

## Weed Committee Report

– Larry Brady - Team Member

Most of the Whitewater/Rice lake dwellers believe that the Milfoil & Curley Pond Weed froze to death after the record setting cold & snow this winter. Most likely not! Even though we experienced thick & prolonged ice cover this winter, some of them are waiting (like us) for the warmer days of spring so they can begin their journey to the lakes' surface.

All of us on the Lake District Board are encourage, however, with the progress we made last year but cautious about we will see this Spring & Summer. The District has a very aggressive spraying program this spring & the Equipment Committee has refurbish some of our harvesting fleet to insure it's ready for whatever the season may bring.

As the spring & summer sort out, we on the committee would like your help in keeping the Lakes free from invasive weeds & the swimming/boating areas accessible for the Lake Residents & guests. While boating or just enjoying the view from your dock – deck – shoreline, please report heavy areas of weed growth, floaters or Algae blooms to any member of the District Committee or call me at 847-975-6334 or email lbrady22w@gmail.com. Since I have retired from my "day job," I will be spending much more time on the Lake but any extra set of eyes will always be appreciated.

As you may or may not be aware, our harvesting efforts are mainly concentrated from the dock to "NO WAKE" markers. We will make every effort to clear areas near docks & shorelines. In many cases, we are limited in what we can do because of equipment capability, DNR regulations & other concerns. If you are experiencing difficulty in such an area, please contact me & I may be able to offer an alternate solution. Thanks for your help.

### REMEMBER:

Weed pickup from docks occurs on Saturday Morning in the summer. Please place all your harvested weeds or floaters on the end of your dock early Saturday. We go around the Lake only once that day.



# Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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## Message From The Chairman – Rich Charts – Chairman

As I sit looking out on the lake in early April, 95% is still ice covered. We all hope this means that the cold, snow and thick ice will stunt the weeds and zebra mussels. Regardless, we'll be ready as Spring creeps into Summer to keep weeds in check. Another harvester has been refurbished and equipment should be able to handle the needs of both lakes. The capital plan is proving its worth keeping our aging inventory in good shape.

Anyone born after January 1, 1989 is required by law to have passed a boat safety course to operate any motorized watercraft this year. Board member Larry Brady and Safety Patrol supervisor Sean Blatten will hold a hands on boat safety certification course the mornings of May 17 and 18. You can qualify to operate a PWC or boat by taking this course. Call Larry at 847-975-6334 or [larry@whitewaterlake.org](mailto:larry@whitewaterlake.org).

We have two Board members up for reelection this year. If you wish to run, please send a resume to [rich@whitewaterlake.org](mailto:rich@whitewaterlake.org) by June 15 to give proper notice in the Summer newsletter.

After 10 years, the website is having issues. Lillian Roy, Brian Madl and I are working to redesign the site and, with the support of Whitewater Wideband, set up better equipment. Look for changes in [whitewaterlake.org](http://whitewaterlake.org) during May.

The GWLPOA, Minneiska Ski Club, Lions Club and JNT all have great and plentiful activities planned for the lake this season. There is no shortage of things to do at the lake. Have fun, be safe and be courteous to your neighbors on and off the lake.

## Fish Report – Tom Potryks, - Standing Teams

As expected, the deep ice this winter has resulted in some fish kills. Third hand reports to me indicate a minor kill on the pond near Scenic Ridge Campground and a significant kill in the shallow (4-5 feet deep) pond furthest south on Chapel Dr. This pond lost a lot of small panfish, along with plenty of resident, large carp.

All in all that's a good result for such a winter, and the reduction in small panfish and carp is a plus. I've been told Eagles have been sighted on the ice.... maybe looking for recently thawed fish?

I will be in touch with the DNR as to the next steps regarding the Chapel Dr pond. I'm told the gate preventing lake carp from entering and spawning in that pond is still operational, which is also a plus.

No carp were netted in either Whitewater or Rice lake this winter due to the early freeze over of the lakes

Tom Potrykus - 843 263 5387 or [svpotrykus@islc.net](mailto:svpotrykus@islc.net)

## Safety Project

– Larry Brady - Team Member

The District will offer a Boater's Operators Licensing Course on May 17 & 18 from 8 AM till Noon each day. The course will be held at the Whitewater Township Office & will cost \$10/Student. The course is hands on & required to operate a power boat in Wisconsin unless you are over the age of 23. If you are interested, please call Larry Brady at 847-975-6334 or email [lbrady22w@gmail.com](mailto:lbrady22w@gmail.com) no later than May 1st.

If you have safety concerns about anything Lake related, please contact Larry at the above phone number or email.

## Equipment Committee Report – Chuck Chamberlain - Team Member

The Board continues to evaluate and assess the district owned capital equipment in an attempt to maximize the longevity and its' usefulness.

We presently are reviewing a recommendation to replace the existing aquatic transporter and trailer in FY2015. The two pieces of equipment are the oldest in our current inventory. More information will be made available at the annual meeting in August.

All of the current equipment has been in winter storage and is ready for the start of the 2014 harvesting season.



**Weed Spraying** – Ernie Roy - Team Member 

Whitewater and Rice Lakes' weed management is strictly regulated by Wisconsin DNR. We have two strategies that can be used on our lakes, one is weed treatment, and the other is weed harvesting. Clean Lakes Inc. was the contractor selected for weed treatment (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed) based on the RFP we received posted no later than February 13, 2014. We are anticipating the weed population this Spring maybe light this year due to the amount of snow we have had. Our web site will post the DNR permit, and the Lake Maps identifying the extent of weed distribution after the weed survey that will be done this spring. Prior to lake treatment, a notice will be attached to all docks in the vicinity of treatment with precautions. Those of you who an irrigation system from the lake can you please email me at [ernie@whitewaterlake.org](mailto:ernie@whitewaterlake.org) so that I can let you know when the chemical treatment will be done so that you don't turn on your irrigation system. In addition, the following notice is prescribed by the DNR:

**Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District Notice**

The Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District intends to chemically treat specific areas of shoreline on Whitewater Lake and Rice Lake with aquatic herbicides to control exotic weed species (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed).

Up to 175 acres of Whitewater Lake and 25 acres of Rice Lake may be involved. Treatment will take place between April 22nd and October 15th, 2014.

Within 5 days of this notice following procedures set forth in the Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 107.04, five or more individuals, organizations or units of government may request a public informational meeting. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District, P.O. Box 301, Whitewater, WI 53190 and copied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Heidi Bunk, 141 NW Barstow St. Rm 180, Waukesha, WI 53185.

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**Summary of 2013 Financial Results:** – Brad Corson - Treasurer 

2013 finished the year with an operating surplus of \$1,245 with total revenues of \$220,850 that includes receipts of \$30,000 for the Capital Fund and expenditures of \$219,816 that includes \$30,000 for the capital contribution. The year started out with early weed growth that required additional chemical treatment to address resulting in expenditures in excess of budget by \$3,422. Additional weed harvesting activities were also required to address that problem well into the season which resulted in expenditures in excess of the weed budget by \$7,187. We were able to bring total operating expenses back into budget by reducing the bog harvest activity from 6 weeks to 5, resulting in a savings of \$11,434. All other expenditures were in line with budget. 2013 Capital projects included the refurbishment of the 7'harvester for \$18,428, replacement of steel belting on the harvesters and transport for \$5,500, replacement of the outboard motor on the transport for \$3,000 (net of proceeds from the sale of the old motor) and \$2,600 for other minor items. The Capital Fund has a cash balance of \$66,324 as of December 31, 2013.

**2014 Canada Goose Report** – Dave Clevon Standing Teams 

We have had a very cold, snowy winter on Whitewater/Rice Lakes this year. It has caused many, but not all of our Resident Canada Geese to migrate down south to the warmer weather. Our Resident Geese have a very good built in GPS System. They will be back and we will be up to the Challenge.

Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management Board has again passed a motion to continue to control the Canada Geese population on our lakes in 2014 utilizing our Canada Goose Nest and Egg Depredation Program and our Round-Up Program. We will never come close to eliminating all of the Canada Geese on our lakes but our goal is to reduce them to a manageable level. We are definitely making progress.

Canada Geese have a life expectancy of about 20 years. Each Mature Canada Goose deposits about 2 ½ pounds of feces each day in our lakes and on our shorelines bringing E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loading in our waters. Any reduction in our goose population will improve the quality of our lake waters and shorelines. Water tests have already shown that.

Many of the nests are hidden especially well under a deck or in a hidden area. Please notify me in early to late April with location of any nests that you see in your area of the lake. (608-883-2483 or [dfclevon@earthlink.net](mailto:dfclevon@earthlink.net)). If you do not want the geese to be gathered on your property, please contact us and we will respect your wishes.

We all look forward to another fun year on Whitewater/Rice Lakes.

P.S \*\*\*\*\* We have enclosed in your newsletter a Permission Form for you to sign and mail in that allows us and the United States Dept. of Agriculture-Wildlife Services to enter your property for Goose Management. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED THIS PERMISSION FORM IN THE PAST, PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND MAIL IT BACK TO:

Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District  
P.O. Box 301  
Whitewater, WI. 53190

Thank You!

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**Permission for Entry to Property for Goose Management**

I authorize representatives from United States Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services and Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management (egg oiling and/or round-up). This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. You will have an annual opportunity via newsletter or direct mailing to remove your property from the approved site list. Thank you for your assistance.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail to:**

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