

# District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

## **2002 Annual Meeting**

### **ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED**



Another year has fled by and it is Annual Meeting time. The wetlands have been acquired and the Eurasian water milfoil treated. The water quality has been tested in five areas each week and all readings have been fine.

Because of the small amount of snow this past winter and no excessive rains, the lake has been quite low, and getting lower fast, but exceptionally clear this year.

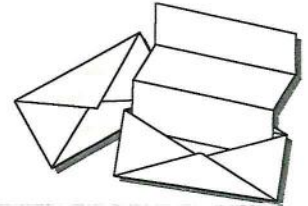
The Annual Meeting is when the budget for the coming year is presented and accepted. There are no surprises and no additional expenses. The election of officers is the other item to be presented. The term of office for Commissioners Gil Kroll and Pat Miller are up and both have agreed to run again. The board is required to nominate another person to fill the vacancies and Paul DeMichele's name was presented and he agreed to run. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting, but the candidate must agree to have their name presented.

### **30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLEAR WATER ACT**

October 2002 marks the 30th anniversary of the Clear Water Act. At that time a coalition will kick off a project symposium focusing on Wisconsin waters with a conference in Madison. Subject is "2003 Year of Water", with the goal of raising public awareness of water problems and policy, and will be open to the public. A subject we will all hear more about. Clean water is going to become a real issue for the world.



### **Q AND A**



• Yard waste pickups in Randall Township are the last two weeks in May and the last two weeks in October. You must purchase a sticker or tag at the Township Hall in Bassett for \$1.50 and get the biodegradable bags at the grocery store.

• The toxic waste disposable event is Saturday, August 24th from 8AM to 1PM at the Town Hall. A large dumpster is used. A good time to clean the garage.

• Mosquito abatement is not a function of the Lake Management Dist. Of Powers Lake. They have been everywhere around the lake, but have pretty much vanished with the drought.

• The Channel is not stagnant water. It has been tested along with other places in the lake. Suddenly the north side of the bridge is solid duckweed. At first sight it looks like "green gork" or algae. Actually it is a good plant with many benefits. Very prolific, it can double or triple the area it covers in three to five days, and does best out of current and wind. This tiny plant is clover-like with no stem, but a dangling root and is free floating. It has been used in wastewater treatment as it can remove large amount of nutrients from the water, and has no pests. It is a food source for ducks, geese and fish, and provides shade and cover for fish and invertebrates. There are pollywogs and tiny fish and turtles that gobble up mosquito larva and other human undesirables in this area, so it forms its own mosquito abatement, and extensive coverage inhibits mosquito breeding. In late summer and fall it loses its buoyancy and sinks to the bottom to concluding the annual cycle. I personally checked the water under this extensive green cover and find it to be as fresh and acceptable as any other Powers Lake water.

• Begin thinking about Zebra Muscles and what they might do to your boat. They are now in our lake and as they multiply and extend their area around out lake, it becomes important to have your boat motor tilted out of the water. They plug up motors and will cause over heating, as they have a barnacle type of life. This has begun happening to boats on other lakes in the area with zebra muscles.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

The Knolls Civic Association is sponsoring swimming lessons for children 3 years old to 11. Classes are eight days in all July 29 to August 1st and August 5th through the 8th. Classes are 9:30 until noon, held at the Knolls Beach. Each class will last 35 minutes. Two instructors will be present. Call Tina Collins at 279-2922 to enroll. The lessons are free, but you need to join the Knolls Civic Association for a fee of \$25. This entitles your family to participate in all their activities. There is an annual Easter Egg hunt, a 4th of July Parade with tricycles, pumpkin painting, a get acquainted block party and other activities included in your membership.



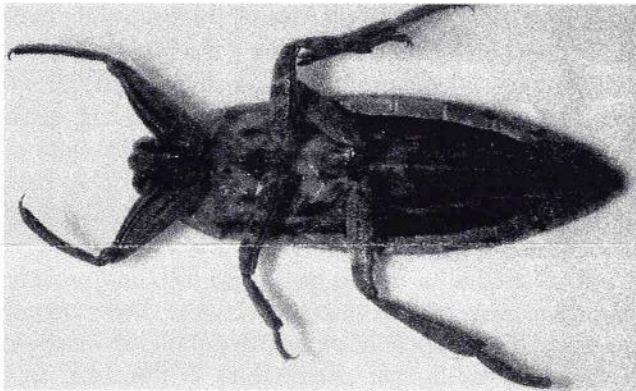
## I STAND CORRECTED

Two items from the last newsletter. Under the article "Town of Randall Ordinances". All watercraft must stay 100 feet from all other watercraft, or be slow no-wake. This includes jetskies. It was presented as 199 feet. My error, a typo. Sorry.

And now onto the second...

## A MESSAGE FROM GIL KROLL:

Did we peek your interest with the picture of the beetle? Our printer failed to include the article that explained its appearance. The picture appeared life-



size. The story goes as written by Gil Kroll: Last fall the Fuller family was in the process of removing their pier for the winter when to their great surprise they discovered lurking in the rocks and sand underwater, a rather large, (over 3 inches long) and scary creature! Having no idea as to the identity of this animal, they captured it and gave Gil Kroll a call. Gil photographed and released it and called Heidi Bunk, DNR. Heidi identified it as a predacious diving beetle, a beetle that spends its time hunting under water even catching small fish for food! This beetle looks dangerous, but is completely harmless and its presence in Powers Lake is an indication of good water quality.

## COME JOIN US!



The program at the Annual Meeting includes Herb Garn with a presentation on the U.S. Geological Survey monitoring of water quality in Powers Lake since 1986. Tests are made five times a year annually by the USGS analyzing various elements of the water (nitrogen, phosphorus, pH, temperature etc) and the effects of these on our lake. Come and learn more about your lake. The meeting is August 2, 7PM at Randall School.

**SEE YOU THEN!**