

# MLRA NEWS

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## ***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

May the year 2010 bring you good health, good fortune and much needed time to relax and enjoy our beautiful Northwood?

### **DUES ARE DUE**

Thirteen member households have already paid their 2010 dues. As you may remember, our fiscal year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Let this note serve as a reminder to pay the twenty dollar annual dues. Make you checks payable to: MLRA and mail to Jim Reiels, PO Box 683, Land O' Lakes, WI 545450. If you like, you may include a donation to our ANS fund as well. Thus far our lake has avoided invasive weeds. Invasive mystery snails were sighted this summer in several areas around Moon Lake, but it is not known whether they will survive neither the winter nor how much of a problem they will actually be to our lake.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There has not been much activity concerning the MLRA bank accounts since the October newsletter report. Only a \$7.15 expenditure for postage has been made since that time. Therefore the balances in our three accounts are:

Checking	\$467.89
Savings	\$2,212.75
ANS Fund	<u>\$2,249.81</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$4,930.45

### **GREAT LAKES THREATENED BY ASIAN CARP**

The federal government will spend an additional \$13 million to prevent invasive Asian carp from migrating further toward the Great Lakes, per a news release on December 14. The US Army Corps of Engineers has identified more than \$13 million in funding needs for measures to deter the large fish from moving closer to Lake Michigan. The majority of the new funds will be used to close conduits and shore up low-lying lands between the Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal and adjacent waterways.

It is imperative to block the entry of these invaders from the Great Lakes as their presence will result in competition for food with native species, which are eaten by predator fishes such as lake trout and walleye. Asian carp can consume 40% of their body weight in food daily. Under the conditions found in the Great Lakes such as water temperature and food abundance, Asian carps could outnumber all other native species, as already is happening in parts of Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

While there is no immediate threat to inland waters, if the carp were to take over the Great Lakes it would be just a matter of time before inland lakes would be impacted.

### **WEBSITE FOR ISCCW-LAKEGUARDS**

As you know the Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW) has an excellent website for information about our lakes, current news, lake maps and numerous other types of information. Check it out. You'll be surprised at how much useful information is included.

### **LET IT SNOW**

Snow has arrived in the Northwood. Snowmobile trails are open and ski hills are back in business. While it has been cold for the past few weeks, the lakes are still not firmly frozen over. The snow cover has prevented a fast freeze of the lakes, so be careful when attempting to cross the water.

## **Events in Town**

### **February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 3 Bear Sled Dog Races**

Mark your calendar now to be at this event. The Fourth of July is a big deal in town and this is not far behind. If you have never seen the sled dogs, you need to see this once. Marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race, Land O' Lakes is the longest running venue for a dog sled race anywhere in the upper Midwest. It features the largest purses and in turn draws over entries in the races.. Held between the Town Hall, Fire Barn and Elementary School in downtown Land O' Lakes, there is a village set up each day of mushers. Food is available, there is chains saw art, fur caps and more available at the event. On Saturday night there is a Mushers Ball at the famous Gateway Lodge. Food, music and more. For more information: <http://www.3bear.org/>

### **Our Moon Lake Neighbor, Steve Schultz, Passes**

Steve died on October 16 at age 69. He had been fighting cancer for a long while. He managed to keep up his good nature until the very end, knowing that his illness was quite serious. Steve and Marcia had been residents of Moon Lake since the early 1970's when they built their log home on South Moon Lake Road.

Steve had been a professor of music at the University of Minnesota since 1970. Though retired for the past ten years, great numbers of his students and professional colleagues were in attendance at his memorial service in St. Paul. Their tributes to his memory spoke well of his dedication and love of teaching and of his students. Steve took a leadership role in introducing computer based music education at the university. The brass ensemble that he formed at the school, was a special tribute to his memory at his memorial service.

Steve will be greatly missed. His presence on Moon Lake brought smiles and good humor to his neighbors, whether walking his dog, at a lake party or out on the golf course.

## **Personal**

Judy and I are finally back to the home we have been preparing for our retirement. Even with all the snow, it is a wonderful place to finish our time on earth.

First of all, I would like to thank Jim Reiels for all his time and effort he has dedicated to our news letter. We can only hope to follow his example. Next time you cross his path, please thank him for his contributions.

Next is a message to you. This is your newsletter! We will continue the format of posting the news and events that are associated with our community. The newsletter will be sent out quarterly and also whenever special notices from the board require distribution. We welcome any articles, or any personal news items you would like to see published. Please send those items to Tom and Judy Chase ([tnjchase@alphacomm.net](mailto:tnjchase@alphacomm.net)) and we will get them in the following news letter.

Thanks,

Tom and Judy