

2018 Grindstone Trumpeter

A Gem of a Lake

Mark your Calendar for two Events

Join us at the
Grindstone Lake Association
**2018 Annual Meeting
and Picnic**

**Saturday, July 7th
10 am -12:30pm
at the**

Fireside Restaurant
14451 W County Highway K
Northwoods Beach

Max Wolter from the WI DNR will
provide a presentation on the new
Grindstone Lake Management Plan.
More details inside



2018 - UPCOMING EVENT

Our Social Events that we tried in
2017 were so much fun
that we would like to
continue the adventure.

This year we will hold the

**Social at The Fireside
4-6 pm**

Saturday, August 18

Complimentary Appetizers will be
available with a Cash Bar for drinks.
T-Shirts, hats and new SWAG item
will be available for purchase.

14451 W County Highway K
Northwoods Beach

Message from the President

Dear Friends of Grindstone Lake,

The 2018 lake season is upon us! The birds have returned, school is coming to a close, and yes, as of May 6th, the ice is off Grindstone Lake! It's been a long winter. Those of us from the upper Midwest are especially grateful for the warmth and greenery of summer.



On the southern side of Grindstone Lake, a pair of eagles have added more branches to their nest in anticipation of new hatchlings. We celebrate the inspiration of nature and the commitment of the Grindstone Lake community to the conservation and enjoyment of this special place.

The Grindstone Lake Association needs members from the community to continue the work of caring for the lake and those who enjoy it. We seek volunteers who will serve on the Grindstone Lake Association Board, help monitor the lake for invasive species, coordinate social events, help with education and outreach or develop new volunteer opportunities. In addition to helping the lake and the Association, volunteering provides opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people, and build community and social networks in the area.

To learn more about
participating in volunteer
activities, please visit our
website and use our
"contact us" form to let us
know about you and your
interests:
grindstonelake.org



**Your dues payment
to the Grindstone
Lake Association is
tax deductible.**

Volunteerism in Wisconsin

Did you know that Wisconsin is ranked third highest in the country for volunteerism? According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, over 1.6 million Wisconsin residents provide almost 170 million hours of service worth \$4.6 billion EACH YEAR! Please contribute your volunteer time to the **Grindstone Lake Association!**

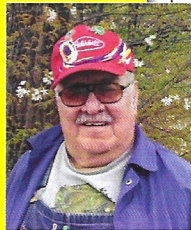
**2018 Grindstone Lake
Association Renewals Needed**



Boat Launch Monitoring

For several years now, we have been applying for and receiving a grant from the Wisconsin DNR which allows us to hire a person to monitor our two boat launches on Grindstone Lake.

Rich Patrick, our monitor, has been trained by the Sawyer Co and Wisconsin DNR- Clean Waters, Clean Boats program in techniques for checking for incoming boats, props, and live wells for the presence of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).



Our beautiful lake is one the few in Wisconsin to be free of AIS such as curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil. As such, Grindstone is one of the finest lakes in the state from the standpoint of water quality and clarity.

If AIS do establish a presence in a lake, as has happened in many neighboring lakes, those two characteristics diminish and we are in a battle to maintain the lake as we have know it - for generations!. Our neighbors on Lac Courte Oreilles are dealing now with the difficult and expensive attempts to treat and try to eradicate AIS. We are trying to avoid that situation through education and awareness, and by our boat launch monitoring.

So, please help us in this effort by carefully cleaning and checking your boat if it has been in a different lake.

Please say 'Hi' to Rich if you see him at one of our launches and give him a Thumbs Up!



**HELP
MONITOR
AQUATIC
INVASIVE
SPECIES
(AIS)**

**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION
PROTECTS NATIVE SPECIES AND
SAVES MONEY**

Grindstone Lake Association Annual Picnic Presentation

NEW LOCATION FOR THE GRINDSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC!

We are excited to announce that our annual meeting and picnic this year will be at the beautiful Fireside Restaurant, located on Highway K in Northwoods Beach between Lac Courte Oreilles and Grindstone.

The meeting will start at the Fireside 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 7th, with catered lunch at 11:30 and a full cash bar available.

Max Wolter from DNR Fisheries Management will give a presentation on the Grindstone Lake fish management plan, and board members will update you on current issues facing our lake.

This is your chance to ask questions, make your opinions heard, and to

Meet your Grindstone Lake neighbors.

As in past years, there will be door prizes!

Please make every effort to attend. Feel free to invite your lake neighbors as well. Fireside has a lawn area out back where kids can romp during the meeting.



**We look forward
to seeing you on
Saturday, July 7!**



Grindstone Lake - Show your love, again and again...

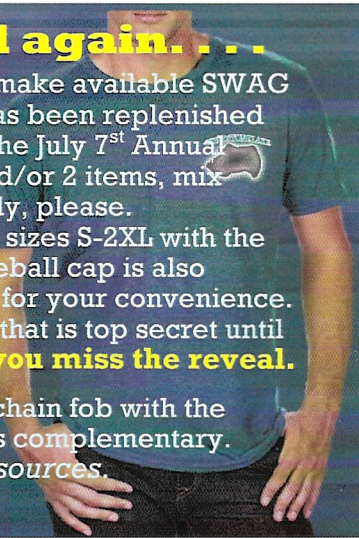
GRINDSTONE LAKE

The Grindstone Lake Association is continuing to make available SWAG for you to purchase and enjoy! The t-shirt stock has been replenished and along with the hats will be offered for sale at the July 7th Annual meeting at the continued low price of \$15 each and/or 2 items, mix or match for \$25. No inflation!! Cash or Check only, please.

The t-shirts are available in Teal Blue or Gray in sizes S-2XL with the ball cap in lake blue and one size fits all. The baseball cap is also available for a limited time at the Log Cabin Store for your convenience. **In addition** we're working on a new SWAG item that is top secret until the Annual Meeting. **If you miss the meeting you miss the reveal.**

Your Free gift at the Annual Meeting: The GLA is providing a floating boat keychain fob with the Grindstone Lake logo and GLA's web site - grindstonelake.org. The keychain is complementary. **Your GLA web site is always available for updates and the latest resources.**

See you at the meeting!!



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The type font used in this newsletter is
appropriately titled for Grindstone: It's called
Rockwell!



Fellow Lakers,

Over the course of the past year, the Grindstone Lake Association has embarked on a project to upgrade and refresh our website. The goals of this endeavor were to move to a platform that was more modern in terms of look, feel and navigation, as well as allow us greater flexibility in making updates and changes to the site. Please 'stop by' to check it out, learn about upcoming programs and events, and even make your annual membership payment online via our newly added PayPal functionality!

www.grindstonelake.org

Every membership supports our on-going capacity to care for the lake and to plan events to get to know the Grindstone Lake community. Please join or renew your membership by filling out the form below and return it with your \$40 check. You can also join or renew at the July 7, 2018 Grindstone Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic.

Your \$40 membership is a small price to maintain our Gem of a Lake!

**2018 Grindstone
Lake Association
Membership**

Thanks to all of you who supported the Grindstone Lake Association in 2017. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit group of volunteers who are committed to supporting the lake and all who enjoy it.

Last year, your \$40 annual membership fee enabled us to accomplish so much over the past year, including:

- **Lake Management and Monitoring** – We continued our commitment to monitor Grindstone Lake public access points to help ensure that resident and visiting boats to our lake are free of invasive species. Thanks to the help of volunteers, we also monitored critical areas of the lake to prevent the establishment of invasive species.
- **Education for Waterfront Management Best Practices** – We provided information to residents on how to keep our lake healthy for generations to come.
- **Annual Picnic and Socials** – Over 80 Grindstone Lake residents and supporters joined us for food, socializing, and informative presentations about the lake and its care. The annual meeting and picnic is the highlight of our year and provides opportunities for connecting with the community and committing to our **Gem of a Lake**. We also hosted several socials at nearby restaurants.

As we continue our efforts in 2018, there will be new opportunities to share the information we need to keep Grindstone Lake healthy for years to come. If you have not been a member, or had your membership lapse, please join us again this year. **Your \$40 membership is a small price to maintain our Gem of a Lake**

Grindstone Lake Association! NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2018 - 19 YEAR \$40.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lake Property Fire Number _____

Lake Property Street & Zip _____

e-mail _____ Home phone _____ Lake phone _____

Make check payable to the Grindstone Lake Association.

Please mail your check and this form to: Grindstone Lake Association Box 292, Hayward, WI 54843

You can also Join or Renew at the July 7th Grindstone Lake Association Picnic!



Lakeshore Best Practices

As members of the Grindstone Lake Community, we all share a common bond in our love of the lake. In order to ensure Grindstone Lake's quality for generations to come, it is important that we follow a few common sense Waterfront Management Best Practices and become stewards of our Lakes future. Below you will find a few shoreline tips that can help protect your investment, as well as the overall quality and health of Grindstone Lake.

Landscaping

- Maintain a natural landscape; keep native vegetation in place
- Maintain a buffer zone of natural vegetation along your shoreline
- Limit paving of sidewalks and driveways.

Lawn Care

- Consider smaller lawns with shrub borders or native plantings
- Never use fertilizers and broadleaf herbicides
- Water infrequently and mow only when necessary

Shoreline and Aquatic Plant Protection

- Maintain a natural shoreline
- Preserve aquatic plants. Fallen trees provide habitat and shelter for fish
- Ensure adequate shoreline vegetation

General

- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of washing
- Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the water
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste

Lastly, please consider supporting the Grindstone Lake Association where annual membership dues fund a variety of programs aimed at helping preserve and improve the quality of Grindstone Lake. Membership is open to all ... so please consider serving and supporting our beautiful Lake's future.

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Here's to
great seasons

... and many
s'mores!