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The GRINDSTONE TRUMPETER



The Grindstone Lake Association
is a community of neighbors
dedicated to promoting the
preservation and enjoyment
of our precious lake!

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Mission Statement

The Grindstone Lake Association was organized:

- To Inform
- To Enhance the Community
- To Protect the Environment around Grindstone Lake

President's Message

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

Since its establishment a decade ago, the Grindstone Lake Association has focused on the lake itself. However, with the onslaught of developers and non-natural sources of phosphorous, we've learned that preservation efforts must focus on what lies behind us, not on what shimmers in front of our decks and docks. Simply put, what shimmers will lose its shine if we don't conserve the lands behind the lake.

Although the GLA board recognizes the connection between lake and lands, the directors also realize that when it comes to the watershed and environs, it is supremely difficult to draw a line of demarcation between what's within the reasonable purview of the Association and what lies without. Accordingly, with the board's full moral support, a sub-group has joined Grindstone's neighbors to form a regional conservancy to help preserve a broader area.

The leaders of this effort are GLA directors Roger Rickard and Jim Garvey, with very able and substantial assistance from Association member Bob Oesterreicher. Both Roger and Jim are retired but hardly retiring, and their commitments of time, thought and energy are a model of civic activism. On his own initiative, Roger, a retired business exec, plunged into Gathering Waters, a Madison-based resource group dedicated to assisting private citizens form and administer land trusts and conservancies in Wisconsin. Roger is now a member of the board of Gathering Waters. Jim, a retired attorney from Eau Claire, has likewise dived head first (with experienced legal arms stretched out overhead) into the "waters" of conservation and preservation, helping Roger in these spearheading efforts. Bob, also an attorney, has devoted many hours to the development of articles and by-laws for the nascent organization — articles and by-laws that are specially-tailored, and not simple boiler-plate forms on a hard-drive. To these individuals, we — and our heirs — owe a hearty thanks.

The next step is to file the articles and identify and recruit prospective directors from the region — Spring Lake, Windigo, Lac Court d'Oreilles and Whitefish, in addition to Grindstone. Once

the organization takes shape, watch for it to educate land-owners and solicit financial contributions and outright land grants and conservation easements, all in an effort to preserve the northwoods and those shimmering waters that we enjoy from our decks and docks.

It is hoped that the foregoing initiative will dovetail with the "Smart Growth" planning efforts mandated by state law and currently underway in Bass Lake Township (and adjoining towns). One aspect of the Smart Growth Plan will be the review and revision of outdated zoning quiltwork that typifies the area.

What many before us took for granted — clear water, unthreatened forests, northwoods appeal — is under pressure unprecedented since the sawyers' heyday a 100 years ago. That's the bad news. The good news is that people are responding to the challenge. It's not too late. There's still much left to preserve. With a collective will and sleeves rolled up, we can do it.

Eric Nilsson, GLA President



Cover: The graphic on the newsletter cover was designed for the Grindstone Lake Association by artist, Herb Keiffer. Herb, a resident of Grindstone Lake, created a unique image to serve as our logo.

Aquatic Plant Study

Due to the potential of harmful aquatic plants such as Eurasian milfoil invading Grindstone, The GLA Board decided to help facilitate a study of the current status of the plant life in Grindstone to obtain a base line of information.

A committee of volunteers comprised of Dave Mc Joynt, Skip Brossard, Joan Busta, Jim Queenan, Bruce Johnson, Jim & Helen Chevier met with DNR botanist Craig Rossiter and Dave Blumer on Grindstone to instruct us in taking plant samples.

The committee obtained samples from various parts of the lake and gave them to Joan Busta who has volunteered to identify each one as to location with photos and descriptions to start our base line study. On subsequent sampling we will take samples from the same locations to note any changes in type or quantity.

Identifying Eurasian milfoil turned out to be much more difficult than we thought as we obtained samples of Northern milfoil which looked like the description of Eurasian. This proved to the committee that identification can only be confirmed by the DNR or other trained specialist. It will be imperative for us to send questionable samples to the DNR.

This is the first step to an ongoing study of aquatic plant activity in Grindstone. We welcome anyone interested in helping to preserve the water quality of Grindstone to contact Dave McJoynt.

Dave & Mary Mc Joynt

The Hayward Carnegie Library

The Hayward Free Library Association was established in 1887, and was located on the second floor of the town hall. (The Hayward Bakery is located in this building today.) In the 1890s, the Andrew Carnegie Foundation began making grants to construct community libraries throughout the country. Eventually, Carnegie offered \$10,000 for a new library in Hayward. When our present day library opened in 1904, the Board of Directors wrote to thank Andrew Carnegie for his generosity. Their letter concluded with a flourish "We hope you may live long to gladden the seekers after knowledge, by furnishing buildings to house books that all may read for recreation and the educating of the people"

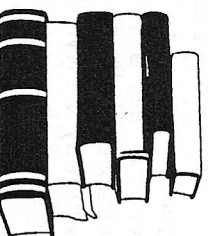
The Hayward Carnegie Library has served well for nearly 100 years, but our community has now outgrown the grand old building. Library shelves, reading areas, work tables and offices are literally bursting at the seams. Parking spaces are almost nonexistent. Access for senior citizens and those with physical challenges is a major concern. After many years of study and community dialogue, it's clear that our library is overdue for new facilities. The Board of Trustees has announced plans to build a new public library for all citizens of the Hayward and Sawyer County area.

An excellent site has been acquired on Highway 77 across from the Hayward Wesleyan Church. This project is expected to cost between \$2.5 and \$3 million. The Board of trustees has chosen to base the fundraising campaign on donations, thus minimizing additional tax burden on area residents.

The new library will be more than just a library to our community. The new facility will have space for art, concerts, film clubs, and exhibits of all kinds. The meeting rooms will be available for community clubs, business meetings and other civic activities. The new Hayward Public Library can be an ideal "technology center" -with ready access to Internet resources, word...processing, e-mail services, e-books, reference information and much more.

However, all of this can only be possible with the generosity of the entire community. The Library Board has begun a vigorous fund raising campaign, but we need your help. The library is not just for those who live here year round, but for all our friends who make the Hayward area a home away from home. All contributions will be appreciated, but for those who wish to make a major contribution, it is also an opportunity to make a lasting legacy. When you or your organization make a major contribution, we will dedicate a portion of the new library in the name you have chosen to honor.

If you or someone you know are interested in making a contribution, please contact Library Director Molly Lank-Jones at (715) 634-2161, or Ray Moeller at (715) 634-4911.



Ray Moeller, President, Hayward Carnegie Library

Board of Trustees

Over the years, the Walleyes For Northern Wisconsin Club has been a friend to many area lakes and lake associations including Grindstone Lake. This organization actively promotes walleye fishing through their activities and donations. Area lakes have greatly benefited from their commitment to the continued enjoyment of walleye fishing now and in the future.

Walleyes for Northern Wisconsin

Walleyes For Northern Wisconsin was formed by a local group of anglers in August of 1994. The main purpose of the club was, and remains to be, to act as a vehicle for walleye enthusiasts to join together to protect and enhance the opportunity to catch walleyes now and in the future.

Our main charter objectives are:

- a) to promote a high quality walleye fishery in area lakes;
- b) to promote and enhance water environment quality and to maintain and improve habitat;
- c) to work with Tribal and State agencies, area lake associations and area resort associations to maintain and improve area lake walleye populations; and
- d) to encourage the importance of catch and release programs

Toward these ends, over the past 3 years, in conjunction with the DNR and various lake associations we have established a matching grant program whereby WFNW and the DNR will match lake association funds for the purchase of fish cribs. A summary of our activities for the past several years is as follows:

- \$5,750 to Grindstone, Courte Oreilles,

Round, Teal, Windigo, Whitefish, Spider Nelson and Sand lake associations for the purchase of fish cribs.

- \$10,500 to the Sawyer County fish habitat program
- \$1,000 to the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Clean Water Fund
- \$500 to the Spooner Hatchery for the purchase of a special research microscope
- \$1,000 To Fishing has no Boundaries
- \$1,500 to LCO Tribal hatchery for hatchery expansion
- \$1,000 to Round Lake Milfoil eradication program.

The majority of our funds are raised through membership fees and through sponsorship of our annual family ice fishing contest. This year's annual ice fishing contest will be held Feb. 16, 2002, on Lac Courte Oreilles.

Your membership is important. Should you be interested, annual memberships are \$25 (individual) and \$35 (family). Membership dues may be sent to Bob Degen, 7759N Wilkie Rd., Hayward, WI 54843. Please contact Bob Degen at 715-634-3336 if further information is required.

Report: 18-Hole Golf Course Project

When news of the Pete Dye golf course with 150 homesites being planned in the Grindstone lake watershed was announced, I was immediately concerned about the enriched ingredients contaminating our watershed.

GLA Board member Ray Moeller and I attended the zoning meeting at the Sawyer County Courthouse Sept. 21, 2001. Although we expressed our desire to be cooperative, we firmly stated our concern about pollution to the watershed

by the fertilizers. We felt by being positive to the project we could obtain good feedback from the developers. This proved to be a good move as I was invited to meet with Pete Dye and his staff on site to discuss our concern. I met with Mr. Dye and his staff on Monday, Sept. 24. Mr. Dye assured me that they were very interested in capturing as much of the fertilized runoff as possible in retention ponds to feed back to the course and very little would

get to our watershed. In fact they would be converting a corn field, which has contributing phosphorus to our watershed, into a golf course managed runoff system. I left the meeting assured the Grindstone watershed would probably be in better shape because of the golf course project.



Dave Mc Joynt
GLA Board Member

The following article, written by Terrell Boettcher, appeared in the October 3, 2001, Sawyer County RECORD. It is reprinted with permission.

New 18-hole Championship Golf Course, Residential Development Is Planned West of LCO Casino

By Terrell Boettcher

An 18-hole golf course and residential development with up to 150 homes on 305 acres just west of the LCO Casino has obtained zoning and conditional use

approvals from the Town of Hayward Board and Sawyer County Zoning Committee as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The course will be designed by Pete Dye of Del

world-renowned golf architect who has designed more than 70 courses. Seventeen of them are ranked among the top 100 in the world, including the highly-acclaimed Black Wolf Run and Whistling Straits

courses at Kohler, Wis.

The owners and co-developers include Dave Weber of St. Paul, who is the owner of Country Inn and Suites and has a lake home in the Hayward area, and Jed Lund from the Minneapolis area. PGA professional Matt Vandellac is also involved with the project.

The group purchased the property about, three months ago from Pinewood Realty Inc.

Dye and his associate, Tim Liddy, walked the property on Sept. 24. Dye is probably the premier golf course designer in the world," said Weber. "We expect this to be a very unique design—that's the way all of his courses are. It will be a first-class, Type A golf course that I think will fit very nicely into the Hayward area.

"We expect it to be one that attracts a great deal of attention and people to the Hayward area," Weber added. The group of more than 100 owners also will become members in the golf course. The course primarily will be a, daily-fee public golf destination.

The front nine holes will be on, rolling to flat land and nine holes in the wooded hills on the development's west side. There will be a clubhouse

and driving range. "We're going to do some nice housing, some townhomes and single-family dwellings. We're going to have some minimum requirements, probably 1,600 square feet," Weber added.

Weber said they plan to do some grubbing this winter, and then to start moving ground around extensively next spring. Their tentative time line is to open the golf course in July, 2003.

"We will work closely with the Grindstone Lake Association to make sure that we keep our water, on the property and do a good job of maintaining the cleanliness of the lakes," Weber added.

Zoning hearing

During the Sawyer County zoning hearing, the Hayward Rod and Gun Club said they voted unanimously against the development with their primary concern being the possible environmental impact on local waterways from runoff of fertilizers from residential driveways and lawns.

The club leases 40 acres just west of the development. About one-half mile of the development borders Sawyer County Forestland.

Also, neighboring residents Michael and Lois

Downey said they are concerned about the quantity and quality of groundwater in the area. Their well is 250 feet deep, and a new well would be prohibitive, they said.

On behalf of the developers, Steve Bodenschatz said that they have met with Department of Natural Resources water regulators and must comply with DNR permit regulations for high-capacity wells and grading. They will do a plat which has to meet state approval.

There are no wetlands or streams on the 305 acres, so water bodies will be man-made for beauty, water retainage and irrigation, Bodenschatz said. The DNR is very strict in its review of the plat and grading permits so the fertilizers and pesticides do not run off, he said.

Grindstone Lake Association member James McJoynt spoke in favor of the golf course, and said that "We just want to be sure we don't bother the pristine lake conditions that we have here."

A water-quality study performed three years ago by the LCO Conservation Department showed that 30 percent of Grindstone Lake's, phosphorus inflow comes from Grindstone Creek, and the proposed

development is in the creek's watershed, McJoynt said.

"I play golf all over the country and (Dye) is very good," McJoynt said. "I'm sure the course will be well designed. The course will probably have retention ponds in order to capture the runoff from the fertilizer used in order to put it back on the golf course. The DNR is more concerned with the runoff from the home sites that have roofs and paved driveways—how that water will be contained in the basin that brings nutrients to the lake.

"We're not against the golf course: we just want to make sure that proper procedures are in place and followed so this doesn't affect our water," McJoynt said.

Curt Scherer, co-owner of the neighboring Mobil Outpost on the corner of

Hwys. B and K, said he is "very much in favor of this development. I think it's going to be good for the area, for the tax base and for tourism. Pete Dye is a world renowned golf architect and he does first-class developments, and I think it would be a great addition to an already-great area."

On behalf of the Hayward Rod and Gun Club, Herbert Leuthe said that club members are opposed to the residential, because they believe residents of neighboring lots will complain about the noise from the shooting range.

Zoning committee chairman Don Tretin replied that there are state laws to protect the club on this.

Bodenschatz added that there will be a "delicate balance with the neighbors" in planning the residential lot development around the golf course.

The zoning committee unanimously approved the rezoning of the property to Planned, Unit Development, and the conditional use permit. The committee's action will come before the county board on October 18.

In the committee's finding of fact, Ray Silack said the development would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values, and it would probably increase the property values around it."



Fish Crib

Project

To date, 236 fish cribs have been installed in Grindstone Lake since 1997.

After four consecutive years of helping us lay fish cribs in Grindstone, the DNR took a breather in 2001 to assist other area lakes. However, we have plans to resume placement of fish cribs in our lake in 2002.

Bruce Johnson
GLA Board Member



Action on County Shoreland Protection Rules Delayed

Discussion regarding the Citizens Shoreland Protection Advisory Committee was a topic at the July, 2001, annual meeting of the GLA.

Attendees will recall that the Citizens Shoreland Protection Advisory Committee is a 16 member group of citizens formed by the county over two years ago to address the task of revising and clarifying the county's existing shoreland development ordinance. Their goal is to develop and propose possible changes to the county ordinance that would improve, protect, and enhance the quality of navigable waters. A proposal was drafted and public meetings were scheduled throughout the summer to gather public comment and consider revisions to the proposed ordinance changes. GLA members were encouraged to attend these public forums and express their views.

During the summer, over 200 persons attended the public meetings, voiced their opinions, or submitted written comments. Clearly, public interest produced extensive input on this issue.

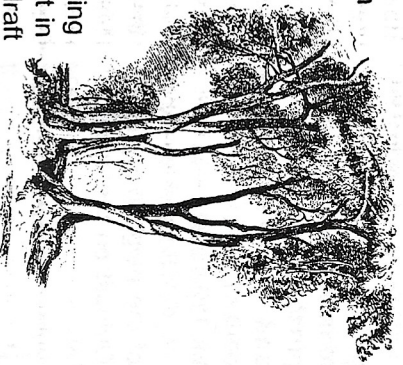
As might be expected, opinions ranged from supportive to oppositional. The most controversial areas included impervious surfaces, resorts and condominiums, nonconforming structure rules, backlot development and lake access, removal of dead and diseased trees, and erosion controls. Committee members acknowledged that those very issues had given them the most difficulty in preparing the draft.

The need for more education about the existing ordinance and proposed changes became evident in discussions. While new limitations are part of the draft proposal, many proposed changes were simply clarifications to the language of the existing ordinance.

The Citizens Shoreland Protection Advisory Committee decided not to present the proposed changes to the Sawyer County Zoning Board last August as originally scheduled. Instead, they are using the public comments to revise the proposed changes. More public forums may be scheduled after the revisions are completed.

This briefly summarizes activity on this issue during the summer, to the best of our knowledge. Two articles appeared regarding this issue in the July 18, 2001, issue of the Sawyer County Record should you wish to obtain more details.

The following article provides information about recent activities.



The following article, written by Terrell Boettcher, appeared in the September 4, 2001, Sawyer County RECORD. It is reprinted with permission.

Citizens Group Seeks to Educate Shoreowners on Need to Protect Lake Water Gets mixed reaction from county

By Terrell Boettcher

A Sawyer County citizens' advisory committee is seeking to convince shore owners of the pressing need to protect the quality of the lakes they live on by voluntary practices such as installing vegetative buffers.

At the same time, the 22-person committee is continuing a 2 1/2 year effort to draft a shoreland protection ordinance which would clarify and simplify the existing zoning ordinance and make it easier to enforce.

Most things in the present county ordinance are mandated by the state but haven't been fully implemented, committee member Cliff Stoner told members of the Round Lake Property Owners Association recently.

"We want to preserve the quality of the lakes, which are the lifeblood of

this community," Stoner said. "If they are contaminated or too densely populated, then we're losing the very thing we're up here for. There are things in there (the ordinance) which are critical to the life of our lakes."

After holding four listening sessions throughout the county earlier this summer, the committee has met several times to incorporate the revisions into the proposed ordinance and hopes to complete its review at a Sept. 19 meeting at the courthouse.

Two committee members, Harry Schroeder and Dave Andersen, appeared before the Sawyer County Zoning Committee recently and pleaded with them to get involved in the revision process.

"I think we have done a heck of a good job of listening to the people and

incorporating their comments" into the draft ordinance, Schroeder said. "We have tried to address the concerns" raised at the forums and "have made some significant changes that reflect the views of the public, the builders, Realtors and other interested parties. We've tried to put together a document that is for the good of Sawyer County."

Andersen said that the citizens' committee "is diverse. If some members had their way, we wouldn't allow anyone to build anything within 1,000 feet of the lakes; others would say almost anything goes.

"We've listened to the technical people," Andersen added. "For example, they have convinced me that a 35-foot natural vegetation buffer strip is critical to keeping runoff out of the water.

"We've listened to the taxpayers, and we've come up with a pretty darn manageable set of shoreland and water quality protection rules and regulations. It will protect our resources, our assets, and yet it's something we can all live with from an economic standpoint," Andersen said.

'Too detailed'

Zoning committee member Don Trettin said that "I don't agree with everything they (the citizens committee) have done, but we need some kind of protection of lakeshore property."

Committee member Ray Silack said that "We have to do something—I understand that. But it's getting so technical, so detailed that it's creating more problems than it will solve. People in my area are saying 'enforce what we got now, make minor changes to what's going on.' The detailed information (on nonconforming properties) is completely over most people's heads. It's overwhelming."

"The people on the lakes figure they can take care of what they got," Silack said. "It sounds to me like the people who have got what they want, want to keep and perfect it and don't care about the

next guy coming down the road."

Schroeder replied that "I think it stems from an uneven application of the zoning ordinances over the years. It's hard for a person to understand why his neighbor could do something and he couldn't. We're trying to address the ambivalence of the present ordinance; that's why the detail is in there, so it's more clear to the person buying the property and to the zoning administration as to what is acceptable."

Schroeder said that once they have a complete document, the committee members and many others "will rally around it."

Andersen said "It's important for the fishery that property owners understand what is good and bad" about basic practices affecting the lake. They need to talk to their neighbors "in order to stop some of the really stupid things going on today, like dumping leaves into the lake," he said.

'Education important'

Trettin agreed that "Education is important; people feel their property rights are being infringed, but they should consider that they are infringing on the ecology, what they're doing to the lakes and what

we've got to do to preserve these lakes."

"You can't just say 'I own the land and water and you can't tell me what to do,'" Trettin added.

"What we are trying to accomplish," said Schroeder, "is education, inducement (through free services and advice), and finally enforcement."

Mel Kelly of the Nelson Lake Property Owners Association said that packets of information are available to shore owners from the county zoning office, DNR, and local real estate professionals. This information "is an important tool of home ownership," she said.

Kelly also noted that Langlade and Burnett are among the counties which have published illustrated guides for shoreland owners and said Sawyer County could do the same once the revised shoreland ordinance is adopted. State grant money is available to publish these.

"We're not the only ones who are struggling with this issue," Kelly said.

Zoning committee member Jim Bassett said that "there is 25 percent of the old document that I could support; if this new one came to a vote right now, I would vote against it. I don't believe lighting

has anything to do with zoning. If I had a problem with my neighbor, I'd plant lilac bushes down my property line."

Bassett added that "A person should be able to put a basement under his house, no matter how close to the shoreline it is. Also, I'm a little nervous about forced mitigation."

Zoning administrator Bill Christman said that most counties allow roof replacement and repairs on nonconforming structures, but that the owners may be required to do mitigation for being allowed to keep the structure within 75 feet of the lake. The options for required mitigation in order to receive a permit could include reducing the impervious surfaces on their property, or installing a shoreline buffer zone or a bigger buffer zone. Each site would have different requirements, he indicated.

Citizens committee member Alan Reinemann said that Round Lake has a lot of buildings within 40 feet of the lake, and "maybe they should be required to restore the buffer zone. That's where the major runoff problem is. We have to stop it."

Committee member Al Arnold said that Barron County determines what mitigation should be in

each case, based on a point system.

Committee member Doug Kurtzweil noted that Burnett County offers a property tax break to shoreowners as an incentive to perform shoreline protection practices. "As a property owner, I would quit mowing if they knocked \$40 - \$50 off my tax bill," he said.

Kurtzweil added that the draft Sawyer County ordinance as originally presented to the public this summer "appears to be somewhat more permissive and weaker than what has already been adopted in neighboring Washburn, Burnett and Bayfield counties."

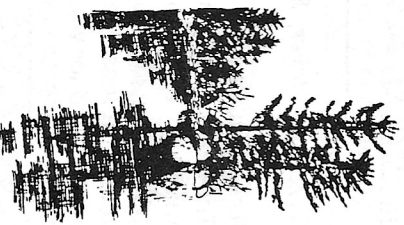
It may take another three to five years "to get the revised ordinances in place that we need to protect the integrity, quality and viability of our lakes here," Kurtzweil added.

"Quality water is the economic lifeblood of Sawyer County, and we need to hang in there" to finish the revision process, Kurtzweil said.

Committee member Dorothy Pasko said that sometimes local governments make mistakes that cause water to run off into lakes due to poor planning on roads and culverts. "The problem is inherited by all

the property owners and the governments are free and clear," she said.

"We have been getting such a tremendous response from the public and it has been so helpful," said committee member Marilyn Buman. "We've done a lot of very serious work in 2 1/2 years, and I don't think we should hurry through this process. Our draft is only getting better."



A subscription to the Sawyer County Record is an excellent source for keeping abreast of issues and events pertaining to Sawyer County and the Hayward area.

In addition, they have a web site (equipped with an efficient search engine) containing most major articles located at :

www.haywardwis.com

GLA Contributes \$500 toward Purchase of Sawyer County Rescue Airboat

The Grindstone Lake Association board of Directors discussed the merit of the Sawyer County Rescue Airboat and voted to contribute \$500.00 toward the airboat purchase. For those of you who may not have heard or read about the rescue airboat, the following articles provide more detail.

Excerpts from articles about the rescue airboat which appeared in the Sawyer County RECORD are reprinted with permission.

By Terrell Boettcher, September 26, 2001.

... **Rescue boat** ... and ice rescues in the \$10,000, and private donations have totaled \$6,250 to date. Additional donations will be accepted and reimbursed to the county.

The board voted to appropriate an additional \$14,984 to complete the purchase of a rescue airboat to be used for water LCO Casino donated

By Nancy Iverson, Bass Lake news section, October 17, 2001.

... As most of you probably know, Sawyer County has acquired an airboat for cold water/ice rescue. The boat was built in Texas, and members of the Sawyer County Dive Team went down there the end of September to pick it up and attend training sessions on the operation of it.

This is a very important acquisition for our area. It will be utilized by all fire departments and the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, and members

By Terrell Boettcher, October 31, 2001.

... **Airboat purchase** ... airboat constructed at a cost of \$30,000. The boat "is a tool we have needed for a long time," Sheehan said. "The sheriff's department and Sawyer County

Fire Association got together and made a big effort and push to get it. We had a lot of donations from the lake associations, private people. The LCO Tribe donated \$10,000, and the county kicked in the remainder. There are still donations coming in."

The airboat will allow trained personnel to, get out safely onto thin ice and shallow open water to try to rescue the snowmobiler or fisherman who is hanging desperately onto the ice or is in the water. Powered by a 454-horsepower Chevrolet V-8 engine and with an airplane propeller on its rear, the craft can turn around on a boat landing and travel on ice, open

water or in a swamp.

At their October 17 meeting in Winter, the members of the county fire association decided to have the airboat housed initially in the City of Hayward, because the three people who are trained to use the boat live in the Hayward area.

Also, the boat is covered by the county's insurance while it is stored in the county's garage. But if it were housed in another facility and a fire department member hooked onto it with their personal vehicle or a fire truck and got into an accident, "our insurance will not cover that," Sheehan said.

If the airboat were

stored elsewhere, the fire department association would have to provide insurance. The members have agreed to take out a policy to cover those personnel who use the craft.

Also, each fire department will find out which of their members want to be trained to use the airboat, Sheehan said. The intent is to have two or three volunteers from each department trained by the three currently-certified sheriffs deputies/dive team members before freeze-up this fall.



3RD ANNUAL GLA PICNIC

A beautiful sunny day again graced the GLA Annual Picnic.

Approximately 140 people attended the Third Annual GLA Picnic. This year the crowd consumed 144 bratwurst, 60 hotdogs, 6 quarts of beans, 96 cans of soda, 3 gallons of lemonade, and 12 dozen bars. The youngest participant was 6 months and the oldest over 90.

Conversation was

lively as people introduced themselves and greeted old acquaintances. No one

is considered a stranger in this group. If you have not attended any of the past picnics, we encourage you to attend the picnic next year and join the fun.

Our Annual Picnics are open to members, family, and friends. The menu is casual picnic fare — brats, baked beans, salads, dessert and beverages —

completely provided by the GLA.

Apparently this year's number of picnic attendees was greater than previous years. Some anglers were disgruntled about limited trailer parking space. We are fortunate to have had the use of the Grindstone Lake boat landing for all of our picnics and need to be considerate of parking areas for lake use.

Membership Report

What are the duties of a Membership Chairperson? My primary responsibilities include welcoming new lake property owners, conducting the annual membership drive, and maintaining a membership database.

As Welcome Wagon Hostess, I distribute folders with pertinent information we have compiled relating to Grindstone Lake and the Hayward area. But I need your help in identifying new residents if I am to be effective. When you get a new lake neighbor, please notify me of the new lake property owners so I can invite them to our meetings; social affairs; inform them of the goals and aims of GLA; and secure their dues.

As part of the annual membership drive, I encourage non-participating property owners to join GLA and remind current members to renew their membership.

In 2001, the GLA membership drive ended with 166 members. That's about 44% of the total lakeshore properties. We should do better, with your help.

It is not too late to become a member this year. And for those of you who want to "beat the rush", dues for 2002 are now being accepted.

Mary Mc Joynt 715-634-5691 (May - Sept.) 941-948-3640 (Oct. - Apr.)

To become a member, or renew a current membership, please complete this form and return it along with your \$20.00 check (payable to the Grindstone Lake Association) to: Grindstone Lake Association, P.O. Box 292, Hayward, WI 54843-0292.

Bass Lake Fire Number _____

Name _____

(first and last of both husband and wife)

Home address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

e-mail _____

Lake address (if different):

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Members' Concerns

Most groups are formed for a purpose and the Grindstone Lake Association is just such an organization. The GLA founders were interested in building friendships within the Grindstone Lake community. Additionally, environmental awareness and activism became an important part of the focus. Board members have tried to keep abreast of legislation, developments that will impact Grindstone lake in positive or negative ways and provide information to the collective membership.

Participation of members strengthens the organization. Sometimes it is as simple as making a few telephone calls or assisting at an event. Other times, someone is needed to fill a board position or attend community meetings and report on the proceedings. Always, feedback from members is a vital element in providing service to members.

What are your concerns? Do you have ideas for newsletter topics that you would like pursued? Do you need information that you think other members also need? Have you encountered an article that you would like to propose be included in a newsletter? Take a few moments to reflect on your property, Grindstone Lake, and the GLA. Then jot down your thoughts. The Grindstone Lake Association Board of Directors would like to hear from you.

Please return this completed this form or send a letter to:

Grindstone Lake Association, P.O. Box 292, Hayward, WI 54843-0292.

Concerns, Ideas, etc. _____

The following article appeared in the October 31, 2001, Sawyer County RECORD Emergency section. It is reprinted with permission.

Little Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department has Big Heart

The Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department is a small group, but one that takes on a lot of responsibility.

The 35 year old department protects both seasonal homes and the homes of permanent residents in the Town of Bass Lake including those on Grindstone Lake and Lac Courte Oreilles, as well as several businesses.

The department is also called on to fight fires on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Indian reservation. The department works in conjunction with the LCO Fire Department.

The Town of Hayward Fire Department, the City of Hayward Fire Department, and the Stone Lake Fire Department can call on the Bass Lake Fire Department, and vice versa, through mutual aid.

The Bass Lake Fire Department has also found time to help itself. Since 1999 it has added a 20' by 44' truck stall onto its existing fire hall. Fire Chief Ken Shuey said the depart-

ment members donated time to build it. The town and department raised the funds.

A new brush truck was also acquired by the department. Other equipment includes a 1,000 gallon-per-minute (gpm) pumper truck with foam unit, a 2,000 gallon tank truck, a tanker/pumper truck, a 600 gpm portable pump, a jaws of life, and ice rescue equipment.

Annual fund-raisers help the department purchase new equipment. New members are always welcome, Shuey said.

Although the department is small, the death of the many New York firefighters on Sept. 11 stirred members of the Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

"We were pretty much shocked like everyone else," Shuey said. "We thought about what we would have done in that situation. We'd have been fighting the fire like they were."

The Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department members are: Pete Sanders, Gary Johnson, Gregg Koepke, Ken Shuey, Dan Woods, Gary Sundberg, Ed Jeffries, Mariam Young, Bob Young and Tim Dillon.



Longtime Grindstone Lake resident John "Jack" Harapat dies

John Harapat, 92, of Hayward, died Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital.

John "Jack" Harapat was born August 20, 1909 in Brook Park, MN, the son of Joseph and Marie Harapat. Jack and his wife, Evelyn (Bazine) Harapat were married 65 years. "Jack" was a butter maker and food inspector for National Tea Stores.

Jack is survived by his wife Evelyn, of Hayward, and many nieces and nephews.

LCO Boys and Girls Club

The LCO Boys and Girls Club was established in 1995. This organization is open to any child 6 years of age and up. The meetings are held monthly. However, activities are scheduled many days each month, and the club has a calendar of ongoing events. About 45 children participate.

Special programs offered for youth include boating safety, gun safety and other outdoor activities. The Boys and Girls Club is funded by donations and some restricted grants. The Grindstone Lake Association was asked for a contribution and

the GLA Board decided to contribute \$100.00 to the group this year.



The club is having a hard time financially. The building is in need of some major repairs. The roof leaks, and there is no heat. Any donations that are received are greatly appreciated. The director of the Boy and Girls club is Brian Jackson. The phone number is (715) 634-4030.

*The GLA is making preparations for a website. We hope it will be operational early next year. * Our skills are limited so the site will not be complex or glossy... just another avenue for communication with our members and other persons interested in Grindstone Lake.*

** Calling all accomplished or novice webmasters: Anyone willing to volunteer their skills to assist in the development of a GLA website is more than welcome. Teens are encouraged to participate in planning, creating and implementing this project!*

Have a safe and healthful winter !

We look forward to seeing everyone when spring awakens the north woods and we are together once again for another fun filled lake season!