



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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Spring is here and the summer lake season is arriving fast. We have had an unusual winter lake season. The early snow in December and early safe frozen ice, with ice fishing and other lake activities only to succumb to early thaws and unsafe ice, the rest of the winter.

ICE FISHING DERBY

The 50th Powers Lake Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Derby could not be held on the lake. The big tent with wonderful food and the super raffles were all at the Sportsmen's Club Grounds. The attendance was great, as many as usual. The prizes and raffles were the best ever. This is the third time in 50 years that there was no ice fishing. But it was a big success anyway.

LOW PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER

We would like to remind you that the Township Ordinance banning Phosphorous Fertilizer is in effect.

Being lakefront it would be wise to have your soil tested to see if you need fertilizer. If you feel you have to fertilize check what you buy. If you employ lawn care people be sure to remind them they must use phosphorous free fertilizer. On the bags of fertilizer you will recall that they are labeled with three numbers. The first

number indicates total nitrogen "N" the second number indicates phosphorus and the third is potash. 8-0-8. That middle number needs to be 0. That is how you know there is no phosphorus. Fertilizer runoff and especially phosphorus continues to act as fertilizer in the water, encouraging plants to grow. This increases algae growth as well as effecting the food and habitat for aquatic life, and decreases the oxygen in the water, making the water unattractive to the public.

It's The Law

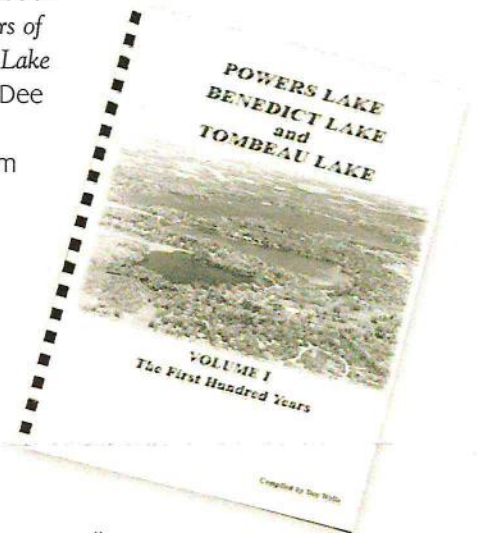


SEMINAR ON GROUNDWATER

At the recent seminars at the U of W in Waukesha a prominent group of lectures were on Groundwater. There is a coming crisis of water, worldwide including wells. We learned of the contamination of our groundwater by the chemicals put on our lawns. We are urged to think about our wells and lake water together, as all waters connect.

AREA HISTORY BOOK

A reminder about the book *The First Hundred Years of Powers Lake, Benedict Lake and Tombeau Lake* by Dee Wells is a wonderful history of the area from 1830 to World War II. Dee's Grandparents arrived in 1880's and urged her to write a history of the area, as she was growing up. She has been carefully researching, interviewing and learning about the development of the area all her life. Fortunately her perseverance made it possible to interview many people who are no longer with us. Many pictures, plats and information including the towns surrounding the area. Lots of stories about the early settlers including farms, resorts, prohibition, ice harvesting and families, and how the land became subdivided and by whom. It is \$25.00 tax included. There is no profit; this is the publishing cost. It is available at the Wells-Osborn Spiral Stairways in Genoa City or Solid Brass-Fine Antiques on Broadway in Richmond. You can order by mail from Dee Wells, P.O.Box 133, Genoa City, WI. 53128 for \$30 to cover postage.



START THINKING ABOUT SAFE BOATING

George Lawrence, our Water Patrol Chief wants to remind you that all water skiing must be a minimum of 200 feet from shore, maintaining a "birds-eye view" of the lake in a counter clockwise direction, being careful not to cut across the lake. Remember you must have an observer in the boat as well as the driver.



All skiers must wear personal floatation device, (life vest). The Water Patrols job is to protect everyone on the lake. They would like for you in turn to be kind and don't demand the right of way. Look out for skiers, watch where you go, and follow the rules. You will notice that we have included another copy of Lake Rules in this mailing. We hope you will review them.

The lake is probably down about 12 inches making it even more important that when you run your boat you stay in water that is deep enough not to cause any environmental damage. The new style ski boats and the wake boards tend to stir up the bottom of the lake. We have been advised that these types of equipment need to be used in water deep enough not to stir the bottom of the lake. Stay out of the bays when using them if the water is not deep enough. Regardless of the type of equipment you use, raise your motor when you go nearer shore and into your piers. We all must protect our lake, preventing sediment stirring is another phase of keeping our water clean.

WATER SAFETY CLASSES

The Water Patrol will again provide us with "Water Safety" classes, probably in mid June Date to be announced. You can sign your kids up with the Randall Town Clerk by calling 262-877-2165. Children cannot drive boats or personal watercraft until they are sixteen without a certificate from passing these classes. This will permit them to drive at the age of twelve. The classes fill up so it is wise to get registered.

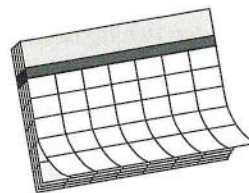
BUOYS HELP TO KEEP US SAFE

We are cautioned about slow-no-wake buoy and shoal buoy tampering. They tend to creep out deeper than allowed. It is illegal to tie up to these buoys or to reposition them. They seem to frequently be moved, and sometimes cut loose. These buoys are important so that you do not damage your prop, and that you do not go where you do not belong.

ADOPT-A-LAKE UPDATE

Karen Reddin and the Adopt-A-Lake Program is being scheduled by the Lake Geneva School District for the 19th to the 24th of June. Four days, Monday through Thursday there are to be classes each day from noon to 2:30 for students from 2nd grade through 4th grade. On Friday they will be transported to Powers Lake to have the lake front water session. This is a wonderful extension of the District of Powers Lake Adopt-A-Lake Program. Powers Lake children can register and take part in this activity. Karen has been working on her Master Degree for the past several years, and will complete her work May 6th. Her subject is Hands on Teaching in Math. She has been using her own techniques in teaching and has been able to raise her students grades excitingly. Surely an above and beyond effort with full time teaching and her family activities as well.

❧ Mark Your Calendar ❧

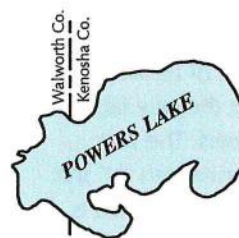


ANNUAL WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION

The 2006 28th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held in Green Bay April 20-22nd. As always there will be some of the world's experts on a variety of subjects regarding lakes. Anyone can attend, and The District of Powers Lake will have representatives present.

MEETING NOTICE

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 7th at Randall Town Hall in Basset at 5 PM. See you then.



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