

# Windemere Lake and Landowners Association



# WINDOW

"If you want information, just open a window"

Spring 2012

*A Letter from our President, Barbara Krig*

On my desk is a flyer entitled "Why not use milfoil control that is natural and eco-friendly?" In the next few paragraphs I would like to tell you more about this process that may be a solution to our milfoil problem on Sand Lake and Sturgeon Lake.

In the fall newsletter I wrote to you about a contact that our lake association made with EnviroScience, a company located in Stow, Ohio, founded and managed by a research scientist named Marti Hilovsky. The president of the Chub Lake Association in Carlton County had contacted Pauline Dee regarding their interest in EnviroScience. An informal partnership developed between the two lake associations. Both agreed to ask Marti to travel to our lake areas in Minnesota and determine whether or not it would be practical and helpful to use The Milfoil Solution, a weevil treatment here. Each group paid a portion of his travel expenses and on October 13, 2011, he spent part of the day on each of the above lake. We had obtained a pontoon boat for each lake and Marti used those to examine each body of water. That night members of both associations met in Moose Lake to hear the results of his survey. He was very positive and stated that each of the two lakes were ideal for the process, as was Chub Lake. At that point we asked him to write a proposal and send the information to us as soon as possible. The Chub Lake group has decided to implement the weevil treatment starting this spring; our board, although very interested, has decided to wait for at least a year.

You may or may not know that milfoil foliage spread on Sturgeon Lake this past year, and Sand Lake experienced more growth than we had originally expected. We feel strongly that something must be done again this spring to keep up with the growth. Applying for permits and spraying these localized areas will again be necessary even while we consider the possibility of using the weevil treatment after that. EnviroScience, the exclusive provider of The Milfoil Solution a biological control for invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil, utilizes a native beetle, a milfoil weevil. Long term sustainable success with this program has been realized in numerous lakes in the U.S and Canada.

Now I will share some information with you regarding the cost. The cost of this treatment, which is expected to be successful after four years, diminishing each year after the first treatment, is as follows:

COST OF TREATMENT (4 YEARS)					
YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
SAND LAKE	\$21,800.	\$15,900.	\$16,000.	\$3,100.	\$56,800.
STURGEON LAKE	\$52,500.	\$40,700.	\$28,800.	\$3,700.	\$125,700.

These amounts may seem high, but hopefully they will be shared by ALL lake residents. Be sure to attend the first meeting of the year in June. We promise you a lively discussion. *Barbara Krig*

## Membership Update

It's time to renew your lake association membership. Enclosed with this newsletter is a 2012 membership form. Please note we are now requesting e-mail addresses. These will only be used to contact you with important or urgent lake updates. We are thankful for your financial support and participation in the association's meetings. You are important for our work in protecting the quality of our lakes and watershed area.

MEMBERSHIP	
Island Lake	35
Sand Lake	72
Sturgeon Lake	70
Passenger/Rush/Johnson/Lake Eleven	3
TOTAL	180

**Our former President, Chuck Erickson  
Passed away on March 5, 2012  
in Mesa, Arizona. We are grateful  
for his many years of service to the  
Windemere Lake & Landowners  
Association. He will be missed.**

## LAKE COMMITTEE REPORT

We all love our lakes! It is a great privilege to have a lake place where we can spend our summertime and because it is such an important part of our growing up years and those of our families, we must do all we can to keep it going. After a winter such as we had, who knows what summer will bring to our precious lakes! Last year, Sturgeon Lake had to be treated again for Eurasian Watermilfoil and it will need it again in 2012.

Sand Lake, which has had a much reduced amount of EWM in the past 2 years, had a large fall bloom, much to our dismay. We have yet to see if it needs chemical treatment or not. No doubt we will have to wait for the water to warm up for growth to be seen and a DNR survey to be made. Be alert to your lakeshore for the sighting of EWM... look around your dock and further out as soon as your boat is in use. Report your findings to one of the board members on your lake.

Island Lake is free of EWM, but still is plagued with an over abundance of algae at certain times of the season. Your board has hope of some buffer zones being put in. They are a great way to stop run-off into the lake which leads to algae problems.

Take a look at the article on the back page of the latest Pine County Waters. If you don't have the issue, go to their website to read it. [www.pineswcd.com](http://www.pineswcd.com) It tells the winner of the Outstanding Conservationists in Pine County. It is the Big Pines Lake Association, BPLA. Then go to Minnesota Waters.com and click on Lakes and Rivers or BPLA. It is so interesting to see what they are doing to preserve their two lakes.

The grants for chemical treatment came out on 02/22/12, so with Rich Rezanka's guidance, we will get started on our permits and grants for treatment this summer.

## LAKE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Our lake association now has a website hosted by Minnesota Waters <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/windemere>  
We plan on including our meeting schedule, minutes, by-laws, board members, newsletters and other information for our members. Please visit the site and let Chip Wells, [fawells3@cox.net](mailto:fawells3@cox.net) know of any additional information for changes you would like to see.

### Brush Drop off Dates

The drop off site is at the Quarry by the airport.  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from  
May through October, hours 10:00 to 1:00

### Roadway Pick Up

Our members pick up 8.5 miles of trash from our roadways three times during the summer. The trash is picked up after the holidays, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day. Thank you members for keeping our roadways clean!

## General Meeting Dates

- ✚ June 9-Presentation “Invasive Species” (DNR)
- ✚ July 14-Presentation “ Status of Local Fisheries” (DNR)
- ✚ August 11-Presentation “Audubon Center of the North Woods (staff)

All general meetings are held at the Hope Lutheran Church and begin at 9:00 a.m.

### **PICKM Alliance Moves Forward**

As reported in the fall 2011 Newsletter a steering committee of representatives of area counties have been meeting to develop a plan to form an association of lake and river groups. The counties of Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs are included. A draft vision and mission statement has been created. It can be viewed on our website <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/windemere/hot-topics> . The steering committee will continue to meet every other month through 2012.

## **FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!**

As of April 30, we were notified that we will receive grants for both Sand and Sturgeon Lakes. These grants are for the off-shore waters, not your lakeshore. Lake Management Co. will be doing the spraying. If you find a lot of milfoil on your lakeshore, apply for a permit. After being surveyed and receiving your permit, notify Lake Management and they will spray your area on the same day they do the off-shore. For a permit, call Audrey Kuchinski at 320-616-2450 Ext. 235. Lake Management's phone number is: 651-433-3283.

### **Windemere Lake and Landowners Board Members**

<b>Sturgeon Lake</b>	<b>Sand Lake</b>	<b>Island Lake</b>	<b>Passenger/Rush/Johnson Lake Eleven</b>
Sandy Schumann 218-390-1141	Pauline Dee 485-8578	Chip Wells 485-825 or 218-380-0409	Laurie Patrick 651-429-3700
Tom Landsberger 372-3358 or 651-770-3067	Steve Kozak 485-8974	David Stark 651-778-8568	
Dennis Huddleston 372-3005	Janette Muller 485-8048	Shirley LaFond 372-4209	
Ron Goettsch 651-423 1991 or 651-675-8648	Barbara Krig 952-474-2041	Ron Hansen 485-8567	
	Greg Carlson 485-5784		
	Jerry Blazevic 218-628-1651		

