



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy New Year! Winter is here. The lake froze with black ice, smooth as can be, then a light snow put an end to the skating, but the ice fishermen wasted no time in getting out there. Right now the lake is opening up again, but winter is definitely on the calendar.

LAKE STOCKED

The lake was stocked in October. 1,000 small mouth bass 7-9 inches long were put in the lake, at a cost of \$1500. This expense was split 3 ways between Randall Township (who chose to pay more than 1/3); the Sportsman's Club, and the District of Powers Lake. In addition to this, 10 shelters were placed in the lake, at the encouragement of the DNR. Two are usually placed facing each other with several feet separating them, on the edge of weed beds in 12 to 15 feet of water, and securely anchored. They are quite large, 4x4x5 feet and are called Aquacribs. They are made of heavy duty plastic. They give the young fish shelter. The Powers Lake Sportsman's Club footed this bill which was \$1000, or \$100 each. Next year the DNR will permit walleyes to be stocked in addition to the bass. Walleyes are stocked only every other year while the bass are stocked every year. approach to the problem. We would like to hear what our residents might suggest at future meetings. Please note that this is an agenda item for the next meeting.



ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IN FEBRUARY

While on the subject of fish, the Ice Fishing Derby will be held Sunday, February 9th from 8AM to 4 PM. It is always sponsored by the Powers Lake Sportsman's Club, and great fun. It will be held again at the DNR launch, but you are free to fish anyplace in the lake. All fish must be alive and wiggling when turned in for weighing. It is basically a "catch and release" event, with holes provided in the ice to put the fish back in the lake after weighing, and a big cattle watering tank in which the keepers are put. Each hour the biggest fish will win its fisherman a prize. Raffles will be held from 12 until 4. Fabulous prizes will be given including many nice rods and reels. Great food with the best aromas will be sold in the big tent. It is a great spectator sport as well as an active sportsman's event.

SMART GROWTH PLANNING

The joint Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Commission is now under way. It is Commissioners from Randall Township and Twin Lakes working together on long range planning. Led by a certified planner with a private planning consultant firm out of Madison, so there is no favoritism or politics involved, and each community has a co-chair, ours being Bob Stoll and Twin Lakes has Joe Anselmo. Three commissioners represent each community. One month it is held at the Town Hall in Bassett, and the next month at Twin Lakes Village Hall. It is always scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring up matters they feel should be aired and to get involved in all of the discussions. It is felt that real learning takes place, as the chair person is so knowledgeable and shares information. The business of this group is to discuss problems and issues openly and to create goals, for the future growth of our communities.

Plan to attend
and check
it out.



LAKES WORKSHOP COMING SOON



Lakes Workshop for Southeast Wisconsin will be held Saturday, February 15 at the Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee. Titled: Local Solutions through Local Leadership. The issues are aquatic plants, water quality, shoreland protection and restoration, State and local roles in shoreland zoning and sanitation rules. This event is planned for waterfront property owners, local officials, landscapers, builders, realtors and others who care about water quality issues, fish or wildlife.

The event has eight major sponsors including Wisconsin Association of Lakes, University of Wisconsin Extension, Wisconsin DNR, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Geneva Lake Environmental Agency and others. The cost is \$17 and is scheduled from 7:45AM to 12:45. In Wisconsin call 800-542-5253, outside of Wisconsin call 608-660923 or catch it on the net at www.WisconsinLakes.org. I have attended one of these workshops and was very impressed with the presenters, the material and the efficiency of the meeting. Very worthwhile and informative.

25th ANNUAL WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION

The 25th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held in Green Bay, April 10-12 at the KI Convention Center and Regency Suites. The Thursday pre-conference workshop, entitled "Where the Waters Meet" explores the science, issues and policies behind the management of the vast water resources of Wisconsin wetlands, groundwater, lakes and rivers. Experts will discuss the threats, challenges and future steps. Check online at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions.

BOARD LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS

Our Board is still looking for suggestions for an open water emergency location technique as are many other lakes. We have not learned of any system for any lake that has been successful, efficient and practical to identify locations in case of emergency. Ours needs are for year round,, piers in or piers out ID in case of snowmobile, skaters, swimmers, fishermen or boating accidents. Any suggestions will be gratefully received. Bob Stoll, who oversees our Water Patrol, feels this will be self solving with the cell phone GPS systems soon to be readily available.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 10th



Hope to see you at the January 10th meeting at Randall Town Hall in Bassett, at 5PM
