



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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With the Holidays behind us, we thought you might have an evening by the fireplace to look through the enclosed pamphlet. Time to think about your lake property ... your "Wisconsin-get-away." The environmental agencies of the State of Wisconsin are on the move to have natural lakefronts for all properties. There is a special charm to the natural frontage that softens the appearance of our lakes. Many lakes now have a ruling that you must have a natural frontage extending 35 feet from the shore. The DNR contacted new home-builders on our lake informing them they could not have lawn all the way to the shore.

Seawalls, if allowed, are limited and must have permits. Sand

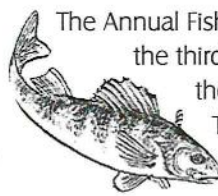
beaches are not natural to our lake and permits are required for depositing sand along the shoreline. Sand washes into the lake where it can plug up the springs and cover the spawning beds. Another plus to a natural frontage is that geese can't see the lawn so they won't come in to graze and soil your lawn.



MOTHER NATURE IS BOSS

The lake level was very low this past summer. Recent rains have helped but it is still quite low.

SOMETHING FISHY ...

 The Annual Fish stocking of the lake took place the third week in October. It was a joint effort of the Powers Lake Sportsman's Club, Randall Township, and the District of Powers Lake (that's us). 1000 walleyes from nine to twelve inches were released in Powers Lake. The DNR usually allows stocking of bass and walleyes in alternate years.

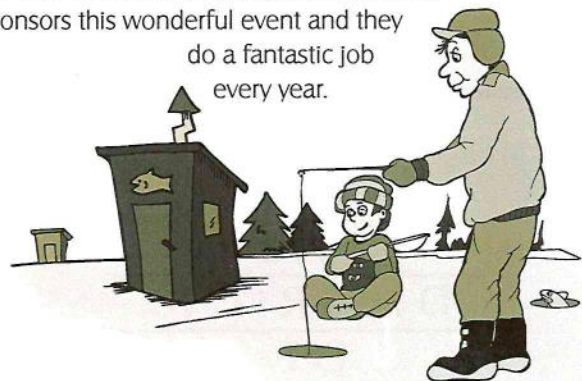
ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

The 48th Annual Ice Fishing Derby is coming on Sunday, February 8th — it is a great family day!

Registration is from 8 to 4 at the DNR launch where a large tent will have wonderful food, a warming station, and raffles. The food is the best, and wonderful sporting goods prizes are raffled off all day.

Although this is mainly a catch and release event, a large galvanized horse trough is provided for the fish that are to be saved and taken home. Fish must be alive and wiggling to be weighed and measured. Each hour a cash prize is given for the largest catch of each species and at the end of the day there is a cash award for the overall winner in each species. There are no limitations on where to fish, so pick your favorite spot.

Even if you don't participate, you should come and watch the fun. The Powers Lake Sportsman's Club sponsors this wonderful event and they do a fantastic job every year.



THINK TWICE BEFORE VENTURING ON ICE

Last year there were two vans, a truck, a snowmobile, and an ATV that sunk in our lake while driving on the ice. Cars are not meant to go on water, so be cautious. The DNR never declares a lake safe to drive on ... so travel is at your own risk.



ADOPT-A-LAKE COMING THIS SPRING

Karen Reddin, one of the third grade teachers at Randall School is working on the curriculum for the Adopt-A-Lake program that the school will be participating in this spring. Eighty third graders will be involved, and will follow them through the next year as fourth graders as well. They will begin with classroom awareness and later they will go to the lake. We will include their activities in each newsletter.

BOATING SAFETY COURSES

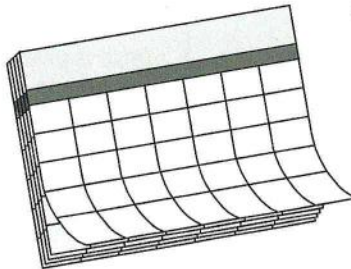


The Water Patrol will again have at least two sessions of Boat Safety Courses that will be held at Randall Town Hall. The dates have not been selected yet, but we will keep you informed.

While they are for all ages, children can get their boating certificates so they can drive a boat or a personal water craft at 12 years of age. The law says that children cannot drive a boat or personal watercraft until 16 years of age without the certificate earned through the classes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next District of Powers Lake Meeting will be January 10th at 5pm at Randall Town Hall. Everyone is welcome. See you then.



JOIN THE CLUB

Snowmobilers need to join a trail club in order to use the trails. The Twin Runners are the local group. If your snowmobile is registered in Illinois it needs a Wisconsin registration (\$10). A family membership covering several snowmobiles and family drivers can be purchased at either of the snowmobile dealers: Twin Lakes Marine, or Recreation Plus. Family memberships are \$30. For more information you can call Ed Richards who is president of the Twin Runners at 262-877-9310.

WAL WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Two workshops are scheduled by WAL (the Wisconsin Association of Lakes). Saturday, January 31, 2004 the topic is "Making Fun of Water: Strategies to Enhance Recreational Water Use for Everyone." This workshop will address lake use issues and teach conflict resolution techniques. It will be held at Waukesha County Technical College from 8 am to 12:30.

There are two optional workshops in the afternoon: one on learning to identify aquatic plants, and the other on invasive species control and prevention.

ANNUAL STATE LAKE CONVENTION

The Annual State Lake Convention including the WAL Annual Meeting is on April 15-17 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Always an inspiring event.

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