



NEWSLETTER

2018 FOLLOW UP TO OUR WHOLE LAKE TREATMENTS IN 2017 FOR EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL STILL SHOWING POSITIVE RESULTS

Fall of 2018, the final year of our 3 year DNR Invasive Species Control grant, shows our objective of reducing the volume of EWM (Eurasian watermilfoil) in major beds and scattered plants was achieved. Fall of 2017, the year of whole lake chemical treatment (Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, and Twin Bear) resulted in very few EWM plants being found in the 4 lakes. Having the largest volume of locatable EWM, follow up spot treatments were done on two areas in Buskey Bay and Twin Bear. Information on the locations and treatments is on our web page www.pikechain.org.

Our consultant, Onterra, did the field work on our Chain this summer and will be finalizing the report after their field work is completed this fall. The results will be posted on our web page. The initial review shows scattered plants in many areas where we had major concentration of plants prior to our treatments. Fall of 2018 does show small plants in many areas that is consistent with findings of other lake treatments. Re-growth from seeds or roots that were not killed effectively or both is common, so we will not eliminate EWM but manage it with the knowledge learned by our Association, the DNR and our consultant Onterra. The next few years of re-growth will show what changes we will need to our lake management plan. We are all in this as an Association and will learn together. Our current status is a result of 14 years of work by the professionals and our Association. We consider our Association a very strong, supportive group and thank you for your support both financial and volunteer.

Our lake association board is working with the DNR and Onterra to receive an extension on our 2016 three year Invasive Species grant to do whole lake treatment on McCarry Lake in 2019 and possible whole lake treatment on Eagle Lake depending on the survey results from the Fall of 2018 and receiving chemical treatment permits from the DNR. We have considerable coordination needed on the effort and will be proceeding after the field results from Onterra are received. Our past effort with the 4 lake treatment showed the major requirements of volunteer labor needed to have a successful project. The requirements are detailed and demanding of time. We hope Eddie and Jay are not burned out after the last project. AIS Committee: Barb Bochler, Joann Bassett, John Westman, and Al Bochler have been joined by Fred and Carol Petroske.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANNOUNCING NEW PRESIDENT AND 2 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PCLA is pleased to announce the election of Jay Johnson as board president and Mike Higgins & Jake Gress to the board of directors.



Past president Al Bochler (left) with his new mask and snorkel presented on behalf of PCLA by Jay Johnson (right).

JAY JOHNSON-Twin Bear Jay has served on the board of directors for the last 3 years. During these 3 years, he's devoted a lot of time and energy working with Al Bochler and Eddie Wangenstein along with the WDNR and our consultant, Onterra on our AIS management strategy for Eurasian water-milfoil. He also serves as the Fundraising/Membership Chair.

Jay retired from Enbridge Pipelines after 31 years where he was manager of US Pipeline Compliance. He is married to Margie, daughter of Jim and Donna Puig who ran the Twin Bear campground for years. Margie's family has been part of the Chain for years. Her grandfather had one of the original cabins on Lake Millicent.



MIKE HIGGINS-Millicent (left) Mike's experience with Lake Millicent, and more generally with the Pike Chain, began when he started dating and subsequently married (48 years ago) Linda Ramsland whose parents built a cabin at the north end of Millicent in 1954, or thereabouts. After 4 years in the Navy, they lived in Duluth for 3 years and Minneapolis for 17. Much time was spent at the cabin with their 3 children (Mike, Amy, and Katie) and Linda's family. Subsequent moves to Yuma, AZ and Cincinnati, OH, retiring to Florida, led to them purchasing what is now home on Lake Millicent in 2006. They have been full time residents there for three and a half years. Mike has always wanted to become involved in some activity here and learn more about "home" and cannot think of a better activity than the Lake Association. "And I thank Eddie W. for this."

JAKE GRESS-Hart Lake (right) Jake is Region Vice President, West for L&W Supply. He was born in Biloxi, MS while his father was overseas in the Vietnam War. His father served 30 years becoming a Lt Colonel moving the family all over the US while his mother faithfully followed raising Jake and his younger sister from city to city. Jake decided to go to Eastern IL University to play soccer where he learned that if he wanted to play he'd have to want it more and work harder, leading to his first core belief that the only 2 things in life you can control are Attitude and Effort. He earned his MBA at UW-Madison where his time there pushed and molded him for years to come as well as creating a LOVE of the outdoors. After school he took a job at Newell Rubbermaid out of Chicago where he worked hard. Working on uni-ball and Papermate, led to Coleman and then to USG (makers of sheetrock) where he met his wife Linda McGovern (Gillick) where their life kicked off with speed. With Linda being about family experience, trips, moments and more importantly memories, they began coming to the Gillick cabin often and fell in love with what Fred and Nancy have provided. Having attended PCLA meetings for the last 8 years, Jake has always been impressed by the organization and its simplicity in purpose. "Those who have served have created something very special. The depth of knowledge and activism should be retained, passed on, and not taken for granted or let apathy creep in." Jake wants to do his part and pay it forward for his kids like those ahead of him have done. He finds the Pike Lake Chain a special place: a place for families to reconnect-young and old, with the outdoors having the uncanny ability to unplug and focus us on what is important-FAMILY.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK JOHN JOSEPH & GREG OGREN WHOSE TERMS ARE DONE FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE OVER THE LAST 9 YEARS. John served as past president and has agreed to continue to manage the website. Greg did the annual audit and served as Audit Committee chair.

A LITTLE RAMSLAND FAMILY HISTORY (on the Pike Lake Chain) by Mike Higgins

At my first board member meeting of the PCLA last August, the two new board members were asked to introduce themselves to the rest of the board. The other new member, Jake Gress, is married to our niece, Linda. So, easy to talk about family. My introduction was to say the least, spontaneous, but I walked away after the meeting with one feeling - the board members and the PCLA members around the Chain are, themselves, a big family. May we remain so.

My wife's parents, Odin and Vivian Ramsland, built their cabin at the north end of Lake Millicent in 1954. They were good friends with John and Jane Swanstrom who had just built their cabin on the point entering the bay at the north end of Lake Millicent. Both couples were from Duluth. Across the bay from the Ramslands and preceding them were Cal and Carol Miller and both families were followed by the Wangensteens, the Millers from Superior and the Wangensteens from Duluth (neighbors). My Linda and Eddie grew up together. Many stories to tell there! Cal Miller would play Santa Claus every Christmas for our kids. At the end of the bay were some more friends, also Duluthians, with a working relationship. And so on.

Linda and I began dating fifty years ago and this year celebrated our forty-eighth anniversary. I had been in the Navy for eighteen months and had thirty months to go which brought for us a year in Tokyo and the balance in Homestead, FL. Then Duluth and our real beginning at Lake Millicent. We moved to Minneapolis in 1975 but our Christmases and summer weekends were here.

Odin had a habit which we all called "cabin appreciation" whereby we all arose by eight and started work by nine. It did not matter if it was picking up sticks, painting, fueling the boat, cleaning the beach, you worked. As grandkids entered the picture, they did too.

In 1986, the second oldest of the Ramsland children, Jim, with his wife, Janie, and two children, bought their cabin on Hart Lake. Jim has been on the PCLA board. In 1988, the oldest of the Ramsland children, Nancy, with her husband, Fred Gillick, and two children, bought their cabin, also on Hart Lake. Their daughter, Linda, is the one married to Jake. Jake loves this area as much as I do.

To this day, all three families, Gillicks, Ramslands, Higgins, spend much family time together. When we interact with those mentioned above, plus many more and their relatives, we sometimes have quite a crowd. These "many more" were/are Duluth friends, classmates, and business relationships met along the way. Add even more by friends/acquaintances from Superior and Ashland. Now you have the "big family."

A classic case is Deb Sharrbono's grandparents who resided at the end of North Point Road, on the Lake Millicent side. Deb's grandmother, Eleanor Olson, was my father's right hand, in his small brokerage business in Duluth. Eleanor commuted daily. It is a small world and we are all a big family. Jay Johnson picked up on a story I had told him once and asked me if this past Ashland leader was a relative - my great grandfather's brother, both from Superior.

A little story to finish. When the kids were all in bed, I would go fishing for walleye by trolling down the shore from the Ramsland cabin. I do not remember ever having to go out into the lake to catch a breakfast sized fish. May those days return!

Thank you to all PCLA members and what we all want to achieve for these beautiful lakes. Our lakes and the board need the support of everyone who owns shoreline on this beautiful chain of lakes. Please, give anyone you know the pitch.



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- Pine Point Lodge-Jack Martinson -Annual Pike Chain party and hosting PCLA fishery presentation
- Babe-boat landing
- Jim Bender-PCLA annual meeting presentation on “The History of the Pike Chain” and raising \$495 for PCLA at the 50/50 raffle at the Pike Chain party
- PCLA Apparel Committee-Debb Sharbanno, Amy Wangensteen, Margie Johnson, Sharon Coffey, Susan Angster
- The Maynard and Leonidas families-Clean Boats Clear Water
- Secchi readings: Amy and Eddie Wangensteen (Millicent), Glenn and Sue Viggiano (Buskey Bay), Gary Teigen (Hart), Jay Johnson (Eagle), Gary Hagstrom (Flynn).
- Gary Hagstrom-chemical water testing
- Barb Bochler, Amy Wangensteen, Carol Miller-PCLA annual meeting registration
- Amy Wangensteen-Facebook
- John Joseph-Website
- AIS Committee : Barb and Al Bochler, Joann Bassett, John Westman, Fred and Carol Petroske.
- Adopt-a-Highway volunteers
- Julie Peck-Adopt-A-Highway coordinator

(If we've accidentally missed you or someone you know, please contact Kris Sandager at sandagk@yahoo.com to be acknowledged in an upcoming newsletter).

The DNR's Violation Hotline provides Wisconsin citizens with the opportunity to confidentially report suspected wildlife, recreational and environmental violations using a toll free number.

Call or text 1-800-847-9367 OR Submit a violation report online <https://dnr.wi.gov/Contact/Hotline.html>



...IT'S NOT TOO LATE

If you're still interested in making a 2018 TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to lake management to help support our fight against Aquatic Invasive Species ...

...IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association has been very successful in its efforts to work with Bayfield County on boat inspections and the DNR on grants to assist our Association financially. This, along with strong support from our membership puts us in a good position going forward in our lake management efforts to maintain the high quality of our lake chain. **We will be more dependent on our membership as we move forward as the DNR scoring system for future grants will reduce our score because of receiving previous grants.** Your strong support is appreciated and needed in the future.

PIKE CHAIN APPAREL NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH IDEA DESIGN STUDIO

We are now working with Idea Design in Iron River as our supplier for Pike Chain apparel. PCLA will get 15% back on sales during the annual meeting and Pike Chain Party and 10% from store sales.

IDEA DESIGN STUDIO
 South Main Street in Iron River
 715.372.6440

IRON RIVER PIKE CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION (PCLA)

PURPOSE: PCLA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, specifically to promote the sustainable management of the Pike Chain by:

- Providing leadership in lake management through environmental education, water quality monitoring, prevention of the introduction of aquatic invasive species and controlling populations of aquatic invasive species existing in the watershed.
- Working with government agencies and private organizations to generate the necessary human and financial resources
- Purchasing or accepting the donation of property or conservation easements to promote the overall goal of sustainable lake management
- Monitoring and responding to proposed developments within the watershed, taxation and land use planning and other environmental regulation
- Promoting mutual respect, cooperation and friendship between owners of property within the watershed, other lake users and town, county and state public officials by providing a forum for exchange of information and discussion on environmental issues of importance and concern.

WHY...

DOES THE LAKE START FREEZING FROM THE TOP ???

Lakes freeze from the top down because of how water density behaves in dropping temperatures.

Water is a unique substance. Unlike other liquids, the solid state (ice) is less dense (lighter) than the liquid state (water). The density (heaviness) of water is determined by its temperature with it being most dense at 39.2° F and its freezing point at 32° F.

So what is actually happening on the Pike Chain now as the lake is starting to freeze over? As winter approaches, the surface water cools and sinks while the warmer (less dense) water from below rises to the surface. This cycling continues until the entire lake reaches 39.2° F throughout the whole water column. When the surface water gets below 39.2° F it floats on the top and eventually freezes when it hits 32° F. The freezing then spreads downwards into the lake with the thickness being determined by many variables.



A NOTE FROM YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

As the season changes, there are a few things to keep in mind when calling for emergency services. The first, and most important, is to keep your fire number visible. Snow banks and branches can easily cover up your fire number and make it near impossible for us to find you. Next is remembering that not all emergency vehicles are equipped with 4-wheel drive. If you know your road or driveway is non-navigable without 4-wheel drive, when you call 911 be sure to inform the dispatcher of this. Along with this, please give dispatch any specific instructions that may not be obvious to those traveling to your home. This could include the presence or absence of space to turn around near your home, which route to take if there is more than one option, which side of the house to pull up to, etcetera. Receiving this information early gives services ample time to plan. Though this may be hard to remember in the time of an emergency, keeping these things in mind can save valuable time during an emergency response.

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.

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2018 Membership & Lake Management Donation Form

All information is confidential and used only by PCLA. Thank you for printing clearly.

Type of Membership: (circle one) New Renewal
(circle one) Individual/Family* Business** Trust**

Name(s) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

Lake address (if different from mailing address) _____

Lake Name _____ Email address _____

If a business membership, would you like your business listed on our website (circle one): yes no

*Two votes per membership ** One vote per membership

Please list voter's name(s) _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

__ PCLA Board Member

__ PCLA Committee (please circle)

Aquatic invasive species

Education and communications

Fishery

Water quality

Fundraising/Membership

__ Road-side clean-up "Adopt-a-Highway"

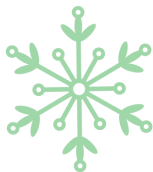
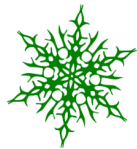
__ Other (please specify)

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Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association and
mail form and check to:**

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association
Attention: Treasurer
PO Box 602
Iron River, WI 54847

• 2018 Annual Membership Dues	\$20.00
<i>Tax Deductible</i>	
• 2018 Annual Donation for lake management	_____
<i>Tax Deductible</i>	
(Suggested donation \$1.00 per front foot. But any amount is greatly appreciated!)	
TOTAL (Thank you!)	_____

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One of the joys of this time of year is the opportunity to SAY thank you for your continued support and wish you the very best in the coming new year. We look forward to another great year working together to protect our beautiful lake.

PCLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS