



Lake Alice Association Newsletter

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Mission Statement of the Lake Alice Association:

To protect, preserve and improve the integrity of Lake Alice and its eco-systems through education of and communication between concerned citizens.

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Annual Meeting

June 21st, 11:00 a.m. at Surewood Forest Bar & Grill

This year's annual meeting will be held June 21st, at 11:00 a.m. at Surewood Forest Bar & Grill. Lunch will be provided along with discussion on various important Lake Alice topics. Please join us for the meeting and lunch.

Important Topics in this issue

Submitted by Michael Toelle, Newsletter Editor

Welcome to another issue of the Lake Alice Association newsletter. The association leadership continues to work on many important issues that Lake Alice and surrounding property owners will face in the during the course of the year. Please take some time and read through the entire newsletter and call any board member if you have questions or can provide support to the association in any way. Your support is greatly appreciated. See you at the annual meeting. Newsletter topics include:

2008 Annual Meeting Information

Update on closing fishing season on the lake

"Alice in Winterland" Financials/Winners

November Board Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Board Members

A Flash from the Past

Board Member Election

Four of the current board members are up for re-election. If you are interested in being a board member make sure and attend the Annual Meeting. Your service to the association would be greatly appreciated.

Proposal for Lake Alice Fishing Rule Change

By Neil Pietenpol, Board Member and Chairman of the Fisheries Committee

The rule change for making the open season on the portion of the Wisconsin River system from Regis Dam downstream to Kings Dam, including Hat Rapids Flowage and Lake Alice consistent with other inland waters in Northern Wisconsin passed "unanimously" with full DNR backing at the Spring Conservation Congress convention. The rule change will now advance to the Natural Resources board and will be voted on at a date to be determined. The new rule changes will hopefully do the following:

1. Stop the high exploitation of game fish during spawning in March and April when all surrounding waters are closed.
2. A "0" bag limit catch and release for Bass until the 3rd Saturday in June which will allow the bass to spawn.
3. Over time it should improve size structure of game fish.
4. Spread out the harvest of legal fish over a longer period of time into the summer months.
5. This will help tourism, guides, and local businesses.

We need letters from individuals in favor of the rule change sent to the Natural Resources Board. Your Help is Needed !!!! The names and addresses of the Natural Resources Board members are listed later in the newsletter. Please take the time to make contact with them as your time and efforts will greatly support our mission.

Slot Size Proposal

By Neil Pietenpol, Board Member and Chairman of the Fisheries Committee

The slot size proposal was dropped by the state Fish Biologist. We need more data to support the change. Lake Alice is scheduled for a lake survey in the future. If the information supports a slot size limit we will pursue the change.

Alice in Winterland Summary

Alice in Winterland 2008 Financials

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
FISH REGISTRATION	1,770.00
FOOD & BEER	509.00
RAFFLE	2,495.00
LAKE OF TORCHES RESORT (252 TICKETS SOLD)	<u>1,680.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6454.00

	<u>EXPENSES</u>
FISHING PRIZE MONEY	750.00
OK PRINTING	146.65
TOMAHAWK LEADER ADS	357.30
RAFFLE ITEMS	627.30
LAKE OF TORCHES	460.60
1 st PLACE CASH	300.00
2 nd PLACE CASH	200.00
WJJQ RADIO	100.00
FOOD & BEER	430.46
PETE'S PUMP	<u>84.40</u>
TOTAL	\$3756.71
PROFIT	\$2697.29

(2007's profit was \$517.93)

2008 Alice in Winterland Fishing Winners

Walleye

Austyn Booth	23"
Luke Powers	18 ½
Andy Wiese	18 ½

Northern Pike

Allen Towne	30 ½
Bob Schoone	29 ½
Travis Lau	29 ½

Blue Gill

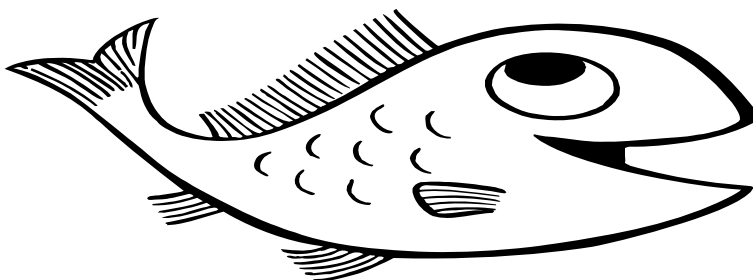
Claude Mackay	9"
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Bill Bialecki	9"

Crappie

Ken Lewandowski	13 ¼
Kurt Cordova	12 ¾
Bill Bialecki	12 ½

Perch

Kyle Renn	12 ¼
Greg Pence	11 ¼
Judy Kuntz	11 ¼



Alice in Winterland 2009 Raffle Tickets now on sale

Raffle tickets for the 2009 fisheree are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased at Lake Alice establishments, at the annual meeting, and from board members. First place is \$1,000, 2nd place is \$500, and 3rd place is \$250 with the drawing being February 7, 2009 at the Alice in Winterland fishing derby.

Alice in Winterland 2009- Prizes Needed

It's never too early to start thinking about the next Alice in Winterland fishing contest. In order to make the event profitable raffle prizes, kids prizes, and other donations are needed. Please consider donating. If you have items they may be brought to the annual meeting or contact can be made with any board member throughout the year.

Lake Alice Website

Did you know that the Lake Association has its own website? At the annual meeting Jani Larson came forward and volunteered to put together a website to enable the association to communicate better with its members and other interested parties. Feel free to visit the website at www.lakealice.ws if you have suggestions for information or links that could be included on the website feel free to send them to Jani.

Members Still Needed

Whether you live on the lake, in the surrounding area, or just enjoy the water sports that Lake Alice has to offer your assistance is needed in many ways to preserve the lake and its habitat. Please consider joining the association if your membership has expired, if you have picked this newsletter up at one of the many Tomahawk locations, or if you have received one of our special mailings. Please look at contributing your time to the efforts. A membership form is located on the last page of the newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Lake Alice Association Apparel

Did you know the Lake Alice Association logo is available on various clothing items and hats? Sherrie Krohn who is the owner of Oak Ridge Embroidery & Gifts has provided items to members for several years. She is located at N10902 Spring Creek Dr., Tomahawk, WI and her store is open from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday during most of the year. She may also be reached by phone at 715-453-5694 or via e-mail at sherriek@newnorth.net or view her web sit at www.shopoakridgegifts.com Please show your support for the association by proudly wearing the association logo and supporting your local Tomahawk businesses.

Natural Resources Board Members Names/Addresses

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Lake-Friendly Lawn Care Tips

Before you fertilize, test your soil (every 3 - 5 years is usually adequate) to see what it really needs. Sampling instructions and forms are available at: <http://uwlabs.soils.wisc.edu/>

Maximize infiltration by creating places for water to soak into the soil and reducing impervious surfaces on your property. Rain gardens and buffer areas are simple ways to capture and cleanse runoff water and add beauty to your yard. Learn more from publication at: <http://clean-water.uwes.edu/pubs/index.htm>

Minimize land disturbance during construction to reduce erosion and soil compaction. The most effective ways to reduce soil compaction after construction are: aeration, amending the soil with compost, and replanting with deep rooted grasses, shrubs, and trees. For more, see the publications about impervious surfaces and shoreland development at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/pubs-other.html>

The Water's Edge

For tips on how to keep your lake property beautiful while preserving water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat download the free brochure *The Waters Edge*. This handy publication is available online at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/documents/watersedge.pdf>

Invasive Species Awareness Month

What is Invasive Species Awareness Month (ISAM)? ISAM is a statewide campaign aimed at education the public about invasive species and the threat they pose to Wisconsin's natural and managed lands. It isn't just about learning - the goal is to motivate people to change their behaviors. For more information visit: <http://invasivespecieswi.gov>

A Flash from the Past

Taken from a Lake Alice Maps and Lake Information Booklet
Running Inventory - Lake Alice - Lincoln County 1985

Introduction Lake Alice is a 1,369 acre reservoir having a maximum depth of 32 feet. It is located on the Wisconsin River near Tomahawk. The reservoir is created by the King's Dam owned and operated by the Tomahawk Power Company.

The lake was originally surveyed during 1949 and a comprehensive study was completed in 1977. Walleye stocking was terminated in 1969 because of high levels of mercury in the fish. The 1977 report recommended walleye fingerling stocking when water quality improved sufficiently to allow human consumption. Musky stocking was discontinued because of poor survival.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate changes in the fishery since 1977 and assess the need for management activities.

Results A total of 492 northern pike, 187 walleye, 47 largemouth bass, 7 smallmouth bass, and 2 muskellunge were measured during this study. Mark and recapture estimates of the walleye and northern pike populations were made using fyke netting and electro fishing data. Lake Alice contains an estimated 0.7 walleye and 1.5 northern pike per surface acre. No estimates of other game fish populations could be made. The major panfish species, in descending order of abundance, were: yellow perch, bullhead, blue gill, and black crappie. Overall, growth of fish in Lake Alice was good. All species were growing at an average or above rate for northern Wisconsin lakes.

Natural reproduction appears to be adequate and growth was good. More than 11% of the fish sampled exceeded 27 inches in length and trophy-sized northern pike were fairly common. Protection of spawning habitat from destruction is the only management activity needed.

The number of walleye in the 1982 sample was disappointing. Although size distribution and growth were good, the number of fish in the sample and estimated population (0.7 fish/acre) were both quite low. The sampling period coincided with the spawning period and it is possible that a significant part of the population migrated up the Wisconsin River for spawning. However, catches from nets set at the upper reaches of the flowage did not indicate a major movement of fish either into or out of the reservoir. It is obvious that natural reproduction has occurred, as stocking was discontinued in 1969 and the population has been maintained. However, walleye spawning habitat appeared to be of low quality and potential recruitment may be low. The lake appears to be capable of supporting a greater biomass of walleye and alternate year stocking of walleye fingerlings is recommended. The DNR planted 68,450 walleye in 1983.

Physically, Lake Alice looks like good largemouth bass water. Because of difficulties in sampling largemouth bass, the lake most likely contains a greater bass population than the data indicates. The size distribution of the sample was good and some fish reach trophy sizes. No management for this species is needed at this time.

Smallmouth bass and muskellunge appear to be incidental species. During the 1977 and 1982 sampling, only three muskellunge were measured. Because of the established high quality northern pike population, management for muskellunge is not recommended. Smallmouth bass will most likely continue to maintain a relatively low density population. Habitat conditions for smallmouth bass are very good in the river above the lake and no management is needed or recommended.

Lake Alice contains a high quality panfish population with all species reaching desirable sizes. Yellow perch and bullhead populations were the dominant species and appear to have the greatest potential for developing nuisance levels. No management is needed. Some potential for bullhead harvest does exist; however, there was considerable opposition to bullhead harvest during the 1960's. Before any program would be established, some measure of public sentiment would be advisable.

Discussion Overall, the fish population in Lake Alice contained good numbers of desirable sized fish. Natural reproduction has occurred for all the major species and appears adequate to maintain a fishable population. The lake contained a good quality panfish population made up of several species. Northern pike were the dominant gamefish in numbers and biomass. The estimated population of 1.5 fish per acre is within the range found in other north central Wisconsin lakes.

November Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andrea Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer

11/10/07 Lake Alice Assoc board meeting held at 9:00 am

***Minutes from the 2007 Annual meeting will be available at the June 21, 2008 annual meeting.

Bruce, Neil, Mike, Mike T., Joe & Gerri, Glenn, Linda and Andrea present. Neil discussed the warm water committee meeting and the good response we received regarding the resolution to close the river. It should come up at the spring hearing. We need to get as many people there as possible to vote. This is state wide so we should contact everyone we know through out the state to attend.

There was an Andrea/Glenn motion to join Tomahawk Fishing Unlimited and the WI Council of Sport Fishing Organization. All ayes

Mike Sigl has not received any reply from the Krull family regarding the sale of the island and what the association was proposing. He may contact Bill Voigt who may know something that may help. (since this board meeting Mr. Krull passed away)

Jani Larsen is putting the web site together and we are linked with the Tomahawk Chamber. We need to get her info on the winners from the August outing and what fish were all caught. Give her info regarding upcoming events, new members etc .

Need to monitor the VHS virus that DNR is concerned about and any aquatic invasive species that the members may see on our lake. We should list the numbers for them to call on our web site. At this time the board will not be pursuing a grant for AIS due to the lack of funds granted and the cost to the lake association. The lake association is now a member of the Lincoln County River and Lakes Association. This association was formed to keep lake associations informed and to work with the associations and Lincoln Co. It hopefully will give more power to the lake associations in working with the county and DNR. Hank Michaud is vice president of the LCRAL Association.

Alice in Winterland is coming up on 2/2/08. We need to get posters to all the bars, see about the beer distributors advertising. Get posters out after the holidays. Joe and Hank will start asking for donations for the door prizes. Andrea will talk to Terry about doing the food. He has always done a good job. Need to check the generator to make sure it is ready. Workers would like coffee, need signs for menu, plastic gloves for serving food, need to check supplies in trailer. See if Megan Weise will do raffle boards again. Hopefully weather will be a little warmer than last year. We have a few large items for raffle but are in need of more. Maybe the members can also seek donations from businesses and people that they know. Anyone with a donation should contact a board member so that we can keep track of the items. Will ask Wayne Allen to plow again. He does a good job and knows what we want. Will put a notice in the paper 2 weeks before event. We need volunteers for this event. Andrea will contact Phil Zipp and Greg Zipp to see if they will be able to help out as they have in the past.

Board will meet again on January 5th to discuss progress with Alice in Winterland and anything else that may come up. Meeting was adjourned about 12:00 pm

Membership Renewals

Members may renew for up to five years at one time at a cost of \$10.00 per year. The expiration date of your membership will now be reflected on top of your mailing label.

Renew your membership or pass this form on to a friend and encourage them to become a member of the Lake Alice Association! Complete the following and remit \$10.00 per year for up to five years. Lake Alice Association memberships run from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.

Send membership form and payment to: Andrea Michaud, Lake Alice Association Secretary/Treasurer, N10290 South Pine Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487 (make checks payable to the Lake Alice Association)

(Membership form)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ to renew my membership for _____ years.

Check box if you want newsletter delivered via email. E-mail address _____

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