



# District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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Lake activities have been proceeding as usual while the season slows down. A survey was enclosed with the June newsletter and the responses tell us that some of the questions and/or statements were not clearly understood. The following comments are intended to clarify certain items.

## Adopt A Lake Program

Karen Reddin, our Adopt-A-Lake teacher is expecting to have 88 third graders involved this year. Now is the down and planning time. Last season they made t-shirts as a project so that they came to the lake as a team. The Powers Lake Sportsman's Club donates \$150 each year to help with her activities.

The District of Powers Lake also provides her with funds. She has boots for each child and they do wear out. Microscopes and other equipment are always needed. One of the Powers Lake Water Patrol officers donated a 20 foot seining net for their use. The District of Powers Lake bought her a much needed trailer for storage and transporting equipment. She previously had to make several trips to the lake after removing the seats in her van. We find this is an outstanding activity since the kids learn and return home to teach their parents.



## DNR Ramp

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Boat Launch is not under the control of the District of Powers Lake (DPL). The boat launch, or ramp, was constructed in 1997 by the DNR, however it is operated by Randall Township. Within guidelines of the DNR, the Township may charge a fee for parking a vehicle and boat trailer. The maximum amount is \$5 and the fee was recently raised from \$1 to \$3 to cover expenses. The revenue that is generated is used to maintain the facility, to pay for the lighting, lawn maintenance, sanitation and refuse disposal and other related items. To control how many persons launch and park at the ramp would be a labor problem that no one is able to handle or control at this time. Some lakes in Wisconsin do have wash stations to wash boats and trailers before they are launched to protect against Eurasian water milfoil and zebra mussels and other invasive species from being brought into the lake, however this tends to be a labor and policing problem also.

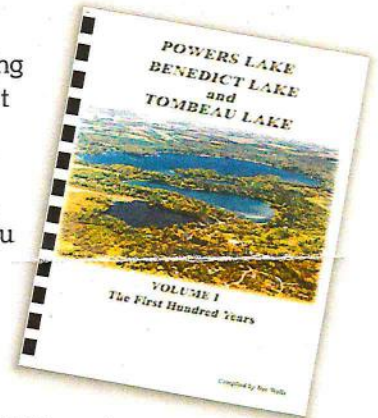
## Lake Crowding

Because there are never 100% returns on surveys, the District conducted a physical count of the water craft at lake front properties in August of this year. The results are as follows: 218 pontoon boats; 313 speed boats; 91 fishing/row boats; 146 personal water craft; 91 paddle boats, 89 canoe/kayaks; and 125 sailboats for a grand total of 1,073 water craft. We are indebted to Nancy Crabtree, Sue Magnuson and Joan Rietz for performing the physical count. What an eye-opener! There is an average of almost 4 boats per lake front parcel.

## Christmas Gift Idea

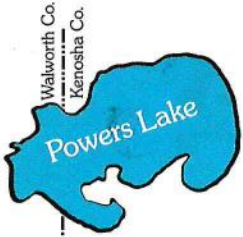
When you are scrambling for Christmas gift ideas don't forget the wonderful book, "The First Hundred Years," the history of Powers Lake, Lake Benedict and Tombeau Lake from 1830 to just before WWII. Written by Dee Wells and carefully researched it includes many pictures and plats.

The price is \$25 tax included. There is no profit in this – just the publishing costs. They are available at the Wells-Osborn Spiral Stairways in Genoa City, or at Solid Brass Fine Antiques on Broadway in Richmond – the store with the bright red shutters and signs. You can order by mail from Dee Wells, P.O. Box 133, Genoa City, WI, 53128 for \$30 to cover postage.



## Ice Fishing Derby

The Powers Lake Ice Fishing Derby put on by the Powers Lake Sportsman's Club will be held Sunday, February, 11th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be at the DNR launch and will be the 51st annual event. There have only been three times in the 50 years that there was no ice and last year was one of them. Even so the event was held and well attended and a good time was had by all. Fish must be alive and wiggling when weighed and measured. Awards are given hourly for the biggest and best in each classification. Facilities are available for catch and release if this isn't on your dinner menu. The hourly raffle is from 12 to 4 with wonderful sports items awarded. The food and aromas are fabulous so mark your calendar. It is a great spectator event as well as one to participate in. The whole family can be involved as well – kids, mom, dad, and grandpa.



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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.

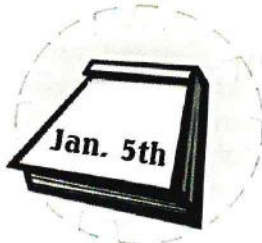
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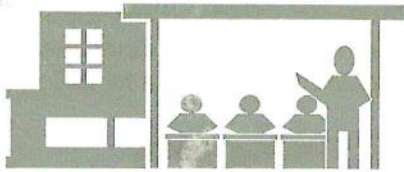
**Meeting Notice**

Our next meeting is Friday, January 5th at 5 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall in Bassett. Everyone is welcome.



**February Lake Workshop**

The February Lake Workshop will be held Saturday, February, 24th at the Waukesha Technical College. Always an enlightening event and much information learned.



**Water Patrol**

As you may or may not know, the Water Safety Patrol is also under the jurisdiction of Randall Township and their funding is not part of the parking fee. We have found them to be very cooperative and professional. Thanks to them our lake is a safe lake.

**Mangold Appointed**

Ken Mangold is our recently appointed representative of Randall Township. We always have a township representative and a Kenosha County representative. Judy Jooss is our County representative. She is a past president of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes with a fine knowledge of lakes.

**Fish Stocking**

Fish stocking took place the second week in October, as approved by the DNR. Doug Walsh is the DNR specialist that keeps track of the fish in Powers Lake. It is carefully controlled and the approved population addition was one walleye for each acre of lake surface, so approximately 500 were added. The Powers Lake Sportsman's Club is the DNR local contact that arranges for and the purchases of the fish. The walleyes were 7" to 9" in length; in addition 200 northern pike, 16" in length were stocked. Each of the following organizations pays for one third of the cost, namely: Powers Lake Sportsman's Club, Randall Township, and the District of Powers Lake. It is important to control the fish that eat other fish. Size is important because their survival is better. More fish could have been stocked, but they would have been smaller in size.

