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Quiet Lakes Connections

Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association

Welcome to our inaugural newsletter from The Quiet Lake Improvement Association which is know officially as the “Teal, Lost Land, and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.” We are excited to share with you the latest developments in our Lake Association Mission: To provide a forum for communication that fosters support and volunteer action to maintain ecosystem integrity, good water quality, good fishing, and esthetically pleasing recreational experiences in Teal, Lost Land & Ghost lakes.

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support our first year of active fundraising with our tier giving program and 2024 SummerFest event for the QLIA. Your generosity and dedication have helped us raise over \$100,000 to support our lake management plans and ongoing needs of managing our lakes to control our current invsive species challenges in 2024 and 2025 and for generations to come!

Membership Drive



There are approximately 342 properties on Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes. If you consider that each property probably has two members, then we potentially would have about 684 members! Right now, we have about 203 active members that have signed up to participate. It is critical we grow participation and membership so we can continue to protect and preserve our Quiet Lakes for generations to come!

One of the first steps in building and growing our membership, participation and communication is developing a database of all of our Quiet Lakes community members. Your assistance in getting this information is needed. Ask your neighbors if they are QLIA members and if are they getting QLIA emails and communications. If not, please encourage them to join by visiting our website at <https://quietlaks.org/> or mail quietlakes@yahoo.com

In addition to basic membership information for our database, we plan to gather members’ interests, abilities, and experiences as we are always looking for people to volunteer their time for our QLIA events or for one of our many lake projects. More information on the survey details will be coming in the next months.

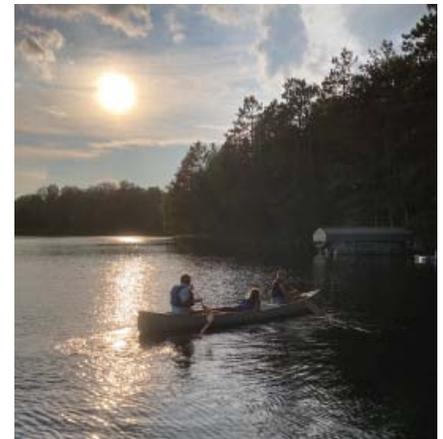
Summerfest Wrap Up

We want to thank all of our local businesses and residents for their contributions, sponsorships, donations, services and silent auction items!

Lakewoods Resort was very generous and gave us a tremendous break on the cost for the event to help us be more profitable! We are so grateful for their contribution. Lakewoods is a beautiful resort located in Cable that is open 12 months of the year has a wonderful restaurant, beautiful golfcourse and numerous outdoor activities. Please support our gracious sponsors, PC and Olivia at Lakewoods Resort, (715) 794-2561 or www.lakewoodsresort.com/.

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QLIA Lake Projects - Lake EWM Treatment Update

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

What is it?

Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is a submerged, rooted aquatic plant that is native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa. It has feather-like green leaves that grow in whorls of four or five around the stem, with each leaf having 12 or more thread-like segments. The stems are usually light brown or pink, but can also be whitish-pink or reddish-brown. The tips of the plant can sometimes be red or pink, but color alone shouldn't be used for identification because it can vary.

In late July and early August EWM produces tiny pinkish flowers on reddish spikes that rise several inches above the water. This invasive species reproduces through fragmentation, meaning that a single stem fragment can take root and establish a new population in a water body. Boat traffic is responsible for the majority of introductions into new water bodies, as the plant can become entangled in boat propellers, keels, rudders, and trailers. The stems that get lodged in these watercraft and trailers are then transported to other water bodies, where they can colonize new areas.

EWM In Our Lakes

In 2022, the Quiet lake Improvement Association (QLIA) obtained a State Surface Water Grant to assess the status of Teal and Lost Land Lakes. This survey indicated there are 21 Eurasian Water Milfoil beds covering 263 acres in Lost and Teal Lake has 35 Eurasian Water Milfoil beds covering 44 acres. If left uncontrolled, EWM can significantly harm the lakes' overall viability and short and long-term health. This aquatic invasive plant obstructs boating and fishing, disrupts the ecosystem and biodiversity of our lakes, and reduces our property values.

2024 Treatment Plan Overview

In early June 2024, in collaboration with DNR scientists and our lake consultants, our initial chemical treatment included a targeted ProcellaCOR treatments on targeted areas in both lakes:

***Lost Lake Lake - Treatment of 30 acres
Teal Lake - Treatment of 6 acres***

The ProcellaCOR herbicide was applied at carefully calculated concentrations to maximize effectiveness while minimizing environmental impact.

Our certified ProcellaCOR applicator, with nearly 40 years of experience, oversaw the treatments. The plan also includes mapping surveys to document the current EWM beds in each lake before and after treatments to monitor effectiveness and to measure how the herbicide spreads throughout the lakes after treatment occurs.



QLIA Lake Projects - Future Funding Needs

QLIA Fundraising Update

We have set a goal of \$100,000.00 in order to meet our expected annual costs for EWM chemical treatments for our quiet lakes.

Costs for EWM in 2024 were \$81,000.00. The cost for treatments are expected to remain the same or increase in 2025, meaning that we would have a shortfall right now of \$79,850.00.

QLIA total donations through August 5, 2024 were \$20,150.00. This leaves us a total deficit of \$79,850.00 for EWM treatments in 2025.

If we built up a budget surplus that could be carried forwarded each year, this would ease the burden on our fundraising efforts that are necessary to help with the EWM in our lakes. This is where we need everyone's help!

Fundraising Plans

Discussions are already underway for what we need to do in 2025. Suggestions are always welcome and encouraged! How about joining the Fundraising Committee? Contact Amy Jo Wittenberg at (708) 207-8820.

Summerfest was a great success raising over \$12,000. However, part of the goal was to grow the participation and membership, unfortunately this is where we fell short of that goal. Membership only grew by ???

Another possibility we are considering is having several smaller events around the lakes. Sponsors would be needed to host these events at their homes. Resorts could even sponsor neighborhood gatherings. Would you consider sponsoring a neighborhood gathering at your home or resort? Let us know, call Craig Pagenkopf at (913) 544-5402.

Our Future Needs

It's crucial to recognize that managing Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will be an ongoing process requiring sustained funding immediately and for many years to come to effectively control its growth and spread in Lost Land and Teal Lakes. The estimated costs of treating EWM ranges from \$400,000 to \$600,000 over multiple years.

State grants may cover up to 75% of the costs, but the QLIA will need to raise significant funds each year to fight EWM in our lakes.

Annual dues alone are insufficient to support these initiatives as they are capped at \$50 per individual by State Law.

We are asking for annual contributions to our Tier Program to **Preserve and Protect** our lakes. The funds will be used to control and manage the EWM population, ensuring the long term preservation and enjoyment of the lakes for generations to come.



Permits and Weed Control

Department of Natural Resources Post-Treatment plant survey evaluation of the June 7th ProcellaCor treatments will be available this fall. We are working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to obtain this survey information as soon as it's possible so we can get this information out to our members.

Chemical permits for 2025 treatments will be applied for as soon as possible after the evaluation is completed. Permits for 2025 cannot be applied for until the results of the 2024 treatments have been evaluated. Timing is critical and we are on top of it.



Quiet Lakes News



Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes

What's Happening 2024

The next QLIA Board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2024. Topics of discussion include, Absentee Voting implementation which requires a By-Law change.

The Town of Spider Lake (TOSL) has organized an Ad Hoc Committee which is charged with reviewing the boating ordinance currently in place (Ord. #02-2024) for the purpose of ensuring and maintaining public safety and for protecting and preserving the natural resources of the watersheds (water quality, shoreland, habitats) both now and for future generations. More information to come.



Whats Happening 2025

Annual Meeting - July 12, 2025
QLIA Picnic - August 10, 2025

Upcoming Discussion Topics

Review and analyze 2024/2025 Winter Assess Plant Survey Data.

WDNR conversations and planning for spring 2025 treatment. Choosing the right locations is critical.

Define treatment target areas on Lost Land and Teal Lakes.

Prioritize areas in conjunction with the WDNR to maximize effectiveness.*



*Unofficially we believe there has been benefit of the drift or spread of chemicals from the specific treatment sites.

Lake Committee Information - Volunteer to Preserve Our Lakes!

We rely on a dedicated team of volunteers who help us manage our lakes! If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out.

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Quiet Lakes Resorts & Businesses



*Remember to visit and support one of our many
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 <p>Wilson Bay Lodge</p> <p>8845 Wilson Bay Drive (715) 462-3813 http://wilsonbaylodge.com/</p>	 <p>Northland Lodge</p> <p>9181 West Brandt Road (715) 462-3379 https://northlandlodge.net/</p>	 <p>Boulder Lodge</p> <p>7296 W. State Road 77 (715) 462-3002 https://boldlodge.com/</p>
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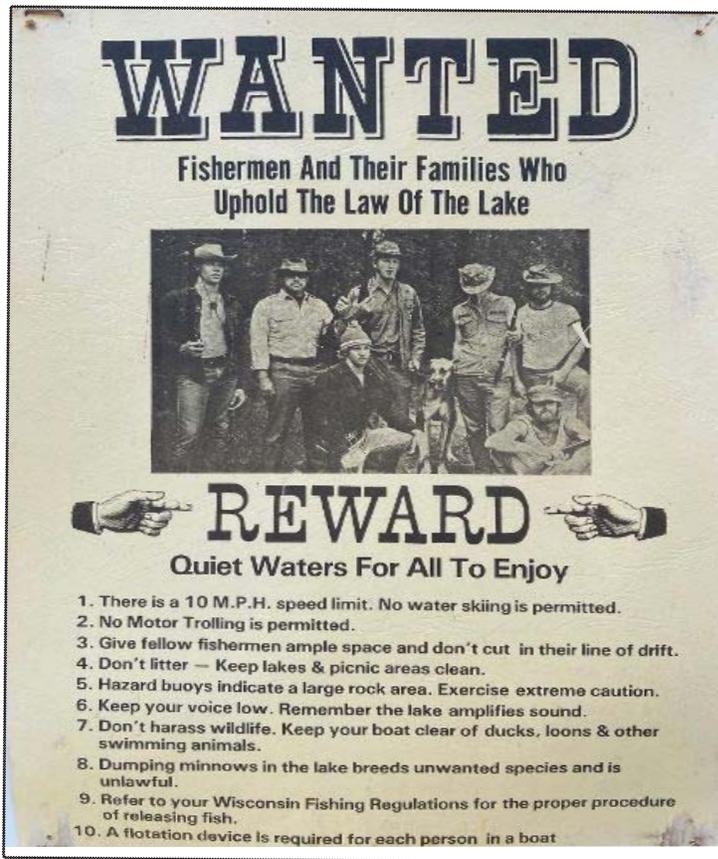




Just for Fun...

Do you recognize this Quiet Lakes poster?

Do you know the year?



Do you know anyone in the photograph?

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