

Letter to all LLR&PA members and friends, from Tony Novak  
January 2007

Hello to all,

Our entire board extends to you and your family the best for the up coming holidays.

I would like to take a few moments and present a summary of this year events and what we are planning to do in 2007.

As of March 18, 2006, LLR&PA, received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service confirming that we have been accepted as a **Non Profit 501 (C) (3) Tax Exempt Organization**. Many thanks to our treasurer, Jim Hendrickson who put the time and effort in to get this done. This was a big job and will be helpful in the future to obtain Grants from the state of Wisconsin. **Thank you Jim.**

Chris Chmielewski, our secretary, has done a fantastic job with the news letter and building a data base of our members. **Thank you Chris.**

In 2003 we contracted with the Limnological Institute to do a study of our lake. This information was needed to get as much information as we could about Lake Lorraine. This has been a very long process and expensive process. The final results are in the process to be completed. The cost was \$22,876. We were able to receive grants from the state of Wisconsin for \$17,157 and LLR&PA had to pay \$5,719. **Our balance to pay is approx. \$3,600**, which will be paid at the time the report is completed. We hope to have the report completed by the summer of 2007. All of this information is given to Wisconsin DNR for their review. The DNR has been extremely helpful to LLR&PA.

#### **Ice Fishing Derby**

In 2005, we had a large snow storm of 12 inches or more

In 2006, we had bad ice but it was 25 below zero at 5 am when we were setting things up.

In 2007, I have placed an order to have 10 inches of ice or more, 24 degrees, no wind. Currently, it is too warm and we need cold weather soon to get good ice.

The Ice Fishing Derby is on January 20, 2007, from 7 AM to 3:30 PM. It will be located at the boat launch. I have attached a poster for the Derby. Feel free to print some up and hang at your favorite locations. Your 2007 membership due application, along with \$10 of raffle tickets have been mailed to you. I have received checks from many of our members. If you have not sent yours in, please do so. We need all the money we can get to fight off the weeds in our lake. More raffle tickets are available upon request.

If you are able to help out at the Ice Fishing Derby, please let me know.

We raffle off several booze baskets. In the past, members have donated bottles of booze, wine, beer etc. If you have a donation, please let me know. This is a great way to get rid of some of the bottles you do not drink.

If your favorite store or restaurant would like to donate a prize for our Derby, please let me know.

**A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO GREG WEDL FOR ARRANGING TO HAVE OUR RAFFLE TICKETS PRINTED. BADGER PRESS PRINTING PRINTED OUR RAFFLE TICKETS AT NO COST.**

**THANK YOU BAGER PRESS AND GREG.**

#### **WEED PROGRAM**

Our program in 2006 was a **HUGE SUCCESS**. Thanks goes to everyone that donated money to make this possible. We spent approx. \$8,500 for weed removal.

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It was a great site to see everyone using the lake. People out with their boats, skiing, tubing, fishing etc. Hearing all the kids laughing and have fun. Everyone having a fantastic time. It was an awesome site. This is what life is all about. We have the opportunity to make our lake better. If we all work together, we can do it.

The DNR gave us a A+ this year with our weed program. We took out 45 truck loads of weeds from the lake. By taking out the weeds from the lake prevents them from turning into muck at the bottom of our lake. The DNR said that we will be able to cut more aggressively in 2007. In 2006 we could only cut 3 feet down, now in 2007 we can cut 5 1/2 feet down.

We will be meeting with the DNR in February to secure our permit for 2007. I have also talked to Dave, from Midwest Aquatics, making arrangement for the weed cut in 2007. Dave suggested that we make 2 separate cuts in 2007. First cut will be in early May to cut the Curlyleaf Pondweed. We had a lot of Curlyleaf Pondweed on the South end of the lake this year. It was very thick and hard to get a boat through it. The second cut would be at the end of June to cut the Eurasian Water Milfoil, like we did in 2006.

By cutting twice and cutting deeper will require more time and money. I am guessing we will need \$14,000 to \$16,000. It is not cheap but we need to do it. **Our lake is our asset.** If we do not take care of it, nobody else will. We currently have about \$2,000 left in our kitty. We need to raise a lot of money.

Bill Yoss, our Vice President, has given us permission to dump all the weeds again on his property. **Thank you Bill.**

Ken Maynard passed the test to apply chemicals in the state of Wisconsin. I don't know if or when we may use chemicals. This will be decided once our report is completed and we talk with the DNR. This is something that has to be reviewed. However, if it is decided to use chemicals, we can now do it within our association. We would only have to buy the chemicals and secure the permit. **Thank You Ken.**

Neil Sawyer, a board member, is the Associate Professor for the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Whitewater. Neil has been informative with information about the weeds in our lake. There is a chance that one of Neil's students will do a study of the watershed on Lake Lorraine. **Thank You Neil.**

As you can see, we are building a great team. **Team effort makes success.** We all have talent and ideas to offer. We all have contacts to get information and materials, lets use them. If we work together we can beat the weed problem.

### **First Lake Lorraine Block Party**

Our block party was a huge success this year. We had approx. 130 people who attended. Everyone had fun meeting people, playing bingo, eating great food, great music etc. **Many thanks goes to our block party committee: Chris Chmielewski, Helen Person, Joe Soper and Jeanne Yaunke.**

Many said they will be back in 2007 for our second annual block party.

### **Donations from corporations:**

Lori McGowen is currently working with Walmart in securing a grant (donation) for Lake Lorraine. It is ideas and the willingness that Lori took upon herself that will raise money for Lake Lorraine. **Thank You Lori.**

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If you have any ideas for a fund raiser please let us know. If your employer or businesses you know of provide money for Non Profit organizations, such as LLR&PA, please take the time to contact them.

**Dates to Remember:**

January 20, 2007: Ice Fishing Derby 7 AM to 3:30 PM

January 27, 2007: LLR&PA is a member of the Walworth County Lake Association and we are the sponsors of this meeting. It will be held at the Richmond Town Hall. Meeting starts at 10 AM and will last to Noon. Our guest speaker will be our new DNR Wardens who will speak about the problems with the Canadian Geese.

April 21, 2007: LLR &PA annual meeting will be held at the Richmond Town Hall. Meeting starts at 11 AM.

**Note: Original annual meeting date was April 7, now changed to April 21.**

Richmond Town Hall is located at W9046 County Highway "A", Delavan, WI 53115 and is less than one minute from Duck Inn.

Please pass the word around about LLR&PA and events in 2007. Not everyone has email and this is the quickest and cheapest way to get information out. We also provide newsletters several times each year by email and mail.

We have a lot of paying members in LLR & PA but there are people that are not members. If each of us pass the word around, I am sure more people will join. Keep selling the raffle tickets for the Ice Fishing Derby. If each of us does a little more, we will greatly increase the success of LLR&PA.

Thanks,  
Tony Novak