



# THE 2025 Grindstone Trumpeter

## Message From The President

Dear Friends of Grindstone Lake,  
 2025 is the 35th anniversary of the Grindstone Lake Association!  
 As we celebrate this milestone, our focus will be

### Honor the Past, Plan for the Future.

We are so grateful for the years of hard work and dedication that continue to be visible through the beauty of our lake. We move forward prepared to face continued challenges to maintain Grindstone's appeal and health.

We will continue to utilize our Comprehensive Lake Management Plan to drive the work to be done in 2025.

The following topics summarize the articles in the newsletter and other ongoing topics.

Your Grindstone Lake Board has been focusing on the following:

- **Aquatic Invasive Species**  
Continued removal of AIS found in Little Grindstone through grant implementation
- **Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW)**  
Continued effort to monitor boats entering and leaving Grindstone through the use of I-Lids and inspection
- **Fisheries and Habitat**  
Plan efforts to restore and create habitat for healthy fish populations  
Assess the health and extent of bulrush stands in the lake
- **Shoreline Protection and Restoration**  
Provide an opportunity to view a shoreline restoration project finished with Healthy Lake grant funds
- **Water Quality**  
Support Citizen Lake Monitoring Network with volunteers measuring water clarity, using the Secchi Disk Method
- **Building a Grindstone Lake Community**  
Provide "Welcome Packages" to new property owners  
Support Neighborhood Leaders to engage communities around the lake  
Create a Lake Directory  
Introduce new merchandise with an additional logo
- **Grindstone Lake Foundation**  
Establish long term plans for restoration of Grindstone Lake Nature Preserve

In an ongoing effort to gain expertise, learn of recommendations, and develop partnerships, some GLA board members and other volunteers attend the Wisconsin regional and statewide Lake and Rivers Conference. We also collaborate with WI DNR, Sawyer County Lakes Forum, Wisconsin Lakes Association, LCO and other lake associations.

The GLA board thanks you for your continued involvement and support! Please join us at the Annual Meeting where we can come together for more personal discussions about the lake we love.

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**Make & Cherish Memories.**

THE  
**BOULEVARD**  
 Your Grindstone  
 Lake Association  
**Social**

will be held on  
**Saturday, June 28th**  
 at The Boulevard  
**from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
 More information in  
 Neighborhoods article



**Grindstone Lake Association &  
 Grindstone Lake Foundation**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 5th**  
 Northwoods Mennonite Church  
 14547 County Road K



**8:30 Registration and Coffee**  
**9-10:30 Annual Meeting**  
**Honor the Past, Plan for the Future**

We are celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Grindstone Lake Association!

In addition, the agenda will include updates on our lake projects. Presentations will encompass water quality monitoring, AIS removal in Little Grindstone, Grindstone Lake Neighborhoods, and current lake level information.

You will also hear from the Grindstone Lake Foundation about the numerous projects completed at the Grindstone Nature Preserve.

Our guest speaker: Colin Dassow PhD., Fisheries Research Scientist, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources. The presentation will focus on Climate Change and its effect on Wisconsin Lakes,

“As a fisheries research scientist, I study the feedbacks between humans and ecosystems. I focus on the dynamics of recreational fisheries in Wisconsin.”



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**Sean Humphreys**  
joined the GLA Board in 2020  
and offered expertise around  
Shoreline Restoration.  
He provided much  
enthusiasm, as well as many  
volunteer hours supporting  
this important topic.  
We express our gratitude to  
Sean for his contributions  
as he retires from the  
GLA Board!



## Clean Boats - Clean Waters

We will once again be participating in the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) Program for the 2025 boating season. The WI DNR grant was obtained to monitor the landing and conduct inspections to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). GLA's monitoring efforts, in 2024, resulted in 1,096 boat inspections over the course of 342 hours of monitoring and boater education

**A Big Thank You** to last year's primary **CBCW Monitor Melanie Schreiber**. We are fortunate to have her return for the upcoming season. If you see her on at the landing on a weekend, kindly say 'Hello and Thank You'.



**I-LIDS** is an acronym for **Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor**. This is a solar powered, self-contained, video monitoring and boater education system which was permanently installed last year at the main boat landing on Hwy K. Not only does it announce an educational message to boaters, it captures video of the vehicle and trailer as part of the inspection process. The video capture is uploaded to the cloud so it can be reviewed for any violations. These violations are reported to local law enforcement. Our association pays \$2500 per year for this process and video analysis. This is not covered by any grants. The cost is funded by our GLA members' dues and donations. Please consider donating this year!



## GLA Volunteers Assess Grindstone's Cold Water Fish Habitat

Due to a warming climate and increasing lake productivity, is Grindstone's two-story fishery habitat disappearing during the summer? Thanks to a grant from WDNR, for the 2nd year volunteers will take monthly measures of water temps, dissolved oxygen, and specific conductivity every meter of depth (about 3 feet) at the deep hole on the lake. These measures help determine if cold, high oxygen layers are available to support whitefish and cisco that are important to the lake's biodiversity and food chain.

## GRINDSTONE LAKE FOUNDATION

Come, take a walk at the Nature Reserve and enjoy the view of Grindstone Lake.

<https://grindstonelake.org/lake-foundation/>

We held our first clean-up day at the Grindstone Lake Nature Reserve in September 2024. Volunteers donated their time cleaning up over 20 cubic yards of debris. Much of the debris was removed from the Shed, which is now ready to store a mower. As of the date of this article we are still looking for a used mower to maintain the trails. Do you have one to donate?

Our community outreach has led to local government agencies utilizing the Nature Reserve for training purposes. In November 2024, the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department held canine training at the Nature Reserve. The Bass Lake Township Fire Department along with the Fire Departments of Stone Lake, Hayward and Couderay held a training exercise in December, burning down the two houses and an old wooden garage.

We have had several individuals walk the Nature Reserve to assess the restoration of the wetland areas. We received a \$30,000 Wisconsin DNR grant for engineering design work and will be applying for others to begin the wetland restoration process. The LCO Conservation and Sawyer County Conservation Departments, along with the Wisconsin Wetlands Association provided letters of support for our grant application.

*We thank you for your continued support.*



## Make It A Wonderful Day In Your Neighborhood

There is always great anticipation about the summer on Grindstone! We hope you have enjoyed the lake so far, and will look forward to new possibilities planned for the remainder of the season!



Many exciting things have been happening with our neighborhood leaders, new resident packets, and our **new** neighborhood logo!

You may have seen the email, in May, with items for sale through Hidden Bay Graphics. If you placed an order, you will be able to pick up your new gear at the Annual Meeting!

Also at the **Annual Meeting**, Tammy Brown, of "Crafty Sisters", will be selling a limited supply of newly available items with our neighborhood logo! These include key chains, bags, thermal tumblers, and tea towels. She will also be taking orders for specialty items. Come early to shop, meet your neighborhood leaders (if you haven't yet), and get reacquainted with friends on Grindstone Lake!

The **Grindstone Lake Association Social** will be held on Saturday, June 28th at The Boulevard from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. This year we are making our Social a community time for sharing food and drinks, as well as an opportunity to discover others on the lake who enjoy similar activities. You'll be able to sign up, share contact information, and potentially plan a get together!



## Getting AIS Under Control in Little Grindstone Lake

In the process of completing our Comprehensive Lake Management Plan in 2023, we had an aquatic plant survey conducted in Little Grindstone Lake (LGL). In that survey, we learned that LGL had two aquatic invasive species (AIS): Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and, for the first known time, Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). According to our consultant who performed the survey, the likely source of the EWM was from Anchor Bay in Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO). This is the bay at the end of the waterway between Grindstone and LCO and it has had significant EWM growth over the past several years. EWM was likely transported into LGL by a watercraft that had EWM plants on its propeller.



GLA was very concerned about this finding, so we applied for and secured a DNR grant to hire divers from Aquatic Plant Management LLC to hand remove both species. Over the summer of 2024, divers removed 66.5 cubic feet of CLP and EWM from Little Grindstone Lake on two separate dive dates.



The grant covers another round of hand-pulling in the summer of 2025. This year, divers will return to hand-harvest CLP and EWM. Based on the dive information from 2024, the divers will pull for two days in early June and return in early August for a final day of hand-pulling.



The DNR grant covers 75% of the cost of the AIS removal; GLA must cover the remaining 25%, which amounts to just under \$6,000. We are seeking additional donations from concerned GLA members to cover this cost-share in this extremely important work.

## Sawyer County Record 1/8/25

In a 9-3 vote, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 17, 2024, passed a Tourist Rooming House (TRH) ordinance that will impact the operation of TRHs, also known as short-term rentals (STRs).

The main features of the ordinance include the following:

- \* Limits occupancy to two (2) per bedroom plus another two (2) for the facility. A two-bedroom house would be allowed to rent to six (6).
- \* Requires a placard of "...approximately 8" x 10" size" that must be placed at the right of way of the property and contain the following: "name and contact information of the owner or owner's agent, license number and approved occupancy of the TRH..." along with an email address for contacting the owner or the owner's agent.

The placard or signage is not required to be visible if the house isn't being rented.

- \* Requires the owners of TRHs/STRs to notify neighboring properties up to 300 feet of the address of the TRH/STR property, of several items, including the TRH license number, contact information, any updated information, including the renewal of license and upon the request of the Sawyer County Health Officer provide a copy of the letter and list of neighbors contacted.

- \* Imposes a threat of revocation of the county TRH license if three or more calls for service (a complaint made or forwarded to the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office or other law enforcement) are made within three months.

Full article at Sawyer County Record (Frank Zufall-Staff Reporter) 10/22/24

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Renew your membership OR join for the first time!  
Add a gift membership(s) for adult children (or close family) to grow our next generation here on Grindstone. Your information will be added to our new Grindstone Lake Directory unless you choose to "opt out" below. Additional donations are appreciated!



Kids won't remember their best day of television.



Here's to great seasons  
... and many s'mores!

**Grindstone Lake Association MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2025 \$40.00**

We want to keep in touch with you. **Please Print Legibly**

**I am renewing** my membership **or**  **I am joining** for the first time (WELCOME!)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address (Fire Code and Street) # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** (\$40 dues + additional donation)

Make check payable to **Grindstone Lake Association** and mail with this form to Grindstone Lake Association, Box 292 Hayward, WI 54843

You can also join or renew at the Annual Meeting or on our Website [www.grindstonelake.org](http://www.grindstonelake.org)



**I wish to opt out of being included in the Grindstone Lake Association Directory**

Add a gift membership(s) for adult children (or close family) to grow our next generation here on Grindstone.

**Grindstone Lake Association GIFT MEMBERSHIP for 2025 \$40.00**

We want to get your family or friends properly welcomed & informed. **Please Print Legibly**

**Gift Membership** The dues payment to the Grindstone Lake Association is tax deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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