

October 2007

# Crescent Lake News



One of our beautiful loons on Crescent Lake. Photo taken by Dennis Gustafson

## message message from Eileen

Hi Lake Neighbors,

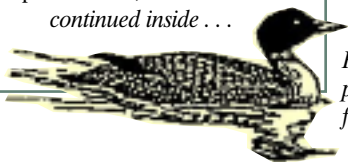
Fall has officially arrived in the northwoods and it's an artistic masterpiece. Every season that comes along on Crescent Lake seems to be the best. The reds and oranges and rusts and ambers and golden falling pine needles create scene after scene of soft natural beauty. The lake sparkles in appreciation and we've had the added pleasure of finally getting some rain to shore up our lake water levels.

It was a good summer here on the lake. Plenty of very warm days and lake water in the eighties provided the swimmers, skiers, fishermen and pontooners reason to get out and enjoy the water.

Our lake was in the news a couple of times just recently, too. There was an article in the *Rhineland Daily News* about the Crystal Rock Roller Rink reopening. That's a business at the intersection of Hwy 8 and South Rifle Road and it was built in the fifties by Frank and Pat Loduha of Crescent Lake to host bands. The article mentioned that two of the entertainers to play there were Buddy Holly and Johnny Cash. It also said that Buddy Holly almost drowned in Crescent Lake but didn't elaborate on the story. I wonder if anyone on the lake knows "the rest of the story."

Story number two in the paper was about the recently held Salmo Musky Tournament which offers a first place prize of \$20,000.

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*Please send us your lake photos so we can print your views of our beautiful lake in future newsletters. - ahadv@charter.net*

## Come to our October Meeting!

October 16, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Town of Crescent  
Fire Hall  
Turn south off Hwy 8 at  
entrance to Northworo Golf  
Course

Guest Speaker:  
Bob LeClair

## Rusty Crayfish

How to catch them - how to cook them!

Learn about these invasive species, what is happening to our lake, and what you can do to protect our lake - from an expert who has been harvesting crayfish for years.

Everyone is invited to join us at the meeting on Tuesday evening for an informative, entertaining evening.

Come also to hear the latest update on the public boat landing, upcoming events, and our grant project final report. Copies of the final report will be available at the meeting for review and/or loan.

See you on Tuesday, October 16!

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new  
dissolved  
oxygen  
meter  
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tosynthesis. Algae and other lake vegetation produce oxygen in the daytime, but consume oxygen at night or when the water clarity is such that light does not reach beyond the lake surface. Also, cooler water can hold more oxygen than warm water. Therefore lakes can become stratified and cold water at the bottom may have higher levels of oxygen than the warmer water at the surface.

Over the years very few readings have been taken of DO (dissolved oxygen) on Crescent Lake. Jim Voborski has been taking several other readings, but has not had the equipment to take DO samples. He recommended to the board that a meter be purchased to be used to take the samples and chart the results. The board agreed and bought a meter from the Hach Corp for \$1,112.50.

Now Jim will take readings at regular intervals and maintain records. Over time the readings will show us if our lake has declining DO levels. Reports of the results will be shared with members at meetings and through the newsletter.

**D**issolved oxygen is one of many measures of water quality. It is especially important for aquatic life. Fish need oxygen to survive. When oxygen levels fall below 5 milligrams per liter, fish are stressed. At oxygen levels of 1-2 milligrams per liter, fish die. The two main sources of dissolved oxygen are air and pho-

## message from eileen

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The tournament offers its participants a choice of a cluster of lakes in the area from which to fish. The muskies are caught, measured, weighed and released. One of the clusters offered to participants is the trio of Crescent, Oneida and Hancock Lakes. Crescent proved to be the best of the tournament. Six of the top ten finishers in the contest fished Crescent. Just think, there are a lot of irritated muskies out in our lake now. Maybe the fall colors will soothe them.

Take time to get outside and soak up the energy of Fall. Within these beautiful forests and treasured lakes lies the age-old wisdom and secret of tranquility and survival.

-Eileen Ronyak

## clean boats clean water

Volunteers from Crescent Lake helped all summer to inspect boats launched at the Highway 8 landing on weekends beginning on Opening Day for fishing Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This was our fourth year with the inspection program.



This inspection program is one method on behalf of the homeowners on Crescent Lake in being proactive in preventing invasive species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil from entering our lake.

We determined that particles of vegetation Caroline Engstrand took from boats at the landing on September 1 was Eurasian Water Milfoil. Saturday, October 6, we will rake the boat landing end of the lake. Your help is welcome.

This discovery should make us all committed to making sure our landing is monitored even more. If you are interested in helping monitor the boat landing, please contact Glen Peterson: [glenrpeterson@aol.com](mailto:glenrpeterson@aol.com) or 847-742-6532.

## legal corner

*Wisconsin Boating Regulations  
Wisconsin DNR*



Are there any laws regarding who can operate a boat in Wisconsin?

**A** The Wisconsin Legislature has recently passed a Mandatory Boating Education bill. This bill requires anyone born on or after 1/1/89 and at least 16 years of age to have a boating safety education certificate to operate a motorboat on Wisconsin's waterways. If you need a boating safety class, see: [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming.htm) for a list of upcoming classes or the link to the DNR boating safety class.

## new fiscal year

The new fiscal year started August 1 for 2007/2008. Please check your mailing label for a red dot that indicates that your membership dues are unpaid for the current year.

If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter and participate in our lake association, please send \$10 annual dues to:

Crescent Lake Association  
PO Box 265  
Rhineland WI 54501

## address changes

Contact Al Heerey or Joanne Hibbard with your address changes. We will also add distribution to those who maintain property on our lake, even if they are not landowners.

Call Al at 282-6768 or email [heerey@charter.net](mailto:heerey@charter.net)  
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NOTE: If there is a red dot on your mailing address, your dues for 2007/2008 are due.  
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