



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

S P R I N G 2 0 1 2 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Early summer greetings from the shores of our plump-full Chippewa Flowage! Early summer? It sure seems that way! A week or 2 of mid 70s in early March and the snow was gone, the ice was out, and the herons, loons, and robins were back in force! It was the earliest and longest hot spell I can remember. The only one close I can think of was 1977. That year it stayed warm and dry and was a terrible spring for wildfires. Fortunately this year has gotten back to a bit more normal temps and we've been getting almost a quarter inch of rain a week. Things are greening up—I love it!

With the early ice-out the fishery appears to have come through the winter in good shape. I have heard nothing at all to the contrary. Fishing this year should be very good for everything—except walleyes. In February we met with high ranking officials from the DNR in our ongoing effort to restore a bit more sanity to the largemouth bass regulations for the Flowage. While Secretary Stepp and Mr. Gunderson both seemed to quickly grasp the gravity of the situation, senior Fisheries Division personnel still want to try to 'study' some more. And then there's the issue of Act 21. We need a regular May Opener for largemouth bass! They're 'over-abundant', taste great, and are much easier to catch in May. I strongly encourage all of you to harvest every one you can from 14 inches on down. It will even improve the size structure and overall quality of the bass fishery. And, we are not going to be able to afford to stock walleyes forever. Or... 'permitted' to!!

The loud public drumbeat for the open-pit iron mine I mentioned last time seems to have faded, at least for now. It turns out that not only the 'tailings' (mining wastes), but also the 'overburden' (soils and rocks containing sulfides lying above the ore deposit), and the 'wastewater' (from the slurry process) were ALL planned to be deposited "on the southern slope." The legislation to 'streamline' the permit process was defeated in the State Senate by 1 vote and the company has withdrawn its proposal, for now.

There is a tragedy in this tale. It is NOT the 'loss of good Wisconsin jobs.' I dug into this affair deeply from enough directions to realize there were never going to be very many jobs for local residents. And there is NO tragedy in the defeat of legislation that would reduce standards for water quality both above ground and below ground, cut the public out of the process, and leave the impacted local municipalities 'holding the bag' for huge infrastructure expenses for at least 5 years. It's certainly not tragic that trusting investors were not lured into a speculative billion dollar adventure. Forbes had written about a Chris Cline IPO over a year and a half ago.

What is truly a tragedy is this: Two veteran State Senators from opposite ends of Wisconsin and opposite sides of the political 'aisle' who sat down, talked and listened to each other, and came up with a modest, moderate compromise proposal, are now being castigated and vilified by extremists across the spectrum for of all things—for working together for the common good of all!! Politics in Wisconsin is starting to seem way too much like political civil war. And, that is very, very bad!

We, the people of the Chippewa Flowage, know better than that! We understand that whether we are year-round or seasonal, resident or nonresident, native or non-native, young or old, rich or poor, walleye fisher or bass fisher, 300 horsepower or paddle power, develop everything or develop nothing, and, especially all of us who are in-between, we must check our personal, political, and profitable agendas at the shore! Our common bond, our unifying thread remains—Do what is best for the long term health, vigor, and viability of our magnificent Chippewa Flowage! The spirit of community and cooperation that is alive and well in your CFAPOA is a shining example for all our State's 'leaders.' We've shown time-after-time how to disagree without being disagreeable, without holding grudges. And I'm certain we'll have more opportunities to do it again.

My boat registration renewal application finally showed up in the mail today, April 5. I'm really looking forward to 'getting both oars in the water' this year, and hopefully working in the same direction. Wish me luck?

As I say every year, be careful, be safe, be courteous, and have fun. Please, always feel free to share any and all comments, etc. And, thank you all so very, very much for supporting YOUR CFAPOA!

18th ANNUAL SPRING FLING — SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

at Treland Resort from 4:00 — 6:00

RSVP requested



COMMITTEE REPORTS

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

Invasive plants don't have calendars, but the unusually warm temperatures this spring will stimulate early growth and budding of our lake's two major invasive problems: purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil. So, this is a "heads up" to all the Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers to begin your scouting activities three to four weeks earlier than in the past. I will have a better feel for the situation by the Spring Fling.



If there are any volunteers unable to work their sections, please let me know, and I will try to find replacements. Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the Adopt-A-Shoreline program. Never think your efforts go unnoticed or are not appreciated!

This year, it is officially legal to put "restricted invasive plants" (purple loosestrife stems and flowers) in public landfills. This will keep the seeds, stems, and roots out of compost facilities. Remember, never burn this material.

Barb and I removed a large infestation (about 200 to 300 plants) of purple loosestrife from the island going into Moonshine Lake. The flower heads had already turned to seed, so many were dropped in the removal process. We need someone to adopt this area. ...not the entire section, just this one spot.

Last fall, we also discovered another nasty invasive, curly leaf pondweed. I showed a sample to Kristy Maki, and she confirmed that this is the invasive that is taking over many areas of Lac Courte Oreilles. This is another invasive that specializes in growing in cool water, and you may detect it growing under the ice. It produces flowers and fruits early in the spring, and begins to die-off in midsummer. Water quality can be seriously degraded by the decay. Please be on the lookout!

We can only speculate regarding the prevalence of this season's growth of Eurasian water milfoil. Last summer's infestations were dramatically reduced. This winter's drawdown was 12" less than last winter's, which will lessen the impact on the ice controlling survivability of the milfoil. Like curly leaf pondweed, its ability to grow in cool water gives it a competitive advantage in the spring, crowding and shading our good native species.

We plan to get an early start raising another crop of beetles this year. Last year's production was not

as successful: about 10,000 instead of the usual 30,000.

Another aquatic invasive, the zebra mussel, is taking over many Minnesota lakes, and will be headed our way. I will have more on the zebra mussel threat in the summer newsletter. In the meantime, be careful with anything that goes in and out of our lake. This includes boats, boat trailers, docks and foreign equipment such as pontoon boats that move from lake to lake installing docks and boat lifts.

Thanks again to our intrepid purple patrol!

MEMBERSHIP by Carolyn Fritsch

SPRING FLING! Mark your calendars now for the 2012 CFAPOA MEMBERS' SPRING FLING on June 2nd. Look forward to scrumptious appetizers and fun times with your friends and neighbors again this year at Treeland's Resort. Don't forget to look for the reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter and mail today.

Donations to the CFAPOA were received in memory of long time members who have recently passed away. They include:

Donations exceeding \$600 have been received in memory of Dorothy and William Pokorny, Sr. The Pokorny family cottage on Chief Lake was built in the early 1930's from a Sears catalogue building brought to the Flowage on a flat bed truck. The cottage has been a focal point of five generations of the Pokorny family. Bill Pokorny, Jr., writes that "modern distractions, such as TV, iPods, etc., are still discouraged when visiting the cabin in favor of exploring the woods and water . . ."

Harland Jeffords passed away recently in FL. Jeff and Peg moved to their home on Chief Lake from Morton, IL in 1984 following his retirement from Caterpillar. Their son, Chris, and daughter-in-law, Patti, are current members of the CFAPOA Board.

Donations have also been received in memory of Jack Schlipper who passed away in January. Jack, who is survived by his wife, Vickie, came to the Flowage from Chicago after retirement. You may remember Jack as one of the 'cookers' at our Annual Picnic for many years. He was also a Board member from 2000-2005.

The Sandy Point Cottage Owners Assoc has donated \$75 to the CFAPOA current Project Fund in memory of Ray Stayer who passed away in March.

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Ray and his wife, Marilyn, have been owners for many years. Ray was an avid fisherman on the Flowage.

Other donations received since the last newsletter are from Doug & Lynne Tripamer, as Contributor Level Members, and Jim and Karyn Tiffany.

Thank you to all new and returning members for your support of the CFAPOA. Our desire is to keep each of you informed of issues and up to date on projects affecting the Chippewa Flowage. The membership year is August 1st through July 31st. Please look for the 2012-13 membership form in the July issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, if a friend or neighbor wishes to join, a membership application is available on our website.



Fertilizers that contain phosphorus promote weed growth in our lake.

Please use phosphorus free fertilizers only.

Big Chip Fish Fest 2012

by Rick Marks

With record temperatures into the 70's and low 80's in early March, the Big Chip lost it's blanket of ice by the middle of the month. This is the earliest ice-out for the "Chip" on record!

Which brings us to open water, thoughts of opening day (May 5th), Memorial Day, and the "Big Chip Fish Fest (BCFF)" on Father's Day, June 17th. Held once again at The Landing Resort. Sponsored by the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owner's Association (CFAPOA) and the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA).

Last year, the BCFF set a goal to raise enough to purchase 15,000 extended growth walleyes (egw). At the cost of \$1.60 per walleye, we needed to raise more than \$24,000!! More than doubling what was raised the previous year. We met our goal and then some, stocking 20,000 egw.

Once again the Chippewa Flowage community stepped up in a BIG, BIG way! By purchasing, I "HELPED STOCKED WALLEYES" buttons, pre-event ticket sales, and attending the event.

As in the past, our event is being promoted as a family fish fry. With the purchase of a \$5.00 event button, you will enjoy a fresh fish shore lunch with all the fixin's! The first 125 children will receive their choice of a rod-n-reel combo or tackle box filled with baits. Kids also were able to enjoy games and contests. Demonstrations showing the proper removal of northern pike Y-bones, the fight against invasive species, and discussion on both selective and practical harvest of all species.

Some of the prizes on our MAJOR drawing include: CASH, gift certificates, jewelry, fishing electronics, landscaping, golf memberships, rods, reels, rifle scopes, life vests, guided fishing trips, overnight stays, ice augers, gun raffles, and much more. Last year's 50/50 drawing winner took home over \$1300.

So please come and enjoy, relax and socialize, and help us meet our much loftier goal of stocking walleyes into the Big Chip!

Tickets and buttons for Fish Fest 2012 will go on sale at local bait stores and resorts May 5th. Due to new federal mailing restrictions tickets can no longer be sent to our CFAPOA membership.

Any questions on ticket or button sales please feel free to call me at 715-634-2204. Remember ... EDUCATION, SELECTIVE HARVEST, AND RESTOCKING OF EXTENDED GROWTH WALLEYES will aid in the effort to help restore the walleye population on the Big Chip. Wear your buttons proudly!!!



WHAT'S IN YOUR TACKLE BOX?

Laura Rusk, State and Federally Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator *

The debate is over and the verdict is in. Lead is toxic to our environment. Because of its high toxicity, lead has been eliminated from paint, from gasoline, and lead shot has been banned from use in waterfowl hunting. Lead sinkers and jigs are now illegal in several states and many other countries. Yet, their use continues on Wisconsin lakes and streams.



Lead poisoning has been documented in at least 25 species of water birds including herons, loons, ducks and more. Bald Eagle carcasses submitted to the WDNR show an alarming 16% of the deaths attributable to lead poisoning. These are just the birds that are submitted. More often than not, affected animals hide behind vegetation because they are too weak to fly, swim, or eat and this is where they will die. They may in turn be consumed by birds of prey and the poisoning continues.

A loon with lead poisoning behaves strangely. It may fly poorly, crash land and stagger. Wings will droop, the bird will be trembling and gasping. ONE lead sinker can poison a loon. The loons or ducks that stay behind when others are migrating, may be unable to fly due to lead poisoning. Eagles will suffer similar fates. As a Wildlife Rehabilitator, I have seen first hand the suffering caused to our birds of prey from lead ingestion.

We CAN help. Give non-toxic sinkers and jigs a try. Ask the business where you purchase your tackle to carry non-lead products. For about a penny more per sinker, you can replace your lead with ceramic recycled glass, stainless, and natural granite. You will have to experiment with different materials to see which work best for your type of angling. NEVER dispose of old tackle in the water or on the shore. Consider lead as the toxic material it is, and dispose of it at household hazardous waste collection sites. Use non-lead ammunition for hunting. Spread the word about getting the lead out.

For these very small investments, anglers can have the peace of mind that comes with knowing your sport is not killing off our loons, herons, eagles and other wildlife species. Switching to non-lead is good stewardship and good conservation. How can we say No?

** Laura and her husband, William, are members of CFAPOA. They live at the end of Worlds End Road where Chief and Tyner lakes come together. They own the old fox fur farm and live there with their 4 dogs, 2 parrots, cat, 12 chickens and assorted creatures in various stages of rehabilitation. Laura is a Hunter Town Board Supervisor, serves on the Sawyer County Zoning Board of Appeals and the Northern Lakes Cooperative Board of Directors. She's been a Wildlife Rehabilitator for over 20 years. Her passion is trying to educate people on living harmoniously with the wildlife in environment. We're excited about Laura becoming a regular contributor to our newsletter.*

**Let's
"throttle down"
this summer.
It'll be safer and protect our
shorelines from erosion.
Remember,
NO WAKE means NO WAKE.**



2013 CFAPOA CALENDAR

by Mike Whetstone

In a recent newsletter your board announced a fund-raising project involving the production and sale of a 2013 annual calendar with pictures of the Flowage and related activities. The response to a call for photographs was made and closed on March 31, 2012 with a terrific response of photographs that may be included in the calendar. Thanks to those submitting entries. Selecting photographs will certainly be challenging due to the quality of pictures submitted. The plan is to have the calendar available by the annual meeting/picnic. While no price has been set, it is sure to be reasonable. Stay tuned for more information.



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BURN PERMITS REQUIRED

Below are simple steps required by the DNR when you burn:

1. Obtain the annual burning permit online (dnr.wi.gov/wisburn) or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed. Permits are also available at a local Ranger Station or from an Emergency Fire Warden.
2. On the day of the burn, check on the internet or over the phone after 11:00 a.m. for the daily fire restrictions in the county where you wish to burn: dnr.wi.gov/wisburn OR 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)
3. It is important to have your written and signed annual burning permit available while burning and follow all restrictions listed on both sides of the permit. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) for daily restrictions.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

CONTACT US AT:

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 Hayward, WI 54843-0555
 OR cfapoa@yahoo.com
 OR www.cfapoa.org



This information was taken directly from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.



18th ANNUAL SPRING FLING RESERVATION

Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Treland Resort from 4:00 — 6:00 pm

(Reservation requested by May 25th, please)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

\$9.00 per person (hors d'oeuvres only — cash bar available)

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

Reservations are NOT refundable after May 25th



Looking for something to do?

FISHING HAS NO BOUNDARIES

by Pat Lindgren

This national organization now has 25 Chapters in 11 states. Our 25th Annual Event will be held this May 18-20th on the Chippewa Flowage. We really need volunteers, especially people familiar with the Flowage. Many of our volunteers who have been with us for 20 years and more no longer are able and/or have sold their pontoons. We need younger people to get involved. We will be meeting at the Alano Serenity Club at 10339 S. Florida Avenue (Hayward) on April 11 & 25 and May 9. Please join us in our effort to bring the love of fishing and the Chippewa Flowage to people with disabilities.



CALL OR WRITE FOR INFORMATION

Sign up to be a participant, volunteer or sponsor

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 Email: hayfhnbc@cheqnet.net Website: www.haywardFHNBC.org
www.facebook.com/HaywardFHNBC

Help Wanted

by Jim Montag

CFAPOA Clean Boats Clean Waters Program is looking for Watercraft Inspectors for the 2012 Season on the Chippewa Flowage.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Volunteer Watercraft Inspectors are trained to conduct boater education at the boat landing. It's a very simple and fun process that includes:

1. Educates boaters on how and where invasives are most likely to hitch a ride into water bodies and what they can do to help prevent the spread of invasives.
2. Communicate about the laws and issues surrounding the existence, spread, and effects of invasives to Wisconsin's waters.
3. Perform boat and trailer checks -looking for any plants, animals and mud that must be removed before entering and when leaving every water body.
4. Distribute informational brochures.
5. Collect data that will assist the WDNR to evaluate the potential spread of invasive species, public awareness of invasive species issues, and the effectiveness of the invasive species program.

Boat Landings:

Hay Creek, CC North, CC South, Winter Dam and Chief Lake Landing

Hours & Day of Week:

7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday
 Occasional Fridays and Holidays available for some landings.

Rate of Pay:

\$7.50/hour*

*The position requires 4 hour shifts; the first three hours are paid at \$10.00/hour with the fourth hour being a volunteer hour. Four hours equate to \$7.50/hour.

Contact:

Jane Montag @ haywardoutfitters@gmail.com



CANCER SURVIVOR DINNER & PONTOON RIDE AGAIN

by Cheryl Treland



On Tuesday, June 26th, Treland Resorts and the DNR will again host the Sawyer County Relay For Life Survivor Dinner/Pontoon ride on the Chip. This event is open to ANY cancer survivors in Sawyer County — visitors or residents. It is by RSVP invitation only, so if you are a survivor and want to join us, please call Treland Resorts to get on the list.

If you are willing to donate your time and pontoon to this event, please contact Cheryl Treland (715-462-3874 or cheryl.treland@trelandresorts.com).

3rd ANNUAL PADDLE, PEDAL, PICKLEBALL & PIZZA



Sunday, July 22nd
 at Treland Resorts

Call Cheryl Treland for details
 (715-462-3874)



Chippewa Storage Reservoir Forecast

Elevation as of April 6, 2012: 1312.66 ft.

Season: Spring 2012

Typical Spring Full Elevation: 1313.0 ft.

2012 Projected Spring Full Elevation Range: 1312.0 — 1313.0 ft.

Comments

- ▶ The snowpack from this past winter was below normal. The snowpack melted much earlier than normal and yielded enough runoff to refill the reservoir. It was the earliest ice-out and refill of the reservoir in recent history.
- ▶ The winter target low elevation of 1308.0 ft. was not reached this past winter due to the limited snowpack conditions in the Upper Chippewa River basin and the dry conditions that existed back to August 2011. Based on an evaluation of these conditions, the drawdown was stopped at 1309.84 ft. on March 7 (3.16 ft. of drawdown).
- ▶ Discharge from the dam will be maintained above the minimum flow requirement (250 cfs) throughout the spring season.
- ▶ Spring rains and any resulting river inflow to the reservoir are impossible to predict in advance. As such, the discharge from the reservoir is also difficult, if not impossible, to predict with any degree of accuracy.
- ▶ Discharge from the dam will be readjusted as necessary during the spring period to try to maintain the reservoir elevation between 1312.0 ft. and 1313.0 ft.
- ▶ The upper Chippewa River watershed remains below normal for long-term precipitation dating back to summer 2011. Above normal precipitation over an extended period of time will be required to offset this deficit and to restore inflow and groundwater levels to more normal levels.

For information on current reservoir level and discharge from the Chippewa Reservoir dam, please go to the Wisconsin DNR's website at the following address and click on the link to water levels:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/chippewaflow/index.html>

Definitions of Seasons of the Year for Operating the Chippewa Storage Reservoir:

Winter: December 1 – March 30

Spring: April 1 – June 1

Summer: June 2 – September 30

Fall: October 1 – November 30



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. All calls are kept confidential.

1-800-TIP-WDNR

CFAPOA MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

New members who join between May & August this year will receive membership benefits through July, 2013.

Encourage your neighbors & friends to join CFAPOA now. Applications available at www.cfapoa.org

TOWN OF HUNTER

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

2012 summer dump hours

begin May 5

Saturdays — 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

2012 Spring Clean-up

June 2nd

Garbage stickers can be purchased at Hillman's Grocery Store located on County Hwy B

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

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FORWARD SERVICE REQUESTED

CFAPOA is committed to keeping the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all peoples; to protecting the environment; to providing a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas and to pursuing any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine reservoir.



Please mark your calendar

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| 5/3/12 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/2/12 | Spring Fling at Treeland Resort |
| 6/7/12 | CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall |
| 6/17/12 | Big Chip Fish Fest at The Landing |
| 8/5/12 | Annual Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort |

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