



## **MLRA Newsletter #113 July 2011**

### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

We still need volunteers for our Moon Lake perimeter road cleanup program. At this point, David and Mary Pat Kelly have volunteered to cover the boat landing and the East Duck Lake loop. Dale Sharpee has volunteered to cover South Moon Lake Road from his home to County Road B in Land O'Lakes. John Sick will cover West Moon Lake Road. We need volunteers for North Moon Lake Road from Rt. 45 to West moon Lake Road, and South Moon Lake Road from Rt. 45 to the Sharpee home. The role of the volunteers is to pick up roadside debris on their own schedule and as frequently as they believe is necessary. If you are interested in participating, please contact John Sick ([jsick@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jsick@cfl.rr.com)) or any other board member. Let's make sure the perimeter roads around Moon Lake are as pristine as the beautiful northwoods!

#### **Note:**

Bob Turnquist and Roy Poterfield have indicated they will cover portions of North Moon Lake Road and West Moon Lake Road. Linda Wheeler will cover portions of North Moon Lake Road to Hwy 45. Tom and Judy Chase will cover South Moon Lake Road from Hwy 45 to the Sharpee home. Other residents are welcome to police the area as well.

Let's all do our part to keep our piece of paradise free of garbage. You can help us by keeping the area in front of your property free of litter. Out for a walk...Like a nursery rhyme... Find a piece of litter, put it in your pocket and save our Moon Lake everyday. Cigarette butts continue to be the biggest litter problem.

### **Thank you, John Sick**

It was with great regret that the MLRA board accepted John's resignation at its July 13 meeting. John has served on the board for many years, actually from the inception of MLRA. During the years under his leadership Moon Lake has conducted many projects. A few of the projects include the building of fish cribs, hosting a fishing contest, conducting the Moon Lake/Duck Lake golf outing, annual social meetings, dialogues with the Michigan DNR and the Lac Vieux Desert tribe, clean-up of roads surrounding Moon Lake and trash removal from the lake bottom.

John has willingly shared his great love of Moon Lake and has given generously of his time and talents to make our association the envy of other lake organizations. Thanks, John, for your services. We look forward to some time in the future when you may again be able to serve of the board. We very much appreciate the great work you have done for us.

In response, Jim Reiels (as a representative of the board) sent the following message to John:

MOON LAKE RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 683  
Land O' Lakes, WI 54540

July 13, 2011

Mr. John Sick  
1191 Golf Point Loop  
Apopka, FL 32717

Dear John:

It was with great regret that the MLRA board accepted your letter of resignation at its meeting this morning. We reflected on the many initiatives and service you have given through the years. Under your leadership our lake association has become a model of how effective lake associations can become.

The board and the lake residents wish to thank you for all you have done for Moon Lake. It is our collective hope that some time in the future you will again be able to join the board.

Thanks, John. You are missed already

Sincerely yours,

Jim Reiels  
MLRA Secretary

# Moon Lake Loons Report – 2011Season

*Tom & Linda Wheeler*

Listed below is a brief loon activity summary:

1. April 26 – First sighting of pair.
2. April 30 – Official ice out.
3. May 03 – Put roots on platform.
4. May 08 – First report of loon on platform.
5. May 16 – Sitting on platform shaking head (black flies). Abandoned nest soon after.
6. May 26 – Back on nest. Widespread disruption of loon nesting because of black flies, as reported by Mike Meyers of WDNR.
7. May 27 – Buoys in place, sign up at boat landing
8. June 28 – Off nest, no chicks sighted.
9. June 30 – Visited nest, no sign of eggs.

\*No confirmed count of number of eggs this year due to high sides of the nest and vegetation on the platform.

## **MLRA TREASURER'S REPORT**

By Jim Reiels

The MLRA fiscal year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, so again the \$20.00 dues are payable now if you have not yet sent in your dues for 2011. The amount of dues is set each year at the MLRA annual meeting (August 13, 2011). Thus, if possible, let this reminder motivate payment. Make your checks payable to MLRA and mail to Jim Reiels, PO Box 683, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540. Thanks for taking care of this so multiple reminders will not be necessary. Remember your dues are tax-deductible. As of 2.16.11 only 23 members have paid; not even half of our members.

Our current balance is \$619.17 in checking; savings \$2361.99 and ANS Fund \$774.48

## **Moon Lake Website**

[www.moonlake.org](http://www.moonlake.org)

by Bob Turnquist

Web site statistics show that the Moon Lake website is getting good usage. That means that when you submit something to the **webmaster** many people will see what you have sent to share. To date only 1 MLRA member has submitted anything for the website. I encourage you all to consider submitting something to share with lake residents. Simply email your information to [webmaster@moonlake.org](mailto:webmaster@moonlake.org). Don't forget to email suggestions for the website to the **webmaster**.

Dale Sharpe has been taking frequent water quality measurements. You will find them posted under the "Water Quality" tab on the website. Good news! The lake level has risen 19.5" from ice on to ice off!!!

We have put the newsletter archive under a separate tab on the main page of the website to make access easier.

Website activity for 2011 as of 12 July 2011:

| <b>Month</b>     | <b>Unique Visitors</b> | <b>Number of Visits</b> | <b>Site Hits</b> |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| January 2011     | 97                     | 504                     | 9904             |
| February 2011    | 91                     | 325                     | 23964            |
| March 2011       | 82                     | 346                     | 6951             |
| April 2011       | 134                    | 388                     | 18805            |
| May 2011         | 141                    | 473                     | 19758            |
| June 2011        | 155                    | 402                     | 13923            |
| <b>July 2011</b> | <b>88</b>              | <b>239</b>              | <b>2362</b>      |

## **LADIES OF THE LAKE NEWS**

*Judy Chase*

The Ladies of the Lake were very lucky to enjoy **Debbie Piel's** hospitality by hosting a May 17th Birthday gathering in her home. The Margarita's were the drink of the day and we each brought a yummy treat for our Mexican theme meal. **Karen, Rhoda, Linda, Sally, Elaine V.,** and **Cassandra** were the Birthday gals of the month. Thanks Debbie....We always love coming to your beautiful oasis in the North Woods and watching the deer come up to your bird feeder added to a beautiful day.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> eleven ladies were able to attend the gathering at the **Forest Lake Country Store**. I would have loved to attend but it was our daughter's birthday and we were blessed to have her spend it with us. I checked with Sally /Elaine. All the ladies enjoyed the wine, food and chat time.

Three of our friends are dealing with health problems. If you have time, send them a note of cheer. They are: **Winnie** Baeten, 5506 353<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Burlington WI 53015, **Judy** Sick, 1191 Golf Point Loop, Apopka FL 32717 and **Jean** Reiels, PO Box 683 Land O' Lakes WI 54540.

On **Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.,** (July 21, 2011) **Prudy** Caudill has invited the Ladies of the Lake to her home for "Donuts on the Dock". Please RSVP to Prudy at 544-2346 or pcaudill@alphacomm.net .

## **Observations**

*Tom Chase*

As my friend Yaco says, "... first it's Spring, then comes the Fourth of July, and then it's Winter". Actually, it seems to be the "Dog days of August" with the heat and humidity, and winter is nowhere in sight (thank goodness)! Nothing, however, can distract from the beauty of the Moon Lake north woods.

There were early bear observations on the north side of Moon Lake this Spring. A few days ago, a good size black bear disrupted our morning walk, and ended up going through our back yard towards Prudy's house! Yikes!!!

Here are a couple reminders that you should keep in mind:

1. This will be the last Newsletter (**other than those members still on the mailing list**) that will be sent out! You will be sent an email notifying you that a newsletter has been generated and will be

posted to our web site ... [www.moonlake.org](http://www.moonlake.org) Any meetings held prior to the quarterly newsletter will have their respective minutes included with the posted newsletter.

2. **Please note item 13 on the subsequent MLRA Board Meeting minutes from 13 July 2011.** Make sure you send Judy Chase ([tnjchase@alphacomm.net](mailto:tnjchase@alphacomm.net)) notification on any Lake Association member that you would like the Association to have a card mailed to them. Be sure to send the person's name and current address.
3. **IMPORTANT.** We are having our MLRA annual meeting on **August 13, 2011 at Ely Memorial Church. Meeting starts a 9:00 am.** Board members will be elected as well as a new president and vice president. An email notification, with agenda, will be sent within the next several days.

Remember, this is your newsletter. Any article contributions you would like to share, please forward to any board member, or myself and we will get them published.

### **Important Telephone Numbers**

WE Power outage: 800-662-4797  
Fire: 715-547-6170 – Land O'Lakes  
906-358-4613 – Watersmeet  
Police: 906-358-4313 – Watersmeet  
906-358-4575 – Gogebic County  
715-479-8969 – Vilas County  
Ambulance: 715-547-6170 – Land O'Lakes

**Moon Lake Riparian Board Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2011** - 8:08 a.m. Pine Cone Restaurant  
Members Present: Roy Porterfield, Linda Wheeler, Bob Turnquist, Dale Sharpee, Tom Chase, Jim Reiels  
Meeting called to order by Vice President Roy Porterfield

1. Roy indicated that the annual meeting on August 13 would be held at Ely Memorial Church at 9:00 a.m. He volunteered to arrange for refreshments. Jim is to send him a check for \$35.00 for use of church hall.
2. After some discussion the board opted not to host a social for the lake association this year. The consensus was that the social should be held every other year.
3. Bob volunteered to check with ISCCW to have a spokesperson at the annual meeting to report on the status of invasive species within the township.
4. Bob moved/Tom seconded approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the board. Passed
5. Jim gave the treasurer's report indicating the following: Checking balance = \$619.71; Savings = \$2,361.99 and ANS Fund = \$2,714.43.
6. The summer road clean-up volunteers were: Dale and Tom for South Moon Lake Road; Linda North Moon Lake Road and Bob and Roy West Moon Lake Road.

7. Dale moved/ Linda seconded purchase of software to augment the Moon Lake weather station in an amount not to exceed \$150.00. Passed. The software would enable automatic recording of weather data onto the Moon Lake website (Moonlake.org)
8. Bob reported that the Moon Lake website in February had 24,000 hits by 91 viewers. Linda suggested that the website include a tab for the newsletter. Bob will include a report re. the site in the July newsletter.
9. Dale reported that the lake level has risen 19.5 inches since ice out. The latest reading of water clarity was 15.5 feet, which is relatively less than normal.
10. The hours for high speed watercraft usage was discussed. The board opted not to change the hours (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
11. The board will be seeking a new board member to replace John Sick.
12. Continuation of the \$20 annual dues will be recommended for approval at the annual meeting. There are 12 members who have not renewed for this year. They will be contacted by board members.
13. The board agreed that it would be nice to send out cards to members who are ill, grieving or celebrating special occasions. Tom volunteered his wife Judy to take on this responsibility.
14. Tom volunteered to serve as vice-president if elected by the annual meeting.
15. Members whose terms are ending this year (Wheeler, Porterfield, Turnquist and Chase) all agreed to serve again if approved by annual meeting.
16. It was suggested that the agenda for the annual meeting be included in the next newsletter as well as on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Reiels, Secty.