



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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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. Topics include:

"Alice in Winterland" event information

Krull Island Update

Association Website

Update on closing fishing season on the lake

Membership Update

2008 Annual Meeting Information

November Board Meeting Minutes

Alice in Winterland

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

On-the-Ice at Anglers Ln.

Come join us on the ice for the 10th annual family fishing event on Lake Alice. The Lake Alice Association is currently preparing for the event and gathering raffle and kid prizes. This event is the largest fundraiser for the association for the year. It is designed to be a fun day for family and friends on the ice. Food, refreshments, and prizes will be plentiful.

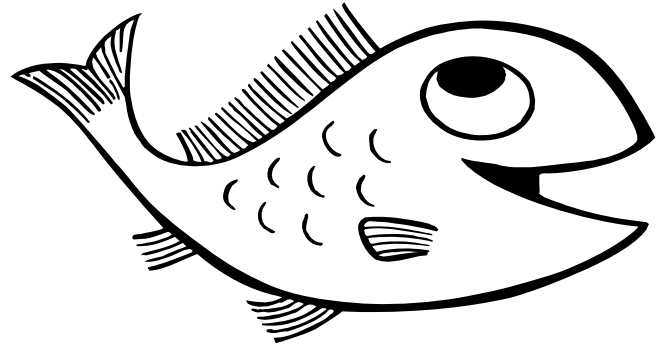
Fishing Event General Raffle

General raffle prizes are still being added daily. The assigning of prizes will begin with the largest prize being assigned to the first draw and so on. We want to assure that all who registered get an opportunity to win the largest prize. All winners will be posted on the board located at the registration trailer. In addition we will have other opportunities to win items as stated below.



Alice in Winterland Fishing Derby Rules

1. Entry Fee - \$10.00 per family which includes 2 drawing prize coupons and two kid prize coupons. Additional adult tickets are \$5.00.
2. All fish caught must comply with current Wisconsin Fishing Regulations.
3. Fisherman must register before fishing. Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. with winners being announced at 3:00 p.m.
4. Fish must be registered by 3:00 p.m. with only live fish being counted. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please register fish as soon as possible after catching.
5. Fish will be registered by length and species. In case of a tie the first fish registered will determine the winner.
6. A Derby Official must register all fish.
7. **CASH** prizes will be given for the following categories: **NORTHERN, WALLEYE, PERCH, CRAPPIE, AND BLUEGILL/SUNFISH.** Prize amounts will be determined by the number of entries. Fisherman must be present to win.



Volunteers Needed to assist with "Alice in Winterland"

Volunteers are always needed to assist in making the annual fishing contest a success and assist with other activities during the course of the year. If interested in assisting in any way please call any of the association board members located on the first page.

Krull Island Update

By Board Member Mike Sigl

We sent Duane Krull a letter last spring to see if he would be interested in selling the island on Lake Alice that is known as Krull Island. Our idea was to put it into public ownership in order to preserve it for the future. Our first letter received no response so a follow up letter was sent. We still did not receive a response from Mr. Krull. After hours of searching on the internet I learned that Mr. Krull had passed away in July.

More searching yielded the name of his daughter in Pasadena, CA. She was contacted by phone and stated that at this time there was no interest in selling the island. She has all the information that was sent by me and she said she would contact the association if she decides to sell. After a year and a half of work, we finally have our answer. With this being the end of the project for me I would just like to thank all of the assoc members for all the e-mails, information, and phone calls. Feel free to email me, Mike Sigl at gbfdcapt4b@yahoo.com, or call 715-224-2093 if you have questions.

Lake Alice Website is up and running

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.

Proposal for Lake Alice Fishing Rule Change

By Neil Pietenpol, Board Member

DNR Rule Change and Proposal for Lake Alice at the April of 2008 Spring Hearing. In this letter we will try to explain the process as we understand it. As you remember, we were working on a rule change for a slot size on Walleye as well as a proposal for the regular season (not year round) for game fish on the Wisconsin River from Rhinelander down through Lake Alice. Both were forwarded to the DNR statewide review team for consideration.

The proposal for a regular Wisconsin inland season, 1st Saturday in May to the first Saturday in March for game fish and 0 bag, catch and release for Bass until the 3rd Saturday in June from Rhinelander Dam to Kings Dam passed and will be voted on at the Spring Hearings.

The slot size proposal was 14" to 18" on Walleye with a 3 fish limit. You could have 2 fish under 14" and 1 over 18" or 3 fish 14" or under. This will be coming up now as a Conservation congress resolution. Our committee will try to get it bumped up to a DNR rule change for 2009.

We feel the change to a regular fishing season, like the rest of the state will help our fishery the most. This will eliminate the tremendous amount of fishing pressure on a small section of the Wisconsin River and Lake Alice when the Walleye, Northern, and Smallmouth bass are spawning.

With the invasion of Invasive Aquatic Species, VHS, Shoreland Development, and change in water quality, we should at least try to preserve our fishery so that the next generation can enjoy the wonderful recreation opportunities on Lake Alice and the Wisconsin River.

With all your help and support we have advanced further in the process than anyone has in the past. Years of work from those before us and the countless hours from the present board members will be lost if all of us do not get out and vote at the 2008 and 2009 DNR Spring Hearings. We CAN'T do this alone. Please help and get out and vote!

You don't have to be a resident of Lincoln County to vote on this DNR rule change and the Conservation Congress resolution. It is a statewide election open to all 72 counties. Find the rule change and resolution in the booklets at your local spring hearing and ask that it be read and that they be voted in favor of the change.

Proposal for Lake Alice Fishing Rule Change-Continued

We are getting excellent cooperation and guidance from the DNR fishery specialist Steven Avelallemant of Rhinelander, John Kubisiak who is the DNR biologist from Rhinelander, and Dave Seibel who is the fish biologist out of Antigo. Our committee will be having another meeting soon with Dave Seibel and of the DNR fishery personnel. We will work on keeping informed of the latest developments. The spring hearings will be at 7 PM on April 14. The Lincoln County hearing has been at the Tomahawk Middle School the last 5 years or so. It will probably be there again this year. Your comments and support is appreciated. See you at the Spring Hearings.

Questions that you will see at the Spring Hearing

Question ? - Open Season on Lake Alice, Hat Rapids Flowage, and the connecting portion of the Wisconsin River

Make open seasons on the portion of the Wisconsin River system from Rhinelander Paper Mill (St. Regis) Dam downstream to Kings Dam, including Hat Rapids Flowage and Lake Alice consistent with other inland waters in northern Wisconsin. This change would protect gamefish from harvest during spawning in March and April. This encompasses about 22 miles of the Wisconsin River system.

The angling season on this stretch of the Wisconsin River has been open continuously for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye since 1970 while all surrounding waters are subject to the general inland open seasons for northern Wisconsin for these species. At that time, the river was highly polluted, and closed seasons were not needed to protect fish that people either did not want to eat or couldn't safely eat. The Wisconsin River has undergone a dramatic restoration in response to cleanup mostly due to the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972. It now supports improved populations of fish that are safe for human consumption. However, many anglers believe that high exploitation during spawning seasons when all surrounding waters are closed for gamefish is impacting abundance and size structure, especially of bass and walleye. The public voted in favor of a resolution to follow the same seasons as other inland waters in this part of the state by 78 and 71% margins at the 2007 Lincoln and Oneida County spring hearings, respectively.

Question: Do you favor making the open season on the Wisconsin River system from Kings Dam (Lake Alice) upstream to the St. Regis Dam (Rhinelander Paper Mill) consistent with the general inland open season in northern Wisconsin? For largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye, this would change the open season from continuous to the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March. In addition, the daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass would be 0 (catch and release only) from the first Saturday in May through the Friday before the third Saturday in June.

Please contact any of the members below with questions, comments, or to give assistance.

--Neil Pietenpol 715-612-6302

--Glenn Mott 715-453-7378 glenn.mott@yahoo.com

--Mike Sigl gbfdcapt46@yahoo.com

Membership Increase

The board of directors decided to make the January of 2007 newsletter a mass mailing to as many property owners around Lake Alice as possible. A great deal of time was spent hand

addressing newsletters to property owners who were not association members. It paid off! Membership has increased from the previous 130 to a record high of 216 last spring and is still climbing. Please let your neighbor, friend, or fishing buddy know about the association so they can decide if they would like to join.

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.



E-mail Addresses Still Needed

Lake issues seem to come up often and in order to get the needed support on issues contacting association members quickly can be invaluable. We would like to gather as many e-mail addresses as possible so updates on issues can be sent quickly. Sending out more newsletters via e-mail also will assist the association with mailing costs. Addresses will be put in the membership data base and will not be given to anyone outside of the association. Please send a short e-mail to kmtuelle@gdfarm.com so your address can be logged into our data base.

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.

Next Annual Meeting - June of 2008

In an effort to maximize participation at the annual meeting last year the lake association board elected to move the annual meeting off of Memorial Day weekend and moved it to early

June. The annual meeting was very well attended so therefore the meeting will again be held in June. Please watch the May newsletter for the Saturday in June and the location for this years annual meeting.

November Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andrea Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer

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

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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