

Round the Lake

May 2013

Spring 2013

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Letter from the President— Tom Wolf

Dear Association Members,

Spring is supposedly around the corner. You might not think so however if you have been to the lake recently. Last year at this time the ice was off for nearly a month and the weather was warm. This year, we have over a half-foot of snow on the ground, it's still snowing and the ice is nearly two feet thick as we write in Mid-April; amazing difference.

We anticipate that most of the issues upon which the Association has focused in recent years will again require our attention in 2013. Invasive Species management will be at or near the top of our priorities. While progress is made each year, we fully expect that milfoil treatment will always demand our attention and resources in the years ahead. Effective treatments have been identified but at best we should expect to hold a broader proliferation at bay.

Throughout much of last year, the lake levels were carefully monitored and recorded. We will do so again this year as a service to our members, but we no longer have great hope that this information will sway the County towards replacement of the Carlson Road Dam with a similar structure. You may wish to review the report of the Water Level Committee on the Association's website to better understand this issue and what few actions remain available to us. We encourage you to share your thoughts on this issue as your Board decides what additional actions, if any, it should take.

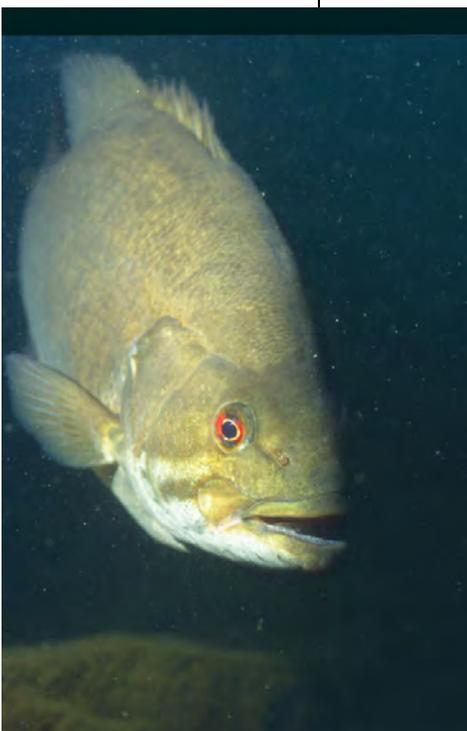
By now you have been informed of a change in Association membership dues. Your support, and that of all lake owners, is needed to fund the ongoing programs. Looking back over the past several years, we have noticed a trend of declining Association membership. In 2012, the board sought to stem this trend by putting a greater focus on the social aspect of membership. We will continue this effort this year under the leadership of Bob Sosnowski. We thank those who have renewed their membership for 2013 and ask that you encourage your neighbors and friends to join or renew also if they have not already done so. Our Association is the strongest advocate for the health and welfare of our beautiful lake. Only through your support can we continue to be so.

Best Regards,
Tom Wolf, Association President

RLPOA Annual Picnic Invitation

All residents of Round Lake are invited to our **50th Anniversary** picnic. It will be held on Saturday, July. 13, 2013 at Famous Dave's, starting at noon. An invitation and reservation form are enclosed in this newsletter. Please come and join us for good food, fellowship, and a chance to meet your neighbors!

There's only one lake here—and we all share it. Our Association has been protecting it for 50 years. Just imagine what it would be like if NO ONE was worried about rocks, invasive species, water quality, water levels, fish habitat, etc. Come and join your neighbors to help preserve this priceless resource.



In this issue, photos of small mouth bass from Round Lake courtesy of Roger Peterson, Underwater Photographer
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Water Level Management Update — Jim Purdin

At their November 2012 Meeting, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors acted to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Conservation Committee regarding the fate of the Carlson Road dam. In essence, this decision puts the county on a path to:

Seek to have rescinded the 1941 Public Service Commission order regarding control of Round and Little Round water levels,

Replace the current Carlson Road dam with a simple box culvert having a slightly greater width than the current dam and a sill elevation approximately the same as the current dam with all stop logs removed, and

Abandon the dam permit currently held by the county for the structure at Carlson Road.

We are extremely disappointed in this decision by the Sawyer County Board, believing it to be ill-informed, short sighted, irresponsible and dismissive of the legiti-

mate interest of riparian owners on Round and Little Round Lakes.

We were recently informed by the DNR that Sawyer County has filed their petition to abandon the dam. This sets in motion a process that is expected to take many months and will include an environmental impact assessment as well as at least one public hearing. We intend to take full advantage of all opportunities to engage in this process to present the facts, offer an alternative proposal and advocate for the denial of the county's petition. We will keep you informed as the process evolves.

Shortly after the county made their decision in November, Tom Wolf and I posted a comprehensive review of the water level management issue on our website, roundthelake.com. If you have not already read it, I encourage you to do so. While lengthy, it will give you a clear understanding of the issues and the potential impact of the county's action.

www.roundthelake.com



Website Usage Report

17123 total visits 01/01/2012 to 04/01/2012

18555 total visits 04/01/2012 to 07/01/2012

19227 total visits 07/01/2012 to 10/01/2012

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Invasive Species Grant Application Denied—Donations Needed —Tom Kintzinger, Dan Kollodge

Grant Application Denied

March 2013, the Wisconsin DNR denied the RLPOA 2013 AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) grant application. Grants are becoming more competitive and the RLPOA grant application did not “score” high enough to succeed. There are two deadlines per year for grant applications, February and August. The Association will be submitting another new AIS grant application to the WDNR in August of 2013. Success is not certain.

Your Donations are Needed

RLPOA needs your AIS/milfoil donations more than ever. Milfoil is still in Round & Little Round Lakes and is increasing in some areas. Based upon the Maki/Connell August 28, 2012 survey, we estimate a total infestation of approximately 22 acres. This is greater than previously indicated by earlier surveys. We now recognize that there is a lower density, yet widespread milfoil outbreak in Leder and Schoolhouse Bays. Just to stay even with the milfoil is a difficult effort. The cost to treat is about \$750 to \$2,000 / acre, and we have limited financial resources.

2012 was the last year of our prior AIS \$57,900 grant (2010 to 2012). During this time we established that a chemical called Renovate Max G (2-4-D variant) may be more effective in treating milfoil in lakes that have a high pH level like Round Lake. Dosage, treatment area size, local water/plant conditions and wave action are critical variables determining treatment success. Even with this higher cost chemical treatment, success is not certain depending on all variables. RLPOA completes a WDNR permit request to treat milfoil, but the WDNR is the ultimate decision maker when it comes to treatment specifics and how much to treat.

For 2013 RLPOA has decided to work more closely with Sawyer County AIS coordinator Kristy Maki, and a local Wisconsin licensed pesticide applicator Tom Connell. Tom Connell lives on the north end of Round Lake and will be donating some of his services and time. We anticipate at least a 25% treatment savings cost over prior years, assuming variables are constant. He will also be able to treat the milfoil on the best day available because he is local and not coming from out of town. Conditions such as wind and waves reduce treatment effectiveness. Post treatment monitoring will also be more efficient. Connell & Maki will make the most out of available RLPOA resources.

Tom Connell and Kristy Maki did a milfoil survey on Round & Little Round August 28, 2013. They primarily concentrated on areas that are known to have had milfoil in recent years. Unfortunately they found significantly more milfoil than we anticipated, and our total treatment costs will be higher than expected, even considering discounted treatment services. This is why we need more milfoil donations now.

Survey results are available on www.roundthelake.com. The most significant area of infestation is around Leder &

Schoolhouse Bays where about 11.5 acres of milfoil is present. Little Round, Hinton & Richardson Bay still have significant milfoil. The total milfoil infested area is estimated to be about 22 acres in approximately 35+ separate locations. Spot treatments will be specifically targeted around the lake. As of 4/26/2013 we are not sure what is going to be treated in Little Round. The Round Lake maps below show dots for the GPS coordinates of milfoil locations noted by Maki/Connell 8/28/2012.

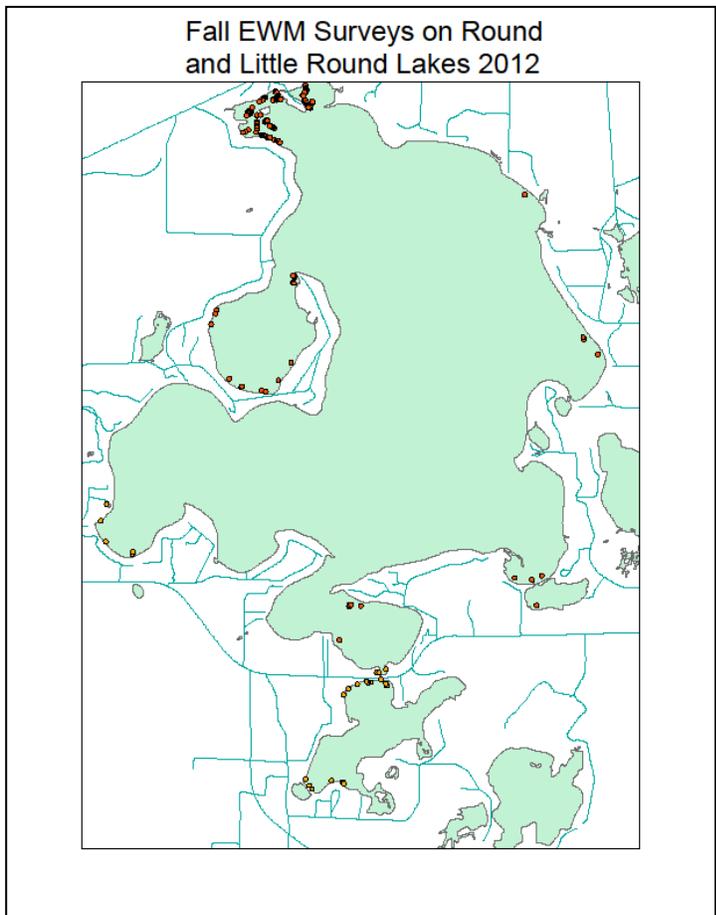
Unfortunately this is a never ending battle and your association needs financial help to continue this effort. Thank you in advance for your support.

We still need shoreline volunteers to report milfoil and other invasive species. You can be confident these are reported to the professionals that are helping us with this effort. If interested in becoming a shoreline volunteer contact us.

Send your donations to RLPOA; PO Box 1070; Hayward, WI 54843. Donations may be tax deductible.

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April 2013 RLPOA Treasurer Report—Tom Kintzinger

As of April 21, 2013 RLPOA has about \$35,000 total cash available at local banks.

In addition we are anticipating a \$10,000 AIS 2012 grant reimbursement from WDNR. This is not guaranteed but there is a high probability that we will obtain this.

A second \$2,000 WDNR grant reimbursement is likely concerning the water level “experiment” last year at Carlson Dam.

Consequently at this time we are about \$47,000 in the positive, contingent on above noted pending grant reimbursements.

Your association has no debt or significant outstanding liabilities. All bills are paid within 30 days of receipt by accountant. Our next major expense will be late spring 2013 milfoil treatment. No planned major water level expenses.

The largest annual expense RLPOA has is treating milfoil. This year we have learned that we have the largest amount of potentially treatable milfoil in our history. Costs can vary for this between \$750 to \$2,000 per acre. We are planning to treat about 22 acres this year. Consequently donations are needed and may be tax deductible. We probably cannot afford to treat all of the milfoil like we would want so this will depend on future donations. I.e. treating all of the acres with the best chemical may not be financially possible.

We also have about several thousand dollars/year of additional miscellaneous expenses including insurance, mailings/printing/postage, government filings, legal, accounting, membership dues, social etc.

We would like to keep a basic minimum amount of available funds/operating capital at no lower than \$15,000 to \$20,000.

No new grants were approved this year and thus:

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS.

RLPOA is a non profit 501 c (3) corporation and qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. Please get the advice of your own accountant.

We would like to thank CE CE Accounting for donating her excellent day to day accounting services.

The last complete independent “certified” audit was by Anderson Hager & Moe CPA 6/23/2008.

Anderson Hager & Moe CPA does an annual 501 (c) 3 Exempt Organization filing for RLPOA with the IRS and State of WI. Last filing was February 2013.

Tom Kintzinger, Treasurer RLPOA

RLPOA Calendar 2013

April 20, 8:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting
May 1 Spring Newsletter.

June 8, 8:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 9:00 AM General Membership meeting
Place TBD

July 4, Parade of Boats, Richardson Bay
July 13, 12 PM -Association Annual Picnic
Original Famous Dave’s Convention Center

September 7 8:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 1 Fall Newsletter.

October 5 8:00 AM - Board of Directors Meeting
Place TBD

October 5 9:00 AM - General Membership Meeting

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2013 FISHING REPORT (NOT)

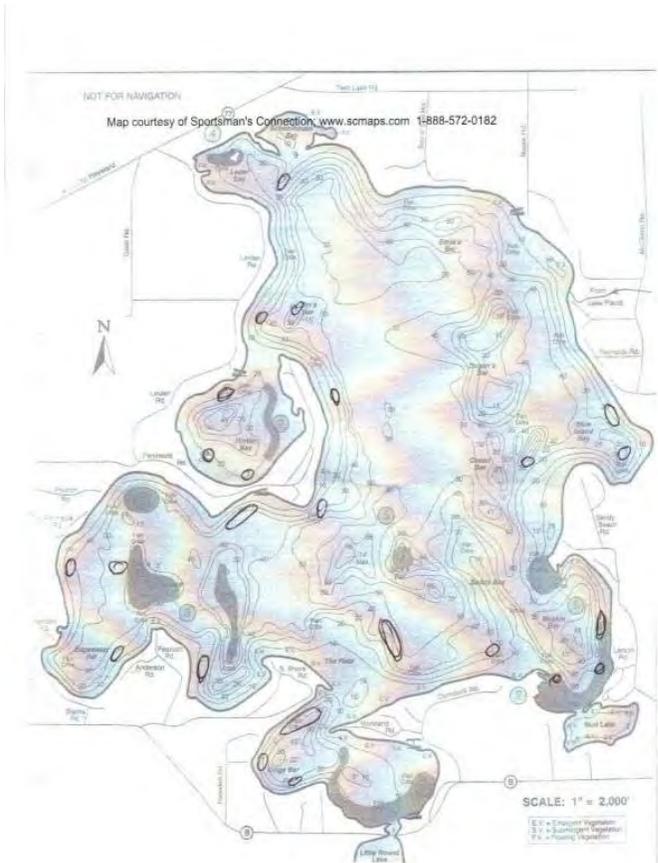
Courtesy of Tom Kintzinger

It is clear as of this writing that the ice will not be out for the fishing opener May 3, 2013 except minimal strip of water around edge in part of the lakes. The marina reports as of April 30 that water opened up at their boat launching ramp almost to the little island. So fishing enthusiasts can practice putting their boats in anyway. That's a start. As of April 30, 2012 Both Little Round & Big Round Lakes are still covered with ice. There is a very thin strip of water around edge of part of the lakes; mainly Little Round and Richardson Bay south facing. This strip of water is at most 10 or 20 feet and could change depending on wind. Since Friday April 26 warm weather has prevailed but starting 5/1/13 it becomes colder again, further delaying ice departure. So there is not going to be anything like a normal fishing opener on Round Lake this year. Normally spearfishing if any has already happened.

According to the Round Lake Marina the latest remembered "ice out" on Round Lake was May 10, 1998. The Marina staff are poised to go into action. They report that they have over 100 dock/lift jobs on Round Lake to do once ice goes out, to enable resident fishermen and boating enthusiasts alike. Will the abnormally late spring affect the return of our loons to Round Lake this year? Doubtful, as there are reports of loons over by Lovejoy but none so far on Round & Little Round. They may be fishing before the rest of us. The Hayward Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc. stocked 1300 muskies averaging 10 to 12 inches long in Round Lake on Sept. 28, 2012. Hopefully most of them are still around and growing.

The beautiful underwater fish pictures (small mouth bass) in this newsletter were donated to RLPOA by Roger Peterson. These pictures were taken while diving in Round Lake, proving the fishing opportunity once the ice leaves. The Round Lake map below identifies the general areas where the most recent fish cribs have been placed

(black circles). This information had been lost and just recently found by Geraldo Rivera in a locked vault somewhere up by the abandoned Placid Diversion Canal. So don't tell anyone. Tom Kintzinger



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Water Safety by Jack Gardner

I hope when you receive this, the snow will be gone and we will all be thinking of fishing and water sports. In line with that thought, the buoys will be in by Memorial Day weekend. I can use some help, so please Email me with your telephone number.

There were new pier registration rules enacted some time ago. Because of the public feedback the new rules were suspended. However one change that was made, is that there it is now permitted a loading platform of 200 square feet. Listed below are some general guide lines on what you can do.

All existing piers and wharves initially placed in the water by April, 2012 do not need authorization from the DNR.

Most new piers and wharves will be exempt if they comply with the specific dimensions and requirements described in the DNR pier planner. You can get a copy from the local DNR office.

The total of all watercraft docked at a pier including boats on a boat lift or hoist is limited to 2 boat slips for the first 50 feet of shoreline frontage and no more than 1 boat slip for each additional 50 feet of frontage. In addition to the 2 boat slip allowance an owner can secure up to 2 personal watercraft for the first 50 feet of shoreline and 1 additional PWC for each additional 50 feet of shoreline.



Six feet is the maximum width allowed for any portion of A PIER OR WHARF. This width allows safe loading of gear and passengers. Although six feet is the maximum width allowed, the pier may have an area wider than six feet as a loading platform. The surface area of the platform must not exceed 200 square feet.



A pier may extend out to the 3 foot water depth, or adequate depth for mooring a boat or using a boat lift or boat hoist. That depth is as measured at summer low water levels.



Polystyrene floats must be covered or contained to resist gas, oil and abrasion. Metal or plastic drums must be free of any product residue and be corrosion resistant.

Mooring buoys can be placed in your riparian zone of interest if within 150 feet of the OHWM (Ordinary High Water Mark) without a DNR permit.

Swimming rafts may be placed within 200 feet of shore. No permit is needed for a swimming raft, or water trampoline, as long as the size is not greater than 200 square feet and does not exceed 38 inches in height. In all cases the raft or trampoline must be confined to your riparian zone of interest, and may not interfere with public rights in the water way.

The DNR Pier Planner also has diagrams on how you can determine your riparian rights if you have a curved shoreline. The writer has done his best to paraphrase the planner accurately. I would encourage all to get a copy from the local office.

The DNR has informed us that Sue Miller is retiring. The new warden will be Rick Peters moving from the Merrill WI office. He is presently selling his home and will be in Hayward as soon as possible.

Be careful out there, and enjoy our lake.



Membership Report

Potential Membership:..... 635
 Paid Members for 2013 265
 Paid Members as of 12/31/2012: 279
 Record year of 2007:..... 405

NOTE:

The numeral after your name on the address label is the year thru which you are currently paid — i.e. '12 means paid thru 2012, and you have not yet paid for 2013. If there is no numeral behind your name it means you have **NEVER** paid since we have been keeping records. Please consider supporting the RLPOA.

WHY JOIN? We need your support to protect your lakes for future generations:

1. Water Quality—clean and safe for all.
2. Invasive Species eradication.
3. Water level concerns.
4. Fishing quality.
5. Property values.
6. If you use the lake(s), you should be concerned.

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We have numerous opportunities to be involved in the work of the Association to protect and enhance our lake. Please let any board member know if you can help. You are the primary resource we have to maintain our lake quality.

Round Lake Property Owners Association Inc. Membership Application

I am interested in helping one of the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

2013 Membership Dues: \$35 (Due Feb. 1 of each year)

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Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$_____ for the Invasive Species fund.

Total Enclosed: \$_____

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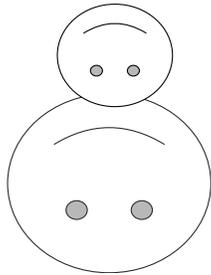
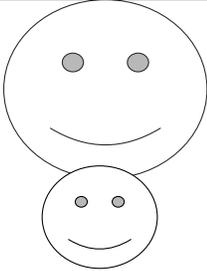
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