



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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This year, our Powers Lake winter has been very unusual for Wisconsin. Practically no snow, and without the snow blanket to keep the lake insulated, areas of the lake have

stayed open...much to the delight of hundreds of geese. This has created dangers for vehicles on the lake.

Two vans went down in 30 feet of water the day of the Ice Fishing Derby. An ATV went in near Honey Bear Farm the same day. The next week a truck went in but was immediately retrieved. A snowmobiler jumping open water in a brand new snowmobile also went in.

I happened to speak to one of the men who went down in one of the vans, all the way in 30 feet of water. His foot got caught in the steering wheel as he was trying to come up. After getting loose and getting out of the van, he couldn't find the hole in the ice when he surfaced. Fortunately a fisherman who had witnessed the van going in stood by with a rope and was able to rescue him, and get him to the opening.

The man was from Wheaton, and seemed to have no ill effects from his experience when I spoke to him two days later. How's that for a chilling story. Of course he was hospitalized and warmed up for a few hours. The vans going in made Fox News with interviews with Bruce Schaal and Mark Pelz. It took many hours and two weeks to get the vans out of the lake.

FISHING DERBY WAS WELL ATTENDED

The Powers Lake Sportsman's Club Fishing Derby was extremely well attended, and lots of fish were caught. Fish have to be alive and wiggling to be weighed and measured, as this is a catch and release event. There is

a large horse trough to put fish in if they are to be taken home for all to see and enjoy.

Northern Pike – 15 caught and 11 released.

Largest was 33" 7lb 14 oz, 2nd was 32" at 7 lb 6 oz, and third was 29", 5 lb and 9 oz.

Walleyes – 2 caught 1 released.

Largest 26" 6 lb, 2nd 18" 1 lb 13 oz.

Bass - 4 entered, all released.

Largest 20" 3 lb 8 oz. 2nd 19" 3lb, and 3rd 18" 2lb 15 oz.

Perch all eaten.

Largest 13" 15 oz. 11" 10 oz, and 10" 8 oz.

Crappie all eaten.

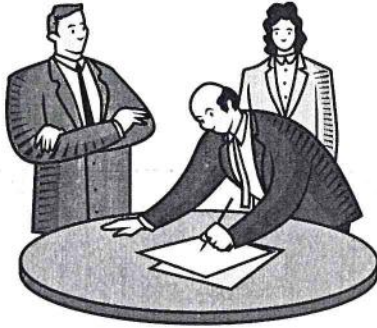
14" 1 lb 4 oz, 12" 1 lb 1 oz, and 12" 1 lb.

Five big cash prizes were awarded, \$500 to Larry Lois, \$400 to Dave Gettelman, \$300 to Gary Ketterhagen, \$200 to Mark Young, and \$100 to David Vandanzee. In addition there were many raffles won. Many choice rods and reels, bait buckets, lures, and other sporting goods items. Each hour the largest fish in each class was awarded prizes.



It was a great day with lots of people having a wonderful time. Shown above is the grand prize fish caught by Kenny Kettleton who is also a member of the Randall Fire Department. He assisted in the ice rescue efforts the day of the derby. The fish is a 6 lb. walleye, 26" long.

COMMISSIONERS ATTEND WORKSHOP



Four District of Powers Lake Commissioners attended the Lakes Workshop at Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee February 15th. It was standing room only. Sponsored by

eight major associations. such as Wisconsin Association of Lakes, University of Wisconsin-Extension, DNR, SE Wisconsin Regional Planning Com. Etc. It was planned for waterfront property owners, landscapers, and builders with seminars on water quality, aquatic plants, but the main thrust is the active movement to return lake front property to natural lake fronts, leaving the status suburban lawns for communities that are not lake front. Many lakes are restricting lake front properties, requiring the front 35 feet be limited to natural growth and natural landscape plantings. One of the pluses of this type of frontage is eliminating chemicals and fertilizers, which are very detrimental to lakes. Several local landscapers were in attendance. Bob Livingston of Crane Landscaping was there to learn more about the natural landscape approach, and Roy Dibilik of Northwind Perennials was one of the speakers.

FIREMEN TRAINING ON THE LAKEFRONT

The lakefront Huart house at 40220 91st is to be torn down as the foundation was broken. The new owners offered the fire department an opportunity to use the home for training.

The Town of Randall, Twin Lakes, Silver Lake and Salem Fire Departments will be using the structure for practice and instruction for the next three weeks. 45 to 50 fire fighters will receive instruction from City of Kenosha Fire Instructors. According to Fire Chief

Matthew Gronke they will learn forceful entry, forceful exit, lift and drag rescues, up and down stairs, rescues through second story windows as well as basement windows. Rapid intervention techniques or how to get out in case everything goes wrong.

This Monday they will practice search and rescue. Artificial smoke will give them opportunities for search & rescue with no visibility, This will be followed by ventilation and roof operations. There are 41 active volunteers in the Town of Randall Fire Department and several new members will have opportunities to learn as well. The house will not be torched, but with the artificial smoke and simulated situations a lot of training will take place

LAKES CONVENTION SET FOR APRIL

The 25th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held in Green Bay April 10-12. Entitled "Where the Waters Meet" exploring the science, issues and policies behind the management of the vast water resources of Wisconsin wetlands, groundwater, lakes and rivers, with outstanding experts speaking on a variety of subjects.



The lake is extremely low with the shore being quite a ways out. This is a natural result of no rain or snow.



**SEE YOU AT THE
MARCH 14TH MEETING AT
RANDALL VILLAGE HALL,
IN BASSETT AT 5 PM**