

Red Cedar Lakes Association Spring 2018 Newsletter

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President's Letter

For those of you that love winter activities ... you must have been in heaven this year!! I'm happy spring has finally arrived and summer is just around the corner – and that the Red Cedar Lakes Association (RCLA) Board is already in full swing. As a reminder, the mission of RCLA is **“To preserve and protect Red Cedar, Balsam and Hemlock Lakes, their watersheds and ecosystem”**. The RCLA Board has nine outstanding committees, who's purpose is to ensure we protect and improve our current watershed. The Board also works to anticipate that if and when RCLA is faced with a significant issue, they are prepared to meet it head on.

Over the past few years, RCLA's membership has declined substantially. In 2005, RCLA had 694 members and 12 years later, there are 524 members ... a 25% reduction. As a result, RCLA continues to tap into the same individuals to volunteer over and over. With that, I have two **CALLS TO ACTION** for each of you:

1. Please take time to talk with your neighbors or friends about the value and importance of joining and supporting RCLA. This organization needs everyone to support RCLA as a member now versus waiting until our lakes are faced with a serious issue.
2. RCLA has a continued need for volunteers to adequately staff the Board committees in order to fulfill the activities our lakes so desperately need to keep them pristine for future generations. I know that many of you would be willing to volunteer, but may not know the best way to reach out to the Board to understand the committees and what help is required. There are two easy ways to get involved as a volunteer: 1) reach out directly to the Chair of the Committee you are interested in, as all current contact information is available in this



Photo by Dave Peters, winner of the 2018 Loon Appreciation Week Poster contest

newsletter or on the RCLA website, or 2) send an email directly to me at vbausc@yahoo.com and I will ensure your interest and contact information is shared with the appropriate committee chairs. The RCLA Annual Meeting, July 14, is also an excellent place to learn about each committee and the critical activities they perform throughout the year. For those of you that already volunteer, I want to thank you again for taking time out of your already busy schedule and making such a difference in this great organization.

Board of Director Changes

Since the RCLA Annual Meeting last July, two committee chairs have elected to step away from their role due to other personal commitments. I would like to thank both David Vollar (Water Quality) and LuAnn McCannel (Membership) for the time they spent on board and what they did to move their respective committees forward. After much searching, the Board is thrilled to welcome our two new members:



Tim Lewis



Sue Sleik

- **Tim L. Lewis, PhD**, joins the board as Chair of the Water Quality Committee. Tim received a bachelor's degree in Biology from Augustan College in Illinois and received a masters and a PhD in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tim is currently employed at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota and is the Associate Vice Provost for Global Learning and Strategy as well as a Professor of Biology. His research includes long-term population studies of Midwestern turtles. He has taught over 20 different college courses from general biology to ecology, environmental science, and astrobiology. Tim

is also on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Boundary Waters. Tim and his wife Ruth, along with their four border collies, have a cabin on Balsam Lake. Other hobbies include canoeing, hiking and trolling the lakes looking for wildlife. Tim indicates he has a special skill – making the best gin and tonics around!

- **Sue Sleik** will Chair the Membership Committee. Sue was born and raised in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and married her husband Jon in 1974. She worked for Methodist Hospital supporting orthopedic doctors and retired in 1976 when she moved to Orlando, Florida. Sue and Jon bought their first place on Red Cedar Lake in 1988 where they would spend their summers until they returned to live on Red Cedar Lake in 1999. **Sue chaired the RCLA Membership Committee for 10 years** and has a great understanding of the role and mission of the Board. Sue is an active volunteer at the Birchwood Food Pantry, the Mikana Parade Committee, her church and the Red Cedar Community Choir. She enjoys gardening, traveling and spending time with their three children and nine grandchildren.

On behalf of the entire Board and RCLA membership, "welcome" and "thank you" to Tim and Sue for stepping forward to continue RCLA's rich history of volunteerism.

Valerie Bausch

President

Vice President's Letter

As mentioned in last Fall's Newsletter, the Board recommended that the Vice President role change from what has historically been an operational role to one that focuses on longer term strategies. I outlined three initiatives which we felt would have positive long term effects on our lakes. I will share the current status of these three initiatives; however, because they are more strategic and longer term in nature, there may not be an update in every spring and fall newsletter.

Red Cedar Watershed Project (RCWP)

I represent RCLA on the RCWP Committee, which is made up of individuals from the Wisconsin DNR, UW-Extension, municipalities, Barron, Sawyer and Dunn County land and soil conservation coordinators, UW-Stout, lakes associations and more. The members developed,

submitted and gained EPA and DNR approval on a ten-year plan to improve the water quality in the entire watershed. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) calls for a 67% reduction in phosphorous loading over the next ten years.

The plan is now in its third year of implementation, with several programs underway – including:

- farmer-led councils to expand best practices such as cover crop and no-till projects in the middle and lower watershed
- increased water quality testing on lakes and tributaries to better understand the key sources of phosphorous
- aquatic invasive species (AIS) management
- shoreline and tributary restoration projects

An example of RCWP's work is RCLA being awarded a new AIS Planning and Prevention Grant by the DNR (see Tom Goodwin's AIS update) to not only continue our efforts on Curley Leaf Pondweed control and other AIS prevention programs, but also to expand water quality testing on all of our tributaries in addition to our regular lake monitoring. This will help us update phosphorous loading sources and help to define best practices to address these issues going forward. These programs, grants and efforts are now occurring throughout the entire watershed.

Big Chetac and Birch Lake Association (BCBLA) Stakeholder Committee

BCBLA's objective in 2017 was to put together a five-year Lake Management Plan for Big Chetac, Birch and Little Birch lakes starting in 2018 through 2022. In order to obtain a variety of inputs and public comment, a Stakeholders Committee was formed with volunteers representing various key constituents such as local government boards (Town and Village of Birchwood and the Town of Edgewater), local resorts, BCBLA, RCLA, the Red Cedar Watershed Committee and lakeshore property owners.

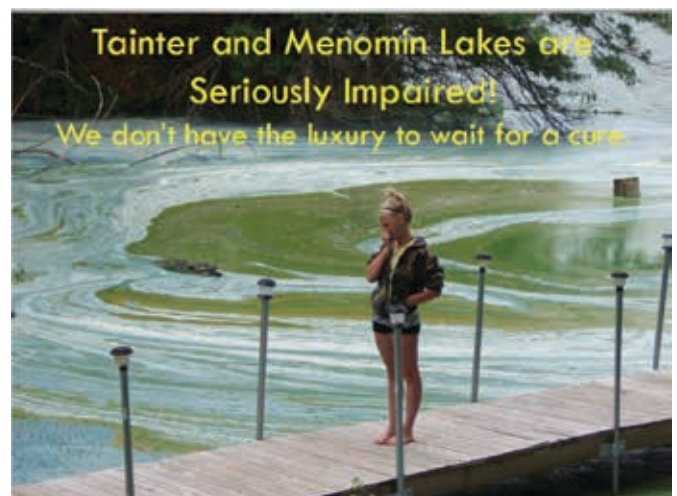
Meetings were conducted under the guidance of Dave Blumer (Lake Education and Planning Services). Meetings occurred monthly throughout the year to develop goals, objectives, actions and measurements. Several public meetings were also conducted, offering the opportunity for public input into the draft plan. Specifically, the key

strategies of the plan are: Improvement of Water Quality; Support of a Healthy, Diverse and Sustainable Fishery; Reduce and Manage AIS; Balance Lakes Use; Tracking, Monitoring and Modification of Management Strategies; Improve Collaboration Between Public, Local Government, Wisconsin DNR, RCLA, Red Cedar Watershed Committee; and BCBLA to achieve Shared Management Goals and Implement the Management Plan Effectively and Efficiently.

BCABLA received approval on its Lake Management Planning Grant and was funded to complete the following by June 30, 2019:

- Lake and tributary water quality testing
- Lake aquatic plant point intercept survey
- Shoreline habit evaluation
- Fishing surveys
- Stakeholder Committee support

Why is this important to RCLA and the entire watershed? An important element is that the headwaters of the Red Cedar Watershed flow into our lakes. Even more important, according to the last USGS Study in 2004, 39% of phosphorous coming into our lakes is coming from upstream. This is nearly three times larger than the next source. Helping BCABL Association will have a direct and large impact on our lakes and the entire watershed. Further, combining all lakes and tributary monitoring for both Associations will give us, for the first time ever, a complete picture of the northern portion of the Red Cedar Watershed.



RCLA Partnership with the Wisconsin Land Trust Organization (WLT)

This initiative involves partnering with WLT to explore the opportunity to implement land conservation trusts on parcels of undeveloped and not currently marketed land for the purpose of reducing residential and commercial development. This project has many benefits, highlighted by the reduction of phosphorous loading and maintaining/improving water quality. WLT is a non-profit organization and is supported by numerous national and state conservation organizations.

This project certainly fits the “long term” definition. Progress so far has been focused on determining potential land parcels, identifying land owners and their contact information, plat layouts, total lot acres, total lake frontage as well as initial discussions with WLT on process and next steps. If anyone has experience or a background in land conservation and is interested in joining me on this project, please give me a call at 715-354-7061.

Gerry Johnson
Vice President

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Greetings from your AIS Committee! During 2017, volunteers contributed their personal time at our lakes to assist in boats/landing monitoring, purple loosestrife control, AIS plant and animal monitoring out on the lakes, bed mapping of Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) and wild rice, CLP manual pulling and AIS education. In exchange for these volunteer hours, the Wisconsin DNR grant provided funding for the expenses associated with these tasks. The total dollars reimbursed to us in 2017 equaled almost \$6,000. Thank you to all volunteers who put in hours during 2017!

2017 marked the last year under the Control Grant extension with the Wisconsin DNR. During the fall of 2017 RCLA Board members worked with a consultant, Lake Education and Planning Services (LEAPS), to apply for a new Wisconsin DNR grant for AIS Education, Prevention & Planning for 2018. In addition, RCLA applied for a separate Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) grant. The **very good news** is that the RCLA received approval from the Wisconsin DNR for both of these grants. Outlined below is more detail on these grants and what activities these grants will enable RCLA to undertake in 2018.

2018 Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant

RCLA received a grant award in the amount of \$6,500 to facilitate the ongoing monitoring of the four busiest landings throughout the upcoming summer. These landings include Waldo Carlson Park, V & 48 landing,

Balsam Lake and Hemlock Lake.

Again this year, we will be partnering with the Boy Scouts and the Wisconsin Clean Boats Clean Waters program to monitor our public landings on all three lakes on the busiest weekends. Individuals from Rice Lake Boy Scout Troop 28, their Scout Master, and other volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 52, will be monitoring our landings on the fishing opener, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. In addition, they will be monitoring the landings on several



weekends when fishing tournaments will be held on our lakes. The Scouts educate boaters on aquatic plants/animals (both native and invasive); proper bait handling; proper bilge water, live well water and bait tank water handling; power loading of boats on trailers; etc. Through this grant RCLA is able to provide

funding to the Scouts and other volunteers for their efforts. This past fall the Scouts earned almost \$4,100 for their efforts with the Clean Boats Clean Waters program.

With the new grant, the AIS Committee will be working to expand the number of hours/weekends we are able to monitor our landings. This program continues to be extremely important to ensuring the health of our lakes.

2018 AIS Education, Planning & Prevention Grant

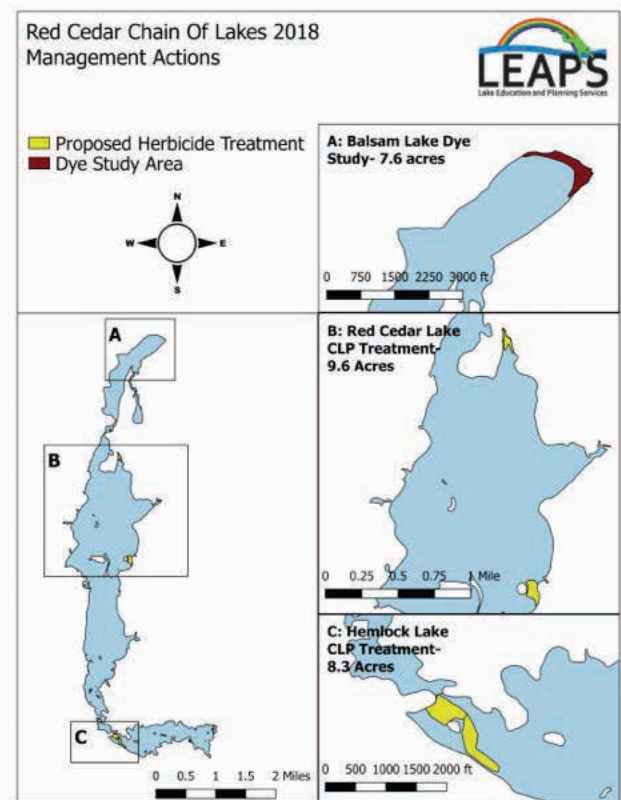
RCLA was fortunate to receive approval for a new grant for this coming year. The total grant amount is \$49,667. Of this amount, the Wisconsin DNR will be funding \$37,207 and RCLA is responsible for contributing \$12,460. The

RCLA contribution comes in the form of volunteer hours spent working on projects included under the grant. However, if RCLA is unable to provide sufficient volunteer hours, RCLA will be responsible for making up the difference with monetary funds from the budget.

The new grant covers two major areas – AIS and Water Quality Monitoring. Tim Lewis is the new Water Quality Board Chairperson and you can find details about his committee's plans for the upcoming year in his newsletter article.

I've outlined below the activities that are planned for the AIS committee below.

- CLP herbicide treatments for two areas of Red Cedar Lake and one area of Hemlock Lake will be taking place shortly after ice-out. These areas are some of the most heavily concentrated CLP beds. Treatment is done right after ice-out as CLP is the first plant to grow in the lake (it actually starts growing under the ice) and other native plants have not yet emerged. This allows the herbicide treatment to work effectively on eradicating CLP but has limited impact on other aquatic plants or fish. CLP herbicide treatments have been done in previous years on Red Cedar and Hemlock Lakes with great success in helping to eliminate CLP in the treated areas. To the right is a map showing the areas that will be treated.
- We have hired an outside consultant to perform two aquatic plant studies. The first will be a study of the CLP beds in all our lakes - Balsam, Mudd, Red Cedar and Hemlock. This study will take place in May sometime. The Wisconsin DNR requires that this study be completed by an outside consultant every five years. This study provides base line information for updating our Lake Management Plan and for securing future multiple year grants. The second aquatic plant study will take place in mid to late summer. The same consultant will be doing a study of the native plants in our four lakes. Again, this study is a requirement by the Wisconsin DNR every five years.
- We will be performing a Dye Study in Balsam Lake shortly after ice-out. The purpose of this study is determine if we can also use herbicide treatment



on Balsam Lake to control CLP. The Dye Study will determine if the right "flow level" exists to facilitate effective treatment. It will also determine if herbicide treatment will have any impact on potential wild rice beds within the lake. Approximately four years ago, we discovered small beds of wild rice on Balsam Lake. Wild rice has not been found on Balsam Lake since this time. Our professional study of our native aquatic plants will help us determine if wild rice is still present. Once the Dye Study is complete we will work with the Wisconsin DNR to determine if herbicide treatment of CLP is appropriate for future years.

- Beetle release to control purple loosestrife: Again this year we will be partnering with the students from Blue Hills Charter School, their advisor Jenny Landes, and Lisa Burns, Washington County Conservation, to raise and release beetles on our lakes. Students raise the beetles from eggs to maturity and coordinate with RCLA concerning where they will be released in critical areas of our lakes. These beetles are an important element in effectively controlling purple loose strife. The beetles are expected to be released sometime in June.

- **Ongoing AIS monitoring:** Each year AIS has volunteers who dedicate some of their personal time to monitoring our lakes for AIS and Purple Loosestrife. The monitoring process is very straight forward and only takes a few hours to complete. It's a great way to spend some time on the lake. Enlist a few friends to help out and it can be a great time! These efforts help ensure our lakes are as healthy as possible.

Renewed Grant Evaluation/Application

The grant projects outlined above are funded under a 2018 Wisconsin DNR grant. Planning will begin in late summer to submit a request for a new three-year grant beginning in 2019. Many of the projects completing this summer will provide base line information needed for this new grant request. The deadline to submit an application for a new grant is late fall. RCLA will be pursuing a new grant to ensure we can continue the AIS work outlined above and also to identify and potentially pursue other initiatives that ensure the ongoing quality of our lakes.

Washburn & Burnett County – New Ordinance

Recently both Washburn and Burnett Counties passed a new ordinance regarding boat decontamination as a tool for stopping the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species. The new ordinance basically states that if a decontamination station is present at a boat landing, the boater is required to use it. A decontamination station could consist of a high-powered pressure sprayer operated by trained personnel but more like in our area, its using a simple bleach/water solution or a household disinfectant such as Formula 409 to spray down boating equipment.

Below is a picture of a similar boating decontamination sign with simple spray decontamination equipment.

At this point, it is unsure whether Barron County will take this same step but it is likely that it won't be long before this is a requirement throughout Wisconsin.



Please Volunteer!

All of the activities outlined above could NOT have happened without the generous dedication of personal time from our volunteers. It is these volunteer hours that trigger funding for the initiatives outlined through our current Wisconsin DNR grant. If you have volunteered in the past - THANK YOU – and please continue your great work! If you haven't volunteered yet, RCLA would love to have your help. If you are interested in helping out the AIS efforts, **please contact me** at tlgfin1@gmail.com. I can provide an overview of the various opportunities that exist and bring you up to speed so you can become part of our efforts.

Be safe and enjoy the lake this boating and fishing season!

Tom Goodwin

AIS Committee Chairperson

Newsletter/Website

As we approach another fishing season, I hope you are dreaming of catching a whopper fish this summer like I am. I love the anticipation of hooking the "lunker of a lifetime" as another fishing season opens.

I hope you are finding the Newsletter to be informative. This Spring Newsletter has outlined the need for volunteers across RCLA. Not to be left out, there is a need for volunteers to help evolve the RCLA website and other

social media forums. So please contact me at stpaulycat@gmail.com if you feel called to assist or have skills that can help improve our on-line presence.

I welcome any feedback you might have on the Newsletter, web site or the Facebook site.

Becky Garthofner

Newsletter/Website Chairperson

Water Quality

How many of us would want to live, work, or play on a lake with poor water quality? I am guessing no one would answer yes to this question. We have some of the most beautiful water in Wisconsin right here on Red Cedar, Balsam and Hemlock lakes. The Water Quality Committee monitors the lakes and gathers data on the water coming into the chain of lakes, the water while it is in the lakes and the water going out of the lakes. The State of Wisconsin uses lake associations like RCLA to monitor water quality, to watch for and treat aquatic invasive species and to do the many other kinds of work described in this newsletter.

The work is simple, fun and important. Becoming involved with this citizen science research is a great excuse to get out and learn a bit more about the local ecosystem. Good monitoring requires people – so if you like standing in streams or going out on the lakes, joining this research-focused group could be the ideal way for you to contribute to RCLA. Because RCLA's data is used in collaboration with the Big Chetac and Birch Lake Association's data and the last study of our aquatic system (a USGS report from 2004), it is important to follow simple instructions exactly. If you can stand in a stream or if you know your way around a spreadsheet, you can do this work.



Tim Lewis (left) and Mark O'Sell record data during April water sampling

Our committee has three tasks this summer:

1. Gather monthly water samples from the major streams leading into and out of the three main lakes.
2. Sample streams for aquatic insects as indicators of water quality.
3. Analyze the data.

The Committee began water quality sampling in mid-April. This consists of gathering water, treating the sample to preserve it, and sending the samples off to a certified lab. Samples from the lake are normally collected using a boat, and RCLA samples are packaged, chilled and shipped to a state lab in Madison. We were unable to get out on the lakes themselves because of all the hard water (ice) on top.



Michael Klutho (foreground) and Dave Blumer measuring stream flow rates

However, we were able to begin stream research using a couple of volunteers and RCLA's consultant, Dave Blumer, of Lake Education and Planning Services. Although streams are generally pretty shallow and warm when sampling, the April water was icy cold so volunteers donned waders to collect stream samples.

The Water Quality Committee also measures how much water is going into the lakes and how much is coming out

to determine the streambed profile. Water flow is measured using spherical semi-waterlogged flotation devices (tennis balls). This is done once a month through October and a couple of times right after big storms.

Water quality can also be measured in the field by looking at what stream insects and other invertebrates live there. Some are extremely pollution intolerant, so if these are found, the water quality is good. Streambed sampling consists primarily of turning over rocks and seeing what is there. Of course, we can teach you what to look for. There are standardized protocols to gather the data; but if you can flip rocks in streams, you are already well trained for this part of the study.

Lastly, and for some of us (including me), one of the best parts is analyzing the data. At the end of the summer we will look at trends in phosphorous levels, suspended solids and stream flow. Our findings will be reported to RCLA and we will use what we have learned to apply for another three-year grant, so we can keep monitoring the watershed.

If you see us out sampling, be sure to say "Hi." If you want to get involved, please email me at oldtobylewis@gmail.com.

Tim Lewis

Water Quality Committee Chairperson

Shoreline & Island Restoration

Red Cedar Watershed Conference – March 2018

This is an annual conference and is held at UW Stout in March of each year. It is a one-day conference dedicated to the water quality issues that exist in the Red Cedar watershed and is attended by over 300 people. It is a well-run conference and I would encourage you to attend a future conference. Next year's conference will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at UW-Stout, Menomonie.

I attended this conference as the representative for our Lake Association. Here is a summary of my "take away" information:

1. Nutrient rich water runoff is a problem for all watersheds, not just the Red Cedar. Of course, this is not a new fact. People are and have been working hard for solutions for many years.
2. On average, 70% of the nutrients in our watersheds come from field runoff. Everyone using fertilizers: i.e., farmers, homeowners, golf courses, should practice the 4R+ Practice of fertilizer application. This practice is as follows: The Right source, the Right time, the Right rate, the Right place, and the appropriate conservation practice.
3. Do not take drinking water for granted, especially

private well water. The relationship between land use, geology, soils, surface water and ground water are complex. Annual testing of well water for nitrates and bacteria are being encouraged.

4. What can you and I do to help the Red Cedar watershed? John Haack, a retired UW Extension Natural Resource Educator, gave an excellent talk on the subject "Ribbons of Life". The Ribbon of Life is the area that lies within 30 yards of the water's edge. It is the space where almost all the animal species that we know live some or all their lives. It is also the area that we can use most effectively to control the water runoff from our properties.
5. As in past years, there were good examples of successful farm groups that met and worked out plans for their group to help control agricultural runoff to their part of the watershed. The last speaker talked about a city/farm partnership in Dane County. They are working together to make a large reduction in the nutrient rich material that is ending up in the lakes in and around Madison, WI. If successful, it could be a blue print for other counties to follow.

Rich Hokanson

Shoreline & Island Restoration Chairperson

Nature

It sure doesn't seem like winter will ever end this year ... I'm writing this article two days after we just got 14 inches of snow and it's April 16!! The Nature Committee is not letting a little snow get in the way of planning activities for this summer, starting with sponsoring our annual educational nature program that you will be sure to enjoy. On June 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Loch Lomond Beach Club, Nikki Janisin, Executive Director at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, will present **"Animals of Shores & Shallows"**. Nikki will be speaking on the various turtles, frogs and macroinvertebrates found in and around our lakes. What is a macroinvertebrate? What do these special animals need to thrive around our lakes and what can you do to help? She also promises we will be able to practice some frog calls and as always, Nikki will be bringing several live specimens for everyone to view up close. Nikki did an outstanding job presenting "Wisconsin Butterflies" last year and we are excited to have her back again this year. **This program is free and perfect for the whole family!**

The Nature Committee's top priority will remain the continued participation in the Wisconsin's LoonWatch Program, which helps protect common loons and their aquatic habitats through education, monitoring, and research. Other key activities for the Nature Committee in the coming year will include expanding our "dark skies" program to educate residents on reducing bright lights on our lakes, promoting the value and importance of using lead-free tackle, monitoring the bald eagle nests and our continued leadership in the Tree Planting Program. In fact, for the 2018 season, we have ordered 400 trees as part of the Tree Planting Program so thank you again to everyone that will be planting trees this spring as a way to enhance and improve our environment.

There was a really fun article in the Lake Tides Newsletter that the Nature Committee would like to share, especially since we love and adore our loons!!

Following is a really fun article from the Lake Tides Newsletter that the Nature Committee would like to share, especially since we love and adore our loons!

Did you know loons require a runway for takeoff?

"Loons are perfectly adapted birds for water. They have large bodies, small wings, and legs located near the rear of their body, making them agile divers and swimmers. Although these traits greatly aid in a loon's water-bound lifestyle, they prove to be a great hindrance on land. In fact, loons have difficulty even walking on land, and takeoff from it is nearly impossible! So, in order to achieve takeoff,

loons often require a water runway. To position their runway, loons must first determine which way the wind is blowing. Then, they will begin to run across the top of the water, straight into the wind, while rapidly flapping their wings. This allows air to rush underneath them, and with enough air, they will be able to take flight. During ideal conditions, it usually only takes a runway of about thirty yards to gather enough air for lift-off. However, in unfavorable conditions, loons may require runways of up to an astonishing quarter mile in length!



Due to their takeoff troubles, loons must be particularly cautious of where they choose to land. Choosing a lake that is too small could leave them stranded without enough room to take flight. Because of this, loons tend to prefer long lakes that run parallel to the direction the wind normally blows.

So, next time you see a loon, think of how many lakes it had to fly past in order to find the perfect one, and keep in mind all of the specifics that need to be in place for the loon to do something as regular as take flight. Maybe, if you're lucky, you will witness the loon in action on its water runway!"

Nature Committee Spring Tip

Hummingbirds will be arriving before you know it and many of us enjoy feeding our precious little friends. If you would like to make your own hummingbird food, the ratio is 4:1 (4 parts water to 1 part sugar). Please be sure you do not add any additional sugar as that will make the birds ill.



The Nature Committee currently has seven active members, but we are always looking for more volunteers to help promote our vision and make the Red Cedar Lakes a safe refuge for wildlife. If you are interested in joining this committee or attending the next committee meeting to learn more about 2018 activities, please contact chair Valerie Bausch at vbausc@yahoo.com.

Valerie Bausch
Nature Chairperson

Lake Information & Safety

While writing this article in early April, it occurred to me that to celebrate April Fools' Day, I should write some items to fool those who do not spend winters near our 'Great Lakes.' For example, I could suggest that we received 12 inches of snow the day before Easter. Oh right, that really happened! Or, I could tell you that two days later, we had several more inches. Oh, that happened as well! So maybe I'll skip the April Fools' Day idea and just suggest that you might need an auger and a fish house for the opener....April Fools'?

Buoys & Markers

We normally install buoys and markers in mid-April... that didn't happen. Hopefully, they will be installed by the opener on May 5. The good news is, when we pulled them in last fall, we determined that some routine maintenance was all that was needed. No new buoys were required.

Coupon Book

RCLA, through your donations, is working to protect your lake investment by working to protect the watershed against invasive species and improving water quality. A key way you can support this important work is to invest in the 2018 coupon book. This year we have produced a coupon book containing 59 coupons – an increase of 13% in number of coupons! New restaurants and new offers make this book better than ever. Please support both RCLA and the businesses in the coupon book. And don't forget to mail in your \$30 donation or more if you are able for the 2018 coupon book.

Jeff Iverson

Coupon Book Chairperson

Membership

After an eight-year absence, I am once again your membership chairperson. My goal is to increase membership. You can help by providing me with names and addresses of lake neighbors and friends you know who are not yet members. Thank you for your help.

Sue Sleik

Membership Chairperson

Kiosks

The kiosks survived the winter and will be updated with fresh materials soon. We have three people who have volunteered to 'adopt a kiosk,' but could use one or two more. As reported earlier, it takes an hour or less each month from May through September. If interested, please contact me at rsmenk@yahoo.com.

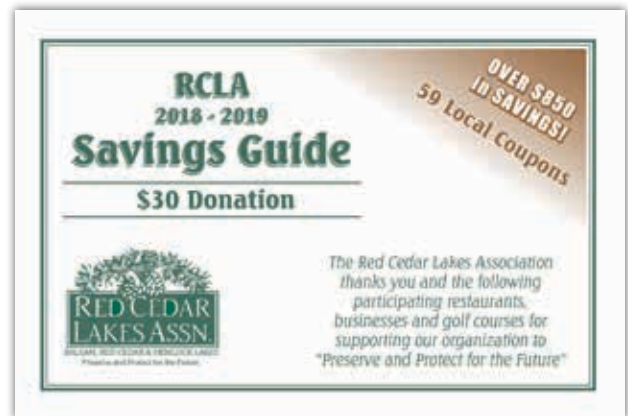
Boater's Safety

Unfortunately, we will not have a classroom session of Boater's Safety this summer due to the unavailability of a certified instructor. If you are interested in this certification, you can take the 'online' version by going to the Wisconsin DNR website. Remember, anyone born after January 1, 1989 must be certified to operate a vessel.

Let's all be safe on our lakes this year!

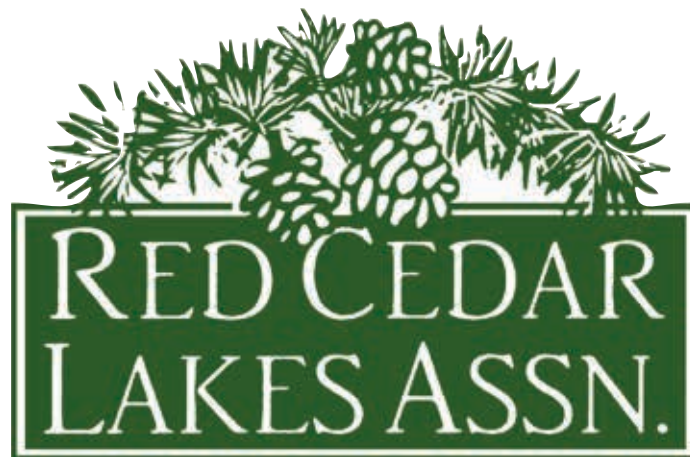
Roger Menk

Lake Information & Safety Chairperson



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FREE NATURE PROGRAM

"Animals of Shores & Shallows"



Presented by: RCLA Nature Committee

Date: Sat., June 2, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Loch Lomond Beach Club (on Red Cedar Lake)

Speaker: Nikki Janisin, Executive Director

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary

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