



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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It has been a safe winter on the lake, once winter finally arrived. There were more ice fishing shacks on the lake than ever, and no cars, snowmobiles, or people ended up in freezing water.

ANNUAL ICE FISHING DERBY

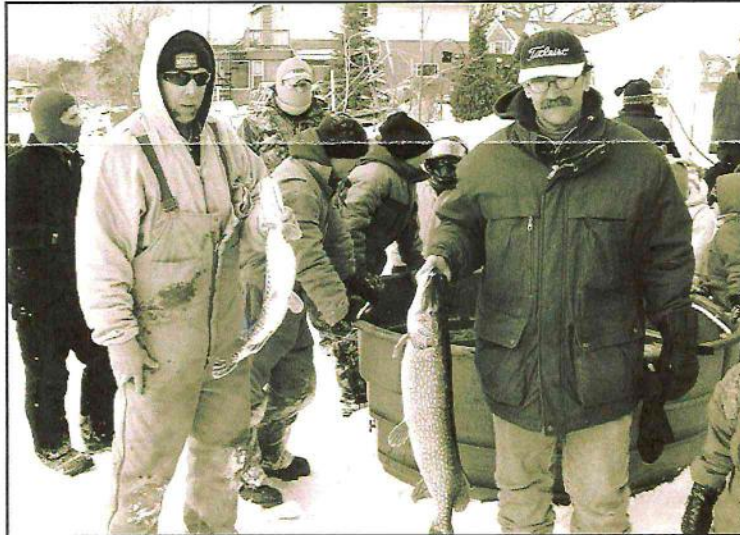
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The 48th Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by the Powers Lake

Sportsman's Club was a great success. It was attended by over 1500 people who came to watch, eat lunch, and hope to win one of the hourly door prizes. Thousands of dollars worth of gifts including fishing tackle and rods, dinners, ice drills, and an electric arc welder were raffled. 30 to 40 items were given away each hour from 12:30 to 4:00.

Six hundred fishermen entered the event. Not all were lucky with big fish but they all had a great time. Most came with their wives and kids for the fun-filled event. The live tank had a big Walleye and 3 or 4 nice Northerns. The tally of fish caught were as follows. Remember they all had to be wiggling and alive.

- Northern Pike - 6 registered. Largest was 36", 11 lb. 2 oz.
- Walleye Pike - (part of the stocking efforts) 2 registered, 1 released. Largest 24", 4 lb. 2 oz.
- Largemouth Bass - 3 registered, all released. Largest was 24", 4 lb. 2 oz.
- Crappie - 9 registered, all kept. Largest 13 oz.
- Perch - 10 registered, all kept. Largest 12 oz.
- Bluegill - 9 registered, all kept. Largest 8 oz.



The winners of the two largest fish caught during the derby are: 2nd place Tom Brown (left) with his 5 lb.. 12 oz. Northern and 1st place John Urbanik with his 11 lb.. 2 oz. Northern. The largest Walleye, 4 lb.. 2 oz., was caught by Mike Conforte (not pictured).

Many more fish were caught but not registered. A couple of men had minnow pails with half-a-dozen bluegills in each that were not weighed or measured.

Organizing an event like this is quite involved. Permits were obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and the Town of Randall. The Warden checked the lake and the event. Randall Fire Department and Dive Rescue Team were there in case they were needed. A big tent was

erected and a large tank was there for fish to be taken home. Wonderful aromatic food was cooked, sold and served. Mother Nature made it a picture perfect day. The whole lake was safely frozen with 15" thick ice.

BOARD MEMBER HONORED

Jim Michels, chairman of the District of Powers Lake, was recently selected as the Civil Engineer of the Year by the Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Jim is the founder and president of Engineering Enterprises Inc, a corporation which employs 53 people in the Kane County area. EEI provides civil engineering and land surveying services to public and private sector clients in northern Illinois. We congratulate Jim on this well deserved honor.

INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT TREATMENT PLANNED

The contract for Eurasian Watermilfoil eradication has been signed. We are contracting for treatment of up to 13 acres as we did last year. Last year only 2 acres required

treatment. It will be interesting to see how the milfoil is this year after a winter of thick ice. The goal is for early to mid-May treatment and then again in September. We have made great progress on controlling this non-native invasive plant.

BOATING SAFETY COURSES UPDATE

The Water Patrol is again planning classes for power boating. Children completing the course will receive a certificate allowing them to drive a boat and jet skis at 12



years of age. Otherwise they are not allowed to drive a boat or jet skis until they are 16. Each course consists of three sessions; two evening classroom sessions at Randall Town Hall in Bassett, and one Saturday on-water session. If there is enough interest a second

course will be scheduled for June. If you are interested call Phyllis Kaskin at the Town Hall. You can reach her at 262-877-2165. There are no new changes in the boating laws this year and no new regulations.

YACHT CLUB OF THE YEAR!

The Powers Lake Yacht Club has been chosen by the Inland Lake Yachting Association as the Yacht Club of the Year. This is the first time PLYC has been so honored. It was due to the very active growth in the Junior sailing program. Over 70 kids were involved last year. Twenty-three kids were involved in racing. Kids from 7 to 16 can be in sailing school using age appropriate boats. They need to be members of the Yacht Club to participate. There are social events throughout the season for parents and kids, and it is a good way to get acquainted. Friday nights there are pizza parties for kids involved in the

sailing school and racing program. Lessons may also be available for adults on an individual basis.



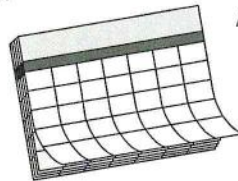
If you have a sailboat you wish to donate or sell the club is looking for boats. For more information call John Catino, the Vice Commodore at 847-855-5552.

YOUTH ADOPT-A-LAKE PROGRAM ON TARGET

Karen Reddin, third grade teacher at Randall School is working hard planning the curriculum for the third grade classes to be involved in the Adopt-A-Lake Program. This exciting new program will be in full swing soon. It will begin with classroom instruction followed by hands-on activities at Powers Lake.

ANNUAL WISCONSIN LAKE CONVENTION

The Annual State Lake Convention will be held April 15-17 in Green Bay. Four board members will attend. A great deal of information is learned at this convention. For more details about the convention or other lake issues contact Wisconsin Association of Lakes at wisconsinlakes.org or call 608-662-0923



POWERS LAKE DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for the following meetings: April 2 and June 25 (5pm at Randall Hall) and the Annual Meeting on August 6 (time and place to be announced). Karen Reddin will be the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting. She will report on her Adopt-A-Lake activities with Randall School.

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 GIL KROLL
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