



# District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

## **ANNUAL MEETING 2003**

Another year has flown by and the Annual Meeting is here again. One of the items of business is election of officers. Two commissioner positions are up for election. Brooke Jensen has agreed to continue as treasurer. Bob Loraine has served several terms of office, and has declined to run for reelection. Nominations were accepted from the floor and Paul DeMichael's name was presented and he has agreed to run for commissioner. Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The term of office is two years. Anyone whose name is presented must agree to run in order to be a nominee.

### **MARINE BIOCHEMIST – BRIAN SUFFERN – GUEST SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

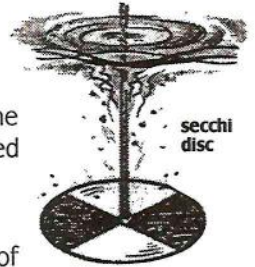
Come and hear about the aquatic plants in Powers Lake from biochemist, Brian Suffern of Marine Biochemists in Mequon. He has treated the Eurasian Watermilfoil twice a year for the past three years on our lake and knows it so well. He is knowledgeable on many aspects of lake life – fish kills, algae, and green water problems - to name a few. It's the perfect opportunity to get answers to your questions about aquatic plant growth and their solutions.

### **WATER TESTING CONTINUES**

Gil Kroll does the regular water quality testing on our lake. Weekly water testing for E. coli bacteria continues at the Knolls swimming beach and an additional three or four areas are chosen each week at random to test for water safety. Due to the heavy rains the readings have risen, but are still in the safe reading area. This is also a reminder that no matter where you live we all become a watershed when it rains. This washes the fertilizer and pesticides that are put on your lawn into the lake. We are all our own worst enemies when it comes to lake quality. Twin

Lakes has excessive algae bloom on both lakes this year. It is felt that this may be due to fertilizers and chemicals washed into the lakes, and because zebra muscles make the water clearer.

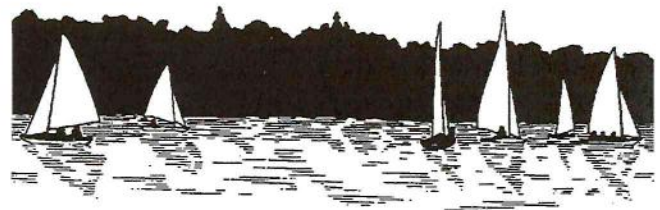
A water clarity test is taken every two weeks. It is called secchi disc. This test is taken in a deep spot in the middle of the lake each time. At the beginning of the season the visibility or clarity was measured to be 19 feet. Gil reported that the last reading was at 12 feet.



Every month the DNR tests the presence of zebra mussel larva. The process is to lower a large fine mesh net that is about four feet long into the lake. Anything that it scoops up settles in the bottom of the net, which has a container to collect the contents. From this a count of zebra mussel larva is taken. The June sample showed a very high count at one of the two sampling sites.

### **KENOSHA COUNTY LAKE FAIR AUG 23**

A reminder about the Kenosha County Lake Fair to be held August 23 at Camp Lake. They will have demonstrations of shoreline restorations and watershed practices to protect water quality of lakes. The public is invited and will begin at noon and runs through the day. Camp Lake is located between C and W, west of 83, south of Silver Lake.



### **ITEMS OF LAKE COURTESY**

Make sure your lighting is not polluting the night for your neighbors and others across the lake.

We are fortunate to be a sailboat racing lake. The races are Saturday and Sunday and are only for a short time each day. When you drive through the field of boats your wake knocks the wind out of the sails of boats that are racing. If you go around instead of through the field of boats it will be greatly appreciated.



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JAMES MICHAELS, CHAIR  
PAT MILLER, SEC  
BROOKE JENSEN, TREAS  
GIL KROLL  
BOB LAURINE

APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS:  
JUDY JOOSS, KENOSHA  
MARK PELZ, RANDALL

Hope to see you at the  
ANNUAL MEETING  
at Randall School,  
Friday, August 1st at 7 PM

### DO YOU WANT MORE LAKE INFORMATION?

Check out the WAL (Wisconsin Association of Lakes) newsletter that is available on-line. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep interested folks up-to-date on issues relating to lakes, their use and to promote the principles of better lake stewardship. Just go to the following web site to sign-up: <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/e-lakeletter/subscribeWALetter.htm>

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