

## 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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# Alice in Winterland Ice Fishing Debry, On-the-Ice at Anglers Ln. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010

Come join us on the ice for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Information**

Location: on the ice at the Anglers Ave boat landing

**Registration**: pre-register on Friday evening at Pine Pointe Resort or the day of the event starting at 7:00 a.m. at the association trailer

Fishing Contest Hours: 7:00am to 3:00pm

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

Fish Categories: Walleye, Crappie, Perch, Northern and Bluegill

**Pay-out**: 1st \$75.00, 2nd \$50.00, 3rd \$25.00 (in each category)

#### Fishing Guidelines

1. All fish caught must comply with current Wisconsin Fishing Regulations.

2. Fisherman must register before fishing. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with winners being announced at 3:00 p.m.

 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.

4. Fish will be registered by length and species. In case of a tie the first fish registered will determine the winner.

5. A Derby Official must register all fish.

6. Fisherman must be present to win.

This event is sponsored by the members of the Lake Alice Association, Inc. (any questions please call Dave at 715-224-2565 or Hank at 714-453-4883)

**Door Prizes** will be given out through-out the day. Tickets will be drawn and winning numbers will be posted at the registration trailer. Your door prize ticket is given at the time of registration.

Kid Prizes all kids who register a fish will be allowed to pick out a prize from a kid-friendly selection. We encourage all kids to participate.

General Raffle Prizes include but are not limited to the following:

Gas Ice Auger Portable Generator Fish Trap Ice Shelter Underwater Fish Cam

KingKooker Deep Fryer Pak-Shack Ice Shelter Otter Ice Sled

Digital Fish Scale Plano Storage Trunks and many more items

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. Winning prize tickets

will be drawn and announced right after the fishing contest winners are announced. Winning numbers and unclaimed prized will be located at Pine Point Resort until the end of the day of Sunday February  $7^{th}$ .

Several Card Raffles- Each card raffle will have 52 card sold for either \$2.00, \$5.00, or \$10.00 depending on the prize associated with the raffle. Three or four card raffles will be run the day of the event with examples of prizes being: a Velxar, Ice Auger, Booze Baskets, and one other raffle prize yet to be determined.



Special Raffle (limited number of tickets to be sold) 1st PRIZE \$1,000, 2ND PRIZE \$ 500, 3RD PRIZE \$250 (need not be present to win)

#### Raffle Tickets to Benefit Association

Raffle tickets for the "Special Raffle" mentioned above were sent out to all members in November. Please consider purchasing tickets and selling to your friends and neighbors. The special raffle was very successful last year and allowed us to pay for the start of our Lake Management Plan. Proceeds will continue to be used for expenses related to the development of the comprehensive lake management plan.

#### Volunteers Needed to assist with "Alice in Winterland"

One hour of your time is all that is needed to assist your association and to ensure "Alice in Winterland" is successful. Assistance is always needed serving concessions, selling general raffle tickets, setting up and cleaning up at the end of the day. If interested in assisting please contact a board member to sign up for a time slot.

#### Prizes Donations for "Alice in Winterland"

As an organization we are always looking to make our programs a success and conserve as much as we can of the associations money. To conserve money we rely partially on donations for prizes at our annual fishing event. If you are aware of a source we can contact for prizes or if you are willing to make a prize donation please give Michael and Kris Toelle a call at 715-824-5383 or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:kmtoelle@gdfarm.com">kmtoelle@gdfarm.com</a> Donated items can be used for the current year's event or for the following year so donations can be made at anytime. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



#### Lake Alice Website - new site location

Lake Alice Association has its own website but in the past few months the address has changed. The previous site <a href="www.lakealice.ws">www.lakealice.ws</a> is no longer working and the new site is <a href="www.lakealice.info">www.lakealice.info</a>. For those who tried to enter the old site you may have noticed it was often offline. To enable the association to communicate better with its members and



other interested parties we felt a new site location was needed. Feel free to visit the website at <a href="https://www.lakealice.info">www.lakealice.info</a> and feel free to send suggestions, information, or links that our members could benefit from.

#### Lake Management Plan off to a good start

On September 17, 2009, Dr Dean Premo from White Water Associates led a group of Tomahawk High School students on a field trip to Lake Alice. This outing was part of the cooperative effort with The Lake Alice Association and forty Tomahawk HS students as stated in the Lake Planning Grant. Key features of the lake were viewed and interpreted. Shoreline assessments were conducted and water quality sampling was demonstrated. In addition, students took notes on the outing and digital photographs so once they were back at school multi-media presentations could be developed. Eight pontoon boat owners volunteered their services to take the teachers, students, and Dr. Premo for an educational boat ride around the lake. After the pontoon trip we all enjoyed a tasty meal at Pine Pointe Resort. Picture related to the trip can be found on the association web site. <a href="https://www.lakealice.info">www.lakealice.info</a>.

Dean Premo, Ph.D., President of White Water Associates, Inc. has completed the Lake Alice Phase I Report and submitted it to the Lake Alice Association Board. According to Dr. Premo, "The purpose for preparing a plan for Lake Alice is four-fold: (1) educate Lake Alice users and stakeholders regarding the Lake Alice ecosystem and surrounding landscape; (2) engage Lake Alice users and stakeholders and professional resource managers in the study and management of the Lake Alice ecosystem; (3) integrate the various aspects of Lake Alice management into a single plan; and (4) restore, where possible, and protect, where necessary, those elements of the Lake Alice ecosystem that serve to perpetuate a healthy, functioning aquatic ecosystem." In the next four years of work on Lake Alice, we anticipate conducting additional water quality sampling, near-shore habitat assessments, vegetation survey, AIS assessment, public education, lake user survey, and riparian area assessment.

Since the fish community is an integral part of the Lake Alice ecosystem and a focus of Lake Alice recreation, we want to carefully consider and include the WDNR's collective knowledge of Lake Alice and associated waters. We also want to understand and present the WDNR's fishery management goals for Lake Alice as a component of the integrated Lake Alice plan. This will help ensure that management actions proposed in the adaptive plan are compatible with WDNR goals for Lake Alice.

Phase 2 of the lake plan in currently under development and has been submitted to the state for approval. A synopsis of Phase 2 is located on the association website. It will take a great deal of involvement and volunteers over the next three years to develop the results. Please check out the Phase 2 link at <a href="https://www.lakealice.info">www.lakealice.info</a>.

#### History - The Naming of "Lake Alice"

Information found by Andrea and Hank Michaud Reprinted from <u>The Tomahawk</u> dated August 12, 1911

Lake Alice - Many names have been suggested for the name of Tomahawk's new lake above the King Dam, but the name which meets with the approval of a great majority of those interested in naming this beautiful sheet of water is Lake Alice. This name was suggested by a number of the men who worked on the construction of the new dam and this is their reason for making the suggestion: One day last summer the Misses Alice, Dorothy and Laura Tweedy, after watching the men at work for a time decided to try their luck at fishing. Miss Alice had a place above the dam as her fishing place, while the two other young ladies fished below the dam. Miss Alice was favored with the best luck and when the two other young ladies discovered this one of them said "Let's go and fish in Alice's lake." The workmen heard this and from then on many of the men referred to the water above the dam as Lake Alice. So here's all kinds of good luck to Alice while fishing at Lake Alice in the future and may the lake always remain as beautiful as it is at the present time.

### History - How did "King's Dam" get its Name!

Article originally submitted to the Tomahawk Leader by Mayme Wipperfurth
Charles King was of Indian and Canadian French extraction, but the Indian part
predominated. He was a typical lumberjack, or "River Rat," as they were known in the early
days. He was a skilled workman at handling logs on the drivers. He made his living working hard
and then spending freely.

Charlie made his home about five miles east of Tomahawk on Bass Lake Road, which is now known as County Trunk D, or the Harrison Road. He liked his freedom and he lived the life of a

hermit. He finally had to be taken to the Lincoln County home because he was very crippled and rheumatism.

His little log shack was the plainest, about twelve feet or less. The odor was musty and smoky. He has a small bunk made of logs and a few boards, with straw for a mattress. The low cook stove in the corner also served as a heater.

A few boards nailed to the wall served as a table, and a box served as a chair. There was one small window and another opening which led to a lean-to. This shanty was just big enough for Charlie and his dog.

He always dressed in the typical woodsman's clothes, which included a stocking cap in the winter with low-packs or moccasins.



Charlie was a shy person and talked very little. He liked his liquor and he usually went home talking to himself and very unsteady on his feet. His horse knew the way and as soon as he would lie on the makeshift sled, the horse started on his way. After his horse died, he walked to town, five miles each way. He carried his food in a grain sack thrown over his shoulder in the

summer, and in winter, he pushed a crude handmade sled. He was never troublesome in any way, and the children at St. Mary's School, especially missed seeing him after his death.

Charlie was one of the oldest residents of Tomahawk when he died in January, 1954 at the age of ninety years or more. His brother, Lisum King, with whom he had worked on log drives, preceded him in death in 1929 at the age of seventy. Breaking jams was very dangerous and Charlie and Lisum were known for their skill at this work. They weren't on speaking terms, but neither would work with anyone else when they were called upon to break a jam.

The name 'King' is a major part of early Tomahawk history, Kings Dam and Kings Road will always remind us of boom shanties, where logs were sorted and where the river was forded by settlers. The Kings had an inn, were Mrs. King served food to the travelers and log drivers. Kings Dam was built in 1909 and was named 'Kings Watermill' in honor of the King Family.

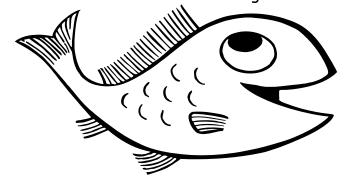
\*A very comprehensive document (34 pages) on the evolution and history of Lake Alice is located on www.lakealice.info.

# Lake Alice Fishing Rule Change on the Docket at December DNR Meeting

By Michael Toelle, Board Member

In December several Lake Alice Association Board Members attended a state wide DNR Warm Water Committee meeting of the Conservation Congress. The meeting covered possible changes in fishing regulations all around the state. The board members were at the meeting to voice

their disapproval of the question put forth that would reverse the decision to have Lake Alice and the Wisconsin River up to Rhinelander closed and conform with the rest of the Wisconsin fishing season. The proposal included opening up the area which was closed and instead implement size restrictions and reduce bag limits. The 30 person DNR Conservation Congress board



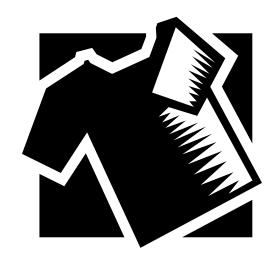
unanimously rejected the proposal which means it will not pass forward to the spring hearing. The new rules put in place last year will stay in place which means Lake Alice and waters upstream to Rhinelander will conform with the state season and will be closed until the statewide opening of fishing season in May.

#### E-mail Addresses Still Needed

We are still continuing to gather member e-mail addresses and would like to start sending out more newsletters via e-mail which would lower the associations 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 <a href="mailto:kmtoelle@gdfarm.com">kmtoelle@gdfarm.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sherriek@newnorth.net">sherriek@newnorth.net</a> or view her web sit at <a href="www.shopoakridgegifts.com">www.shopoakridgegifts.com</a> Please show your support for the association by proudly wearing the association logo and supporting your local Tomahawk businesses.



#### On the Look-out for AIS

Where do you go and what do you do if you find something "odd" in your lake and you think it might be an invasive? Good news, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has created a web site <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/ais/whattodo/">http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/ais/whattodo/</a> for folks to find out just what to do and where/how to send a specimen. Click on "It is a plant" or "It is an animal" depending upon what you find, then follow the step-by-stop procedures. Once the plant or animal is taken to the DNR, they will get the sample to the experts to verify the identification. Then, the plants will go to the herbarium and the animals will go to the zoological museum to be vouchered. This way, there will be a permanent record of the find. If you are just looking to see which lakes have an aquatic invasive species, visit <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/AIS/index.asp?folder=CLMN">http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/AIS/index.asp?folder=CLMN</a>. Thanks for being on the lookout for aquatic invasive.

#### Next Annual Meeting - June of 2010

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 year's annual meeting.



#### Membership Renewals

Lake Alice Association memberships run from July  $1^{st}$  to June  $30^{th}$  of the following year. When you receive your May newsletter the expiration date of your membership will be reflected on your mailing label.

Members may renew for up to five years at one time at a cost of \$10.00 per year. Renew your membership or pass this form on to a friend and encourage them to become a member of the Lake Alice Association! Send membership form and payment to our address listed below. Make checks payable to the "Lake Alice Association"

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