

SPREAD EAGLE CHAIN O'LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Spring/Summer2021

From the Chair...

“What a Long, Strange Trip It’s Been...”

I don’t think the late, great Jerry Garcia had 2020-21 in mind when *The Grateful Dead* sang those words in “Truckin” 50 years ago... but they sure do seem to apply. A year ago, Zoom was a speed indicator of young children; now it’s how we meet. We used to be fearful if a masked man walked into a store; now we are fearful if it’s an unmasked one. Working from home was a dream; now, for many, it’s a, well, less than expected...For others, they have found a new freedom and are working from their beloved locations, long thought to be “get-aways”.... Spread Eagle has its share of those. And as we stand in line for our shots like the good citizens that we are, we look forward to NORMAL...however it presents itself.

For many of us, it will include returning to the Spread Eagle Chain to join that ever growing troop of year-round residents. As the ice recedes and the forests come alive with ferns and trillium and the oaks shed the last of their leaves, our eager hopes of warm breezes and cool summer nights are like the new buds of spring opening up.

We hope, no expect, that we shall once again get together for our robust Social schedule, an Annual meeting again at the Svecia Club, and the many impromptu get-togethers and parties with our extended Spread Eagle family.

But, things have not been stationary. Over the fall and winter, your Board has been working on several of our ongoing projects: fireworks, invasives, boat safety, among others, while also fielding new challenges and opportunities.

Recently, Florence County Forestry and Parks applied for a grant to upgrade and expand the North Lake boat landing. Thanks to Jay Weber’s natural curiosity, we became aware of this when surveyors were spotted at the landing.

The Board quickly sprang into action and we had many participants in the January and February Forest and Parks Committee meeting, expressing our concerns and desire to work with the County on any plans for repairs or expansion. While we have had some cooperation and promises of collaboration, much yet needs to be shown by the Parks management and Committee that they mean what they say. Your Board is on top of it and will keep you apprised.

At almost the same time, the Board was approached by the Florence Township Commissioner, Tim Bomberg. He told us that the Township is looking to build a second Fire House and locate it in the Spread Eagle area over on the Township’s property at the old “Dump” off Lake Elwood Rd. They asked that SECOLA be represented on the feasibility committee and we agreed. Deb Cini will be working with the Committee as it begins exploring this proposal. While they will be exploring the many pluses and minuses of this proposal, we do know that it could have an impact on all lake properties by lowering the cost of homeowners fire insurance coverage. In a recent update from Tim Bomberg, he said while there have been some hiccups in the preliminary planning for the Spread Eagle firehouse, he hopes to have those ironed out soon and he is exploring the availability of funds in the new stimulus package.

Meanwhile, behind the curtain, Katie Buchanan Reynolds has begun the process of moving our membership data from Excel spreadsheets to a “cloud” based Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. When complete, we will have much better abilities to communicate, retain historical member data, share information with the Board and committees to continue to best accomplish set goals, and serve the needs of the Lake and its community. The new system allows us to keep track of many new data points. One data point of interest is the growing number of Registered Voters who are also members of SECOLA. It turns out we may be a force in many ways.

We have again committed our “treasure and sweat” to the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program, allowing the county to continue to provide boat cleaning services at the North Lake Landing, as well as other lakes in the County. SECOLA continues to be a key player in the County’s fight against invasive species. We will continue our monitoring and eradication of EWM in conjunction with White Water Associates.

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Boating Tips

Personal Flotation Devices

- ◆ All vessels (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have at least one USCG-approved **wearable** personal floatation device (PFD) ie; life jacke for each person on board.
- ◆ All vessels 16 feet or more in length (except canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards must have one USCG– approved **throw-able** PFD on board that is immediately accessible.
- ◆ Besides being USCG-approved, all PFD’s must be: In good condition (which means no tears, rips, broken straps or snaps). Readily accessible (which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency) and of proper size for the user.

The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities

CONTACT INFORMATION

SECOLA BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson	Scott Reynolds	815-474-2636
Vice– Chair	Deb Cini	906-282-6762
Treasurer	Dana Colenso	715-696-6026
Secretary	Cindy Weber	630-337-5736

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Natural Resources	Carl Sundberg	715-696-3442
Bass Island	Chuck Hjerpe	972-951-5520
Public Relations & Publicity	Deb Cini	715-696-353
Water Safety	Jay Weber	414-791-2974
Building/Zoning	Gary Weber	630-251-8424
Grants	Glen Johnson	312-218-2545
Membership	Katie Buchanan-Reynolds	608-239-1578
	Martie Muzzy	484-364-6615
Nominations	*	

* If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee please contact Cindy Weber, Secretary.

SAILS AT HALF-MAST

TONY AMATO– BASS LAKE

TONY’S FAMILY WANTED FRIENDS TO KNOW THAT A SERVICE WILL BE HELD JULY 7TH AT JACOB’S FUNERAL HOME.

EVELYN ERICKSON– LONG LAKE

WES HANSON– NORTH LAKE

MARY JOHNSON–MIDDLE LAKE

RUSSELL PAINTON– BASS LAKE

DUANE POLKINGHORN– NORTH LAKE

MARVIN SCATTI– BASS LAKE

RICHARD WIELAND– LONG LAKE

You are missed!

Grant Committee Report

It is hard to work on identifying aquatic invasive species with ice on the lake. Nonetheless, work will begin once the ice leaves and underwater plant growth begins.

Our current Rapid Response grant of \$26,000 goes through June 30, 2022. This grant relates to the identification of invasive aquatic plants, in particular Eurasian Watermilfoil, in Middle Lake. To date, we have spent \$8,480.

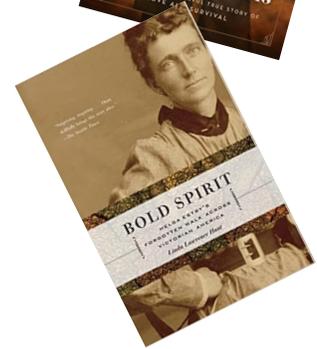
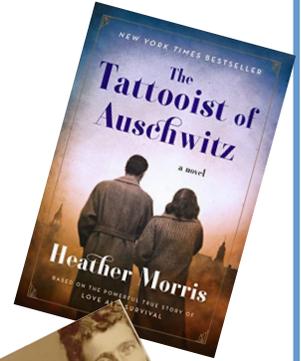
Glen Johnson, Chair Grant Committee

The SECOLA board would like to remind lake residents to please review the Boat and Wake Safety Committee’s “Best Practices” found on our website: www.spreadeaglechain.org

Please remember YOU are responsible for your Wake!

2021 Book Club Schedule

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	HOST
June 16	The Dutch House	Ann Pachett	Martha Nagel
July 7	Caste	Isabel Wilkerson	Mary Anderson-Peat
July 21	Bold Spirit	Linda Lawrence Hunt	Ruth Blohm
August 11	Tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris	Maria Caviani
August 25	Olive Again	Elizabeth Strout	Holly Wissing
September 8	The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes	Mary Lynn Painton



The SECOLA Book Club happily welcomes all new members to join. All of our meetings take place at the Florence County Library at 11:am. If you have any questions about this group please contact Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814

2021 Garden Club Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
May 13th	Annual road trip to Tony’s Green Thumb in Bark River, followed by lunch in Escanaba at The Stonehouse.	Deb Cini 906-282-6762
May 20th	Walking tour of Fumee Lake. Phyllis Carlson will guide us to view the Yellow Slippers in bloom. We will also go to Larson’s Greenhouse, followed by a picnic at Lake Antoine	Roberta Anderson 715-696-3230 or 847-254-8669
June 3rd	Build your own Table Flower Tower.	Marla Peterson 815-742-2425
June 17th	Peony Garden Party with a presentation	Cathy Curran 715-889-9313
July 22nd	Presentation by The Garden Center	Cathy Curran 715-889-9313
Aug 12th	“What to do with seeds” presentation with a plant exchange and the Annual Meeting	Audrey Thompson 312-590-0390
Aug 26th	Un-birthday Party at the Chippewa Club and learn about “The Language of Flowers”	Deb Cini 906-282-6762
Sept 9th	Demonstration on making bird feeder wreaths followed by a potluck with spouses/significant other	Cindy Weber 630-337-5736

Details of events will be sent to members in a separate newsletter. If you would like to join the Garden Club please contact Marla Peterson (co-chair) at 815-742-2425. We welcome all beginner gardeners and experts!



Ice highway to build the new Svecia Club Boat House

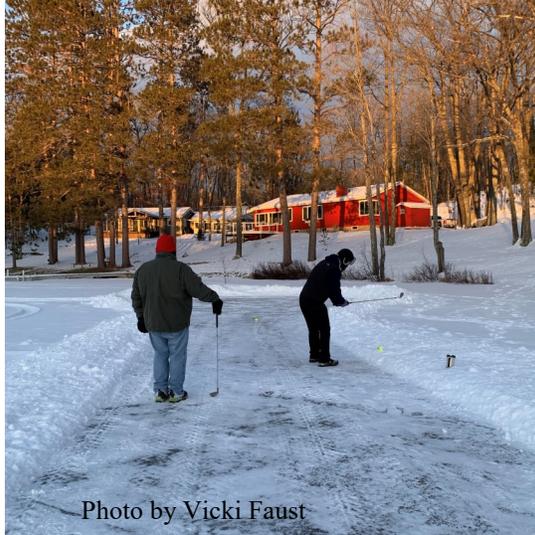


Photo by Vicki Faust



Golfing on the North Lake channel.
Steve Faust & Joe Hunt
"Hole in One!"



Photo by L. Johnson

Rutledge Johnson making tracks!



Day & Night Skating

Winter Fun On The Lakes!



Photo by Rick Bottesi

From left to right: Lucas Bottesi, Ava Bottesi, and Brandlee Bottesit

“Thanks to Thee”

A glassy sea speeds under me
 A whipped cream wake is aft
 My motor sings a muffled song
 And whigs on my craft

My hair is wildly blown about
 And headed with salt spray
 I sing a song with heartfelt joy
 Like a youthful runaway

Chores and troubles left ashore
 Cast off with mooring lines
 Cobwebs in my mind are gone
 My spirit brightly shines

Circling high the gulls and terns
 Sense my festive aire
 Their raucous cries, a symphony
 For only me to share

The magic of the moment
 Makes me silent suddenly
 My windblown face turns skyward
 To give my thanks to Thee

By Jack Jay Burns

2021 Boat Parade Theme

“Your Favorite Musical Group”

The Melin’s have generously offered their lawn for The Ice Cream Social prior to the parade. All are welcome!

If you would like more information please contact Cathy Curran at 715-889-9313

Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes
 FUN LAKE FACTS



There are 418 parcels of property on the lake ...
 with 314 different owners....
 representing 26 different states!

(Information obtained from the Florence County GSO Link)

MEMBERSHIP

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 314 PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE CHAIN OF LAKES. AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION, THE ASSOCIATION HAS 186 PAID MEMBERS (59%).

MONEY FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS HELP PAY FOR MONITORING & PULLING OF INVASIVE SPECIES, THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS, STOCKING FISH, AND SOCIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THIS WONDERFUL GROUP!

YOU CAN FIND A MEMBERSHIP FORM ON OUR WEBSITE : WWW.SPREADEAGLECHAIN.ORG, OR YOU CAN CONTACT BARB ROOK, LAKE REPS CHAIRPERSON, (717)-404-3345 OR E-MAIL BARBARA-ROOK@COMCAST.NET .

BARB WILL GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LAKE’S REPRESENTATIVE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SECOLA.

WE ALSO OFFER PAYPAL ON LINE.

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From the Chair...

Invasive species control, monitoring and, where possible, eradication remains the largest part of our responsibilities and our budget. We rely on the generosity of our members who donate in excess of \$8,300 each year to help defray the cash costs of our Invasive commitments. We are indebted to all who donate large and small to continue the ongoing battle.

It is my honor to announce that SECOLA has received a substantial gift in the memory of longtime Spread Eagle icons the late Ralph and Cynthia Carlson. Their passing, along with several other longtime lake residents recently, will not be forgotten and this gift specifically for our fight against invasives will help ensure their pristine lakes will continue for generations to come.

Be Safe, get Vaccinated, see you on the Lakes,

Scott Reynolds, Chair of the Board

Stray Casts

We got our second Covid vaccine, so we are optimistic for Summer 2021!

Last summer we forfeited SECOLA breakfasts, dinners and bridge to occupy our time; family contact was minimal. With less obligations, the number of hours spent fishing increased for me and many fishermen around the lake. The number of days fishing for me increased to 136 days, which was 14 more days more than the year before.

People often ask me if Muskies are hurting our fishing. I can say I catch about two a year and always release them. Last summer I caught 191 northern over 18 inches; this was double the number of the past two years. We kept three to eat and some 18-22 inch to make into pickled pike. In my opinion, northern are a bigger predator than muskies.

Bass fishing usually yields about three hundred fish a year but was down slightly last year.

Walleye fishing yielded four keepers, 8-22 inches, but 24 walleye were under the 18 inch limit, showing good potential for 2021 and 2022. It takes 4-5 years to get to the 18 inch minimum, so stocking should continue to increase this highly desirable fish. We are now seeing some bull bluegills 8-1/2 inches. This may reflect that the regulations of five fish only during the spawning seem to be working.

I enjoy fishing for and eating all species. Bass under the 14 inch limit can taste almost as good as panfish. If you concentrate on one species, you can catch more of them than I have. It is easier to fish for what is biting.

See you on the water!

Carl Sundberg,
Chair, Natural Resource Committee



Carl Sundberg with a 32 inch Northern

If you would like to submit an article, share birth announcements, names for Half-Mast, or pictures of interest for consideration in the newsletter, please contact Deb Cini 906-282-6762 /debcini7@gmail.com

Invasive Species Report

Although we have a grant to identify and pull Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) from Middle Lake, our lake association is committed to continue monitoring all of the lakes on the chain for invasive species and remove EWM when discovered.

A quote from 2020 estimated the cost to cover this work would be approximately \$3,360, based on time spent previous years. In addition, volunteers spent over 100 hours pulling invasive species, checking water clarity and monitoring.

2021 SOCIAL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT/RSVP
Friday, June 4	SECOLA Executive Committee Meeting (10am) Chippewa Club followed by lunch	Scott Reynolds 815-474-2636
Wednesday, June 9	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1488 Town Road U (Middle Lake) BYOB & Appetizer	Mary Anne Flaminio 715-696-6499
Monday, June 21	Dinner and Dancing at the Encore Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30	Deb Reynolds 815-258-7664
Saturday, July 3	Fireworks at Dusk	Scott Reynolds 815-474-2636
Sunday, July 4	Ice Cream Social (11:30) Boat Parade (1pm) Middle Lake (entrance to North Lake) Theme: Your Favorite Music Group	Dick & Joyce Melin 715-629-9300 Cathy Curran 715-889-9313 Jennifer McGregor - Wooden Boats 312-310-1744
Friday, July 9	SECOLA Executive Committee Meeting (10am) Chippewa Club followed by lunch	Scott Reynolds 815-474-2636
Wednesday, July 14	Ladies of the Lakes(5:30-7:30) 4893 Carpenter Rd (Middle Lake) BYOB & Appetizer	Barb Rook 717-404-3345
Saturday, July 17	SECOLA Annual Meeting (10am) Svecia Club	Scott Reynolds 815-474-2636
Monday, July 19	Bass Island Party (5:30-7:30) BYOB & Appetizer Boat captains will pick you up & bring you home	Jane Santini 906-282-0446
Thursday, July 22	SECOLA Golf Outing & Celebration! Pine Grove Country Club (details to follow)	Deb Reynolds 815-258-7664
Saturday, July 24	Legacies on the Lakes! If you were born after 1970 please join us in our first ever event! (details to follow)	Katie Reynolds 608-239-1578
Wednesday, August 11	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1557 North Lake Road (North Lake) BYOB & Appetizer	Marla Peterson 815-742-2425
Friday, August 20	SECOLA Executive Committee Meeting (10am) Chippewa Club	Scott Reynolds 815-474-2636
Tuesday, August 24	SECOLA Dinner- Cocktails (5:30) Dinner (6:30) The Chippewa Club Theme: "Up North Eh?"	Deb Cini 906-282-6762
Wednesday, Sept 8	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1406 Long Lake Road (Long Lake) BYOB & Appetizer	Shelby Merckx 715-889-4528
WEEKLY		
Tuesdays	Bridge -Party and Duplicate (1pm)	Roberta Anderson 847-254-8669
Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast- Holiday Kitchen (9am)	Ed Patrick 785-224-1078
Wednesdays	Women's Breakfast-Barb's Café (10am)	Jane Patrick 785-478-1814

Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc.

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Forwarding Services Requested

In an effort to keep our membership records accurate, we are asking you to convey any changes in property owner information to the Board.

**Check out our SECOLA website for news events
and updates to the Calendar:
www.spreadeaglechain.org**



Photo by Ed Patrick