



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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Ice Fishing Derby

The Powers Lake Annual Ice Fishing Derby was held Sunday, February 10th, (sponsored by the Powers Lake Sportsman Club) and was severely challenged by the most impossible weather. With the wind chill it was -25 below zero, with the actual temperature way below zero. There was a 50 mile an hour wind straight out of the west creating a white-out picking up the snow on the lake. There were probably 500 hardy soles who came at one time or another. The big tent that everyone retreated to at one time or another was full of wonderful aromas and food. The usual great raffle prizes were given included, ice shacks, an underwater camera, a power auger and sports items from the Braves, Cubs and an autographed football from the Packers, plus an outstanding and valuable framed print of a woodpecker. The fish froze immediately when taken out of the lake. There were two 6lb. Northern, a 4lb. Walleye, and a 2-1/2 lb. Bass. A nice 1-1/4 lb Crappie, a 6-1/4 oz. Bluegill, and a 1lb. Perch were all among the winning catches. The ice was safely thick.

In contrast the Kenosha County Tavern League Ice Fishing Derby was held on Sunday February 24th. It was a beautiful sunny day with a huge turnout not only on Powers Lake but all Kenosha County Lakes. All the cabin-fever folks came out for this one. It was very mild compared to the typical weather we have had this winter. There was a \$10.00 entry fee and door prizes were awarded.



Hydrilla

Three District of Powers Lake Board members attended an all day seminar in Milwaukee February 9th to learn about two potential concerns endangering Wisconsin lakes. Hydrilla, an aggressive aquatic plant that can blanket a lake with it's growth, which has been in Florida for sometime and now has come as far north as Indiana is of major concern. If you see an unusual aquatic plant please notify one of the board members.

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia

There is a fish disease that is already in Wisconsin and has changed the rules for lake activities by the DNR. This disease called VHS for Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus does not effect people who eat infected fish, but it is deadly for the fish infected. Once it is in a lake it does not leave, so the new precautions must be followed. It is now in Lake Michigan and Lake Winnebago and is the reason fish stocking is no longer allowed in the State of Wisconsin, and the bait business is carefully controlled so that only local minnows are sold. There are massive fish kills from

the virus, however. An adult fish infected can survive and develop antibodies to protect it from future infections. Once the virus is in a lake we simply must learn to live with it. The following rules must be followed in order to protect our lake from infestation. These rules are not just for fisherman but must be followed by all boaters. We urge that you carefully read and follow the rules. You will notice that bait must be disposed of in trash and not taken off the lake alive. More information is available on the web site WWW.DNR.STATE.WI.US/INVASIVEAQUATIC/ or <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/pages/vhs.html> . If you see a group of dead fish please notify one of your board members.

RULES TO REMEMBER

The state Natural Resources Board approved emergency rules that require all people boating and fishing in Wisconsin to take steps to prevent the spread of VHS requiring boaters and anglers to drain their boats and make sure the fish they take away are dead, including bait minnows before they leave any Wisconsin water body. Because of concerns that boaters were arriving from other VHS sites it is illegal to transport by land any water in livewells, boats or other equipment. Take the following steps when leaving any landing.

INSPECT and **REMOVE** aquatic plants and animals.

DRAIN all water from boats and equipment

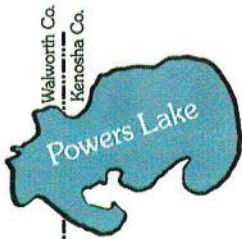
DISPOSE of leftover bait in trash

ICE YOUR CATCH before you leave

RINSE boat and equipment with hot/high pressure water or **DRY** boat for at least 5 days.

Eurasian Milfoil

We have again applied for a whole lake permit to treat Eurasian Milfoil and we will treat the most severely infested areas as our budget will allow. Consider this your notice since most lake front properties will be treated. Milfoil has made a ring around the lake just as water skiers go around the lake. Each milfoil cutting from a prop blade becomes another plant. Consequently it has been distributed throughout the lake. A notice is placed on piers of the properties treated and the next door neighbors pier as well.



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Elected Commissioners:

Jim Michels, Chair
Pat Miller, Sec.
Brooke Jensen, Treas.
Gil Kroll
Paul DeMichele

Appointed Commissioners:

Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
Ken Mangold, Randall Twp.

"Adopt A Lake"

Karen Reddin is again working on her "Adopt A Lake" program for the 3rd grade students at Randall School. There will be 87 - 3rd graders and an additional 70 kindergarten children. The high school students always help out. Karen has funds to purchase fishing rods and a new addition to the program will be catch and release with all having an opportunity to fish. How's that for excitement. They are already asking when they will go to the lake, only to be told first the ice has to melt.

2008 Lakes Convention

The 2008 Lakes Convention: "Cheers to 30 years" and "Learning From Lakes" sponsored by WAL, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, is scheduled for April 17-19 at the KI Convention Center and Regency Suites, Green Bay. The public is welcome to attend and there will be three days of seminars, workshops and wonderful speakers. At least two of our Board members always attend.

Friday April 4th Meeting



By the time you receive this newsletter the snow and ice will have vanished and we will be on our way to another great season at Powers Lake. Remember to protect our valuable lake. Our next meeting is Friday, April 4th at Randall Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

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