

NAMAKAGON

WINTER 2017-18



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NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

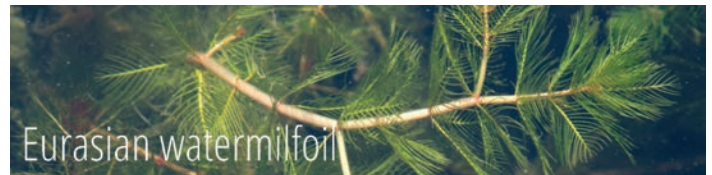
FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings to all NLA Members;

Welcome to the Namakagon Lake Association website. I am Jim DeRoma, the recently appointed president of the lake association. My wife Dianne and I have been on the lake for 12 years and recently retired to our lake home and I am really excited to work toward making our lake community thrive and keeping our lake safe and clean.

2018 is going to be a critical year for the lake. In late 2016 the DNR identified milfoil in the bay at Lakewood's resort. Quick action was taken by the board to control the milfoil—in spring 2017 it was hand pulled and chemically treated as soon as the ice went out. Throughout this past summer it was monitored and only a few weeds were found. The treatment did not hurt any of the good weeds in Lakewood's bay. We continue to monitor their bay as well as other parts of the lake.

The lake association is hiring Harmony Environmental Services to help us put a 24 month lake aquatic plant management plan together.



Eurasian watermilfoil

Powered by volunteers, the Namakagon Lake Association is continually working to protect our lake and enhance the outdoor experience for those who share it.

In 2018 we will need 12 volunteers for an aquatic plant management committee representing various interests on the lake. Public involvement is a necessary component of the development of this management plan. This involves only three meetings throughout the year.

Come join us and help guarantee that our Lake Namakagon will always remain a beautiful lake. Get involved with us in actively preserving Lake Namakagon. You can get ahold of me at dijidato@gmail.com or my land line 715-794-2403.

Jim DeRoma
President

Namakagon Lake Association

2018 MEETING DATES

- **APRIL 21ST** NLA MEETING
- **MAY 19TH** NLA MEETING
- **JUNE 9TH** NLA MEETING
- **JULY 21ST** NLA MEETING
- **AUGUST 18TH** NLA ANNUAL MEETING
- **SEPTEMBER 22ND** NLA MEETING

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT 9:00AM
AT THE NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL**

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Jim DeRoma	(715) 794-2403
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Co-Secretary:	Linda Fischer	(715) 794-2166
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Email board members: board@nlaonline.org

Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org



To view minutes of recent meetings of the NLA please see...

<http://nlaonline.org/namakagonlakeassociationnewslettersminutes.html>

LOON REPORT 2017

What an amazing year for loons. Despite challenges of weather and water levels, loons flourished on the Lake Namekagon chain this year. There were 4 separate successful nests. Sugar Bay loons hatched first, with "channel loons" last in July. In between Funnys Bay and Jackson Lake also produced two loonlings. While nests were seen in other areas, they were not successful. Amazingly, I believe 6 of the 8 loonlings survived. As the summer came to an end, I continued to scout the lake, but had difficulty knowing if all 6 survived to head south. Early fears about the impact of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on our population of the common loon appear not to have resulted in fewer numbers or successful reproduction. Now that Janice Porter has moved from the area, there is an opportunity for an interested individual to get Loon Ranger training. If interested contact Denise Dupras (dupermd1@aol.com) for more information.



From Greg's Kitchen comes...

VENISON PEPPER STEAK

- 1 lb venison round steak
- 3 tblsp flour
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup thin sliced red+green peppers
- 1 tblsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 1 cup beef broth



- 1/2 cup slice onion
- 1 tblsp ketchup

Pound steaks with meat mallet. Combine flour, black pepper, salt, coriander in shallow pan. Dredge steaks in flour mixture. Heat 1 tblsp oil in pan to hot, brown steaks on both sides, then add onion. Reduce heat to simmer, add broth, wine, Worcestershire and ketchup. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Add mushrooms and peppers and simmer 1 hour, adding liquid if necessary.

Remove steaks and thicken gravy with flour and water. Serve with mashed potatoes and your favorite vegetable. Enjoy!

GRANT UPDATE

Jim Krueger

Hope all of you had a great summer. As I am writing this we are enjoying 70 degree weather in late October, which is great weather for cleaning leaves and needles, putting boats away and pulling docks.

This past summer the NLA and Town of Namakagon funded over 580 hours of landing supervision not including the time that the Northland College students put in this summer. Those hours were put in by local people hired and trained by the NLA and Town of Namakagon to supervise the Lakewoods, County Highway "D", and Funny's Bay landings. A big thank you to Jackie Holm for coordinating the work schedule for the coordinators.

We had DNR grants totaling more than \$9000 to cover the cost of this project. The bill for supervision hours put in by the Northland College students will come later this fall. A lot of information was given out to boaters using the landings and our inspectors did not find any violations. All landing inspections are filed and sent into the DNR, and this information is available in the DNR web-site under Clean Boats, Clean Waters.

I will be writing grant requests for money to fund all three of these landings again next year.

The NLA board has approved an update to the cameras at the Lakewoods and "D" boat landings. This will help our camera observers with a clearer picture and the updated cameras will only pick up boats and vehicles passing, not people, ducks, dogs, geese, and all the other pictures our observers had to sift through when monitoring the cameras.

Our Rapid Response Grant still has plenty of money in it to be used for milfoil eradication and the grant is in effect for another year. At the request of the DNR, we will be hiring an engineering firm to do an in depth evaluation of the whole chain to try to get a handle on where there may be other areas of the milfoil around the chain. All of the volunteer work that was done this summer and fall doing hand pulls in Lakewoods Marina and by the Birch Point Road bridge help count as "in kind" hours and cuts down on the amount the NLA pays towards the grant. Most likely the NLA will not have to pay out any money due to our great group of volunteers. Thanks to all of you.

That is all for now, have a great winter. Think Snow!





NLA THANK YOU'S

The NLA would like to acknowledge and thank for all their hard work:

- Jackie Holm, Landing Supervision Coordinator
- Ed Hilz, Camera Monitor at Lakewoods.
- John Schneider, Larry Everhart, Dick Hemsey, Wendy Wethington, Mary Young and her 2 children, Greg Dehring, Jim DeRoma, Andy Teal, Bayfield County Invasive Species Coordinator, and Pamela Toschner from the DNR: Milfoil inspectors and hand pulling helpers.
- Phil and Cathy Rasmussen from Lakewoods for donating the use of a pontoon 2 times for our inspectors/pullers.
- Amanda Staudemeyer for allowing us to use the Four Seasons parking lot and docks as a staging area for our milfoil pull.

Check our website for
current information and updates
www.nlaonline.org

The screenshot shows the website for the Namakagon Lake Association. At the top is the logo with a loon and the text 'NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home, Newsletters & Minutes, Our Lake, Courtesy Code, Photo Gallery, Links, Important Dates, Contact Us. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'In the Spotlight' with a link to the Summer 2016 Newsletter; 'We've added a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) link for your convenience!'; 'WI DNR Lake Info Link'; 'NLA membership dues follow the calendar from January 1 to December 31 of each year.'; 'NLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and members may take appropriate deductions.'; 'Additional contributions are always welcomed and members will be reminded of our 5013c status on the renewal blank that will go out with the next newsletter.'; 'There is also a "member renewal blank" that may be downloaded from this website.'; 'MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION' with a form icon; '2018 NLA Meeting Dates' listing April 21st, May 19th, June 9th, July 21st, and August 18th - Annual Meeting September 22nd; 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T' with sub-sections: RESPECT: The rights of others.; ENVIRONMENT: Enjoy wildlife from a distance.; SAFETY: Heed the boating regulations - go slowly.; PEACE: Watch your noise and your wake.; ENJOY: Have fun - share the moments with your friends.; CONSIDER: Other people and creatures on the lake.; TRASH: Take your trash home.; 'Important Dates' with a calendar icon; and 'NLA 2018 Meeting Dates' with a calendar icon.

NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP

News from a new citizen-volunteer river organization working to celebrate and conserve the upper Namekagon River.

<http://namekagon.org/>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STOP Help Stop... the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.
- Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.
- Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake
- Please *immediately report* any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for profit organization that relies on the contributions and membership fees of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
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NLA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE AT THIS TIME.

NLA DUES RUN WITH THE CALENDAR YEAR *JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31*****

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

Membership Due Annually on Calendar Year Basis (January 1 to December 31)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (Per Person) # _____ X \$20 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Watcher .. # _____ X \$25 = _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (Max 2 votes) \$25 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Loon Lover # _____ X \$50 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Steward # _____ X \$100 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeper of the Lake # _____ X \$200 = _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: # _____ X _____ = _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

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