and serenity of a lake, the wonderful wildlife that surrounds it, and the excitement of catching a fish, has now become a reality to people who never before had the opportunity.

It all started here on the Big Chip. With the help of a group of friends, the first event took place in May, 1988 on Lake Chippewa Flowage. The first event included 2 days of fishing with about 80 people, including participants and volunteers. In 1989, a corporation was formed to promote expanding the concept to serve people with disabilities, encouraging recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and provide educational materials. There are now 25 chapters in 14 states. Participants are introduced to adaptive equipment to meet their individual needs. Equipment includes electric reels, rod holders, ergonomic rods, special grips and other devices that participants are encouraged to try. The adaptive equipment in Hayward is available for anyone to borrow, who may benefit from these aids. Knowledgeable guides and assistants give instructions for casting and retrieving, identifying various species of fish and point out wildlife at every opportunity. It can be a life changing experience for participants, enjoying the outdoors and fishing, providing physical and emotional support to further develop confidence and abilities.

About your pontoon: This awesome event is held annually in our backyard. But there remains a tremendous need for pontoons. It would be so easy for CFAPOA members to help. Even if you don't have time, send your pontoon! Drivers are available. The 21st Hayward Chapter Fishing Has No Boundaries event will be held May 16-18, 2008. It is now a three day event averaging 150 participants and nearly 300 volunteers. Contact Pat at the Hayward FHNB office at 15453 Hwy B, Hayward, WI 54843 or CALL 715-634-3185. Volunteer your boat and/or your time. Volunteer roles include experienced guides, boats, bait, fish cleaning, meals, emergency medical care, awards, prizes and entertainment. It is an event that touches the hearts and lives of disabled and able-bodied persons alike.

* Pat Lindgren has been the office manager of the Hayward FHNB office for 14 years.

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED

CFAPOA occasionally finds it helpful to contact members quickly. 71% of our members have given us their email address and this saves us postage and time. Unfortunately, we have the wrong address for about 40 people and have no email address for a little over 100 members. If you didn't receive an email from us in February about the CFAPOA Cookbook deadline, then we don't have your current email address. If you would like to receive emails from us, please email us at cfapoa@hotmail.com and we'll enter you into our address book. Please be sure to tell us who you are and if you'd prefer not to have your email address published in the next CFAPOA Directory. Thanks!



**LCO TRIBAL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT**

by Cindi Stiles

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is spearheading a project to identify and protect cultural resources and natural habitats in the Chippewa Flowage. In 2007, the THPO developed a partnership of all landowners on the Flowage: Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, Department of Natural Resources, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association. Other interested agencies are also participating: Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Snelling Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Agency, Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands and Office of the State Archaeologist. Xcel Energy Corporation, the administrator of the Winter dam, is the newest member to the partnership, and has given the tribe a grant to begin archaeological survey and natural-cultural site conservation this year.

Archaeological field work will take place during three weeks in May and June. Volunteers are welcome, no experience is necessary. For more information, call Jerry Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at 715-634-8923 or Cindi Stiles at 715-369-3248. Conservation work to stop erosion and improve habitats will begin later in the summer and fall, when water levels are favorable. Again volunteers are welcome, call Brett McConnell, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Environmental Specialist at 715-634-0102 for more information.

As part of site and habitat protection, a volunteer stewardship program to monitor erosion and other damage to sites in the Flowage will be formalized. Since landowners' interest in conservation is well documented, we encourage and will depend on ideas from landowners to successfully develop and carry out this program. Call any of the numbers above to participate in the stewardship program.



Fertilizers that contain phosphorus promote weed growth in our lake.

Please use phosphorus free fertilizers only.

Thanks!



Post Office Box 20
Hayward, WI 54843

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM (SCLF) by Chris Jeffords

The annual Spring Meeting of the Sawyer County Lakes Forum will be held May 10, 2008 at the Comfort Suites. Coffee, rolls and registration will begin at 8:30 am, the agenda will begin at 9:00 am with adjournment by 12:00 pm. Some of the agenda items are listed below:

- ◆ Report on the status of Wisconsin legislation -
 - ◆ SB 197 Phosphorus Lawn Fertilizer
 - ◆ AB 297 Piers
 - ◆ SB 385 Safe Lakes (100' no wake from undeveloped shore)
 - ◆ NR 115 revisions
- ◆ Wisconsin Wild Waterways Project
- ◆ Sensible shoreland Lighting
- ◆ Motions and reports from the floor
- ◆ Guest Speakers:
 - ◆ Dale Olson "Conservation Star" project
 - ◆ Kristi Maki "Clean Boats Clean Water"

**TOWN OF HUNTER
2007-08 DUMP HOURS**

[<http://home.centurytel.net/huntertownship>]

Winter hours

September 29th until May 3rd

Saturdays only—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Summer hours starting May 3rd

Mondays & Wednesdays—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturdays—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Garbage Stickers can be purchased at Hillman's Grocery Store located on Cty Hwy B

(Please cut on dashed lines and post for future reference.)

Facts from the Past - Aeration Projects

by Nancy Ruhlow & Barb Schweig

In 1989, the Chippewa Flowage experienced a major winter fish kill due to low oxygen levels in the water. The problem was especially bad on the west side where the water is not as deep. Simply stated, when there's not enough oxygen in the water for the fish, they die. Low oxygen levels are caused by many different things. Early freeze over of the water, long winters, heavy snow accumulations, too little sunlight, and lots of decaying vegetation are all things that reduce the amount of oxygen in the water.

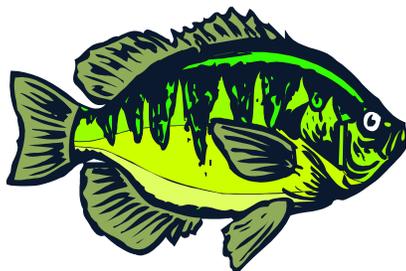
In 1992, Frank Pratt (WDNR) met with the CFAPOA Board to discuss the winter fish kill problem. To obtain the needed baseline data to help resolve the problem, CFAPOA Director Bruce Zimmerman met with the DNR and learned how to take oxygen level readings. In 1996, Bruce and his wife, Dawn, began taking numerous readings each winter at six locations on the west side; Tyner, Crane, Chief, Scott, Blueberry Creek and Herman's Landing. Bruce reported these findings to both the DNR and CFAPOA. (They continued taking readings until 2001 when the DNR assumed this responsibility.)

In 1997, the CFAPOA began working with the DNR and the Great Lake Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to develop a plan so winter kills could be a "thing of the past" for us. An aerator design was developed for Crane Lake that would cost approximately \$18,500. An additional emergency cascade aeration system was designed for Tyner Lake at an estimated cost of \$26,000. Crane and Tyner were selected since they are the headwater of original water sources.

By January, 2001, the aeration system was installed and in operation in Crane Lake. The system consists of a small log building near Kelsey Road that houses an electric pump with a 10 horse power motor that puts out 65 cubic feet of air per minute. Connected to it is 300 feet of 2" galvanized pipe running to the lake shore. From there, 20' of pipe goes into a manifold, from which extend four 1 1/2" plastic tubes (each 300 feet long) out into the lake on the lake bed. The last 100' of plastic piping has 1/8 inch holes spaced 10' apart from which the air bubbles out into the lake water. The pipes are out to at least the 20' contour so they are in the deepest part of the basin and have the ability to aerate the water at that depth. (Description source: January, 2001 CFAPOA newsletter)

The aerator has created more than one acre of open water and thin ice and the DNR has put up fence posts connected with reflector tape and a "Thin Ice" sign to warn snowmobilers and others. The system recirculates the relatively warm water on the bottom of the lake to the top, providing ice free water and exposure to the oxygenating wind.

The annual operating costs for the Crane Lake aeration system are about \$3000. The DNR funds approximately half of the annual budget with CFAPOA, LCFRA (Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association) and WFNW (Walleyes For Northwest Wisconsin) each contributing \$500 annually. So far, CFAPOA has donated \$4000 for the Crane Lake aeration project.



Since 2002, DNR Fish Technician Russ Warwick has been carefully monitoring the oxygen levels in the Chippewa Flowage. Although the aerating system hasn't been required the past 2 winters, it's good to know that it's there if and when it's needed.

The Tyner Lake cascade aerator has not been constructed yet. According to Frank Pratt (WDNR), with the climatic changes we're experiencing due to global warming, it is uncertain if this will be needed. The DNR and CFAPOA will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.



*Have you checked out the spring pictures on our website?
See them at www.cfapoa.org today.*



CAN YOU HELP?

The 25th Anniversary Steering Committee is looking for old pictures of past CFAPOA events AND contributions for door prizes. If you have old pictures and/or items you'd like to donate for the celebration, please contact any Steering Committee members. Pictures will be returned! The Steering Committee is Donna Gilbertson, Patti Jeffords, Marl Reeder, Nancy Ruhlow, and Carmen Sipes. THANKS!

MEMBERSHIP

We now have **396** paid property memberships for 2007-08. New and returning members are always welcome. An application is located on page 11 and it can still be found online at www.cfapoa.org Just click on "JOIN." Anyone who owns property within 2 miles of the Chippewa Flowage is eligible to join.

2008-09 dues will be due on August 3rd. They may be paid at the Annual Meeting/Picnic OR by sending your check to our post office box listed in the next column.

RETURNING MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming back Jim & Tracy Otis, Max & Mary Ann Grefig, John & Noreen Humphrey, and Nancy McDowell! Their demographic information can be found in the 2006-07 directory. Please contact us if you'd like their addresses and/or phone numbers.

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE FACTS

- ✦ It measures 17,432 acres including the islands.
- ✦ It measures 15,300 acres without the islands.
- ✦ 16% is under 3' deep.
- ✦ 24% is over 24' deep.
- ✦ It has 240 miles of shoreline with the islands.
- ✦ It has 154 miles of shoreline without the islands.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the following members for their generous donations to CFAPOA.

General Fund Donations
 Max & Mary Ann Grefig
 Lance Paulson Family

In Memory of Len Dorazio
 Don & Donna Lessard

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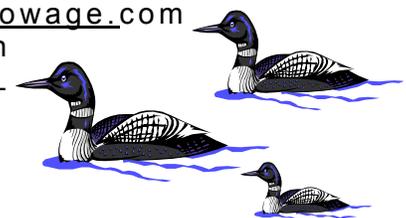
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PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH We're always interested in your opinions and comments. Contact us anytime at CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555 OR cfapoa@hotmail.com OR www.cfapoa.org. And, please remember to let us know of any change(s) in your addresses, phone numbers or email address.

MEMORIALS CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person's name and address to us. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations will be used for CFAPOA conservation projects, unless specified differently by you.

NEED IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO? For information about events in the Hayward area, visit the Hayward Chamber of Commerce website at: www.haywardareachamber.com OR the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA) website at: chippewaflowage.com

There's LOT to do in this area during ALL seasons!



Please share with a friend or neighbor!

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) _____

Home Street Address _____

Home Town, State & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Local Phone _____

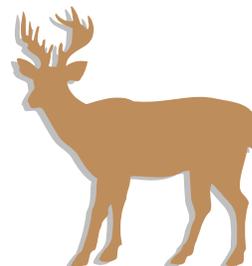
Email _____

Local Area Address _____

Local Area Town, State & Zip _____

Please return this form and your \$25 check to:

CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843-0555



2008—09 membership = \$25 per property New members joining after May 1st will have full membership benefits until July 31, 2009.

* An application form is also available on our website: www.cfapoa.org

14th ANNUAL SPRING FLING RESERVATION

Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Treeland Resort from 4:00 — 6:00 pm

(Reservation requested by May 24th, please)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

\$7.00 per person (hors d'oeuvres only)

I (We) will bring and donate a raffle item: yes no

Donations for the Hayward Community Food Shelf & Northwoods Humane Society welcome.

Send your reservation and check payable to CFAPOA to:
CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555



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Please mark your calendar

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| 5/1/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/5/08 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/7/08 | CFAPOA Spring Fling 4 — 6 pm at Treeland Resort
<i>Donations accepted for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society</i> |
| 8/3/08 | CFAPOA Annual Meeting/Picnic & 25th Anniversary Party
<i>Donations accepted for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society</i> |