



June 2016

Lake Eau Claire Association
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PRESIDENT'S VIEW

It is the evening of June 2, 2016. The sun is not quite down. The high sky remains a frozen robin's egg blue with a splash of pink/orange hues across the western horizon. The lake is calm and all is good. We live on a gorgeous lake whose beauty and health must never be taken for granted. The crappies have finished spawning, but the bluegills are full of eggs and ready for some hot weather to kick start their efforts. Clouds of fry, minnows about a half inch long, drift through the shallows sucking up the remaining shards of pollen. Life is renewing itself....

- Our Triathlon is **Saturday, June 11**. Race, Eat, and Listen to great Music!
- Fish Cribs go in July 9, contact Fred Poss to volunteer to help.
- Our Second Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, July 30, at the Osseo Golf Course.
- Remember fishing limits have changed on our lake (see banner).
- Fireworks on the lake are the evening of Saturday, July 2.
- Consider signing up for some lakeshore plants.
- We are losing some board members. Why not volunteer some time?

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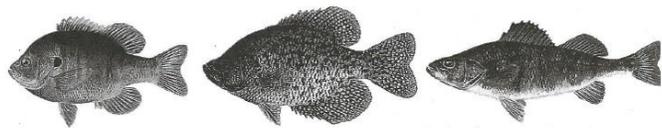
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Attention Anglers

Lake Eau Claire



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Panfish species include bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, white and black crappie

Daily Bag Limit

A total of 25 panfish but no
more than 10 of any one species
Effective April 1, 2016

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Planting Project Interest? How would you like to receive some financial assistance to plant some proper native shoreline plants along your lake property? The Lake Eau Claire Association has access to up to \$1,000 to assist lake property owners who wish to improve their shoreline with the right kind of native plantings which contribute to a healthy lake. The grant money from Eau Claire County will be divided equally among however many volunteers contact Fred Poss by July 5. A phone call or email will put your name on the list. Contact: fredposs@gmail.com or 715.286.9413.



Fish Crib Forms: Please remember that lake property owners have the opportunity to have both fish cribs and/or tree drops installed by our association/lake district at no cost. The proper form can be downloaded from our association [website](#) and sent to Fred.



Fish Crib Helpers Needed: On Saturday, July 9, at 8:00 AM at the North Boat Landing, we will be building and placing fish cribs again. Your help is critical to getting this lake improvement task done. We have purchased a better pontoon and motor for this work, so the amount of time needed should be shorter. Workers are needed for two tasks: One, to build the cribs (this takes about 90 minutes), and Two, to work on the pontoon to offload the cribs (this takes about four or five hours). Lunch will be provided for the

work crew on the pontoon. If you would like one or two free fish cribs, immediately contact Fred Poss. If you are willing to help with building the cribs or offloading the cribs, also contact Fred. His contact information is 715.286.9413 or fredposs@gmail.com.

Fireworks on Lake Eau Claire!

Thinking about shooting off some fireworks at your home on the lake this July but concerned about the possibility of starting a fire? Why not consider this alternative instead?

Donate to our Lake Eau Claire Association's fireworks fund!

In this way you can help everyone on the lake have a better experience and, at the same time, ensure fire safety from the sparks that come back down to earth. Fireworks Night from our lake association will be Saturday evening on July 2. To donate, contact Dean Boehne at 715.695.3131 or at

dcbost@tcc.coop.



- Lake Eau Claire Association Board Positions Available -

“Many hands make the work go quickly,” states an old maxim, and that is especially true for our association board. This August our Lake Eau Claire Association Board will have **FIVE OPENINGS**, four for a 3-year term and one for a 1-year term.

The board position openings include the following:

1. **Board Member** Vicki Reed. Her term is expiring and she has indicated that she intends to help the association as a volunteer but no longer serve on the board.
2. **Board Member** Phil Kalscheur's term is expiring.
3. **Board Member** Ed Henry's position. Ed has sold his home on the lake and will no longer be serving as a member of the association board.

4. **Board Member** Dean Boehne's term is expiring.

5. **An Open Board Member Position** to fill up all twelve board positions.

To indicate your interest in serving for one of the five openings on the board, please contact Lori Bechtel 612.991.8331 or email her at lbechtel@comcast.net.



Thank You!!

**Thanks to everyone who placed an order
during our Spring online clothing sale!**

Watch for details on a sale again this Fall!



FORE!! After a very successful inaugural Lake Eau Claire Golf Outing, the LECA board of directors is happy to announce that the 2nd annual Lake Eau Claire Golf Outing will be held on Saturday July 30, 2016 at the Osseo Golf Course.

Call for a tee time today!

(715) 597-3215

Nature Notes - Oxygen the Life Giver by Mike Harden

Oxygen comprises about 21 per cent of our atmosphere, and is an element essential for most every life form on earth. Plants, animals, most bacteria, and fungi all depend upon oxygen for survival. When exposed to light, green plants manufacture oxygen in the process of photosynthesis as O₂, the diatomic form in which it is most useful to life. This oxygen then becomes part of the atmosphere, which supplies the demands for all of the respiration, combustion, and decay processes that occur as a result of life's activities on this planet. From our first breath, our fragile lungs expose our blood to this life giver, allowing it to be absorbed and transported throughout the body, sustaining all our functions.

Organisms that live in the water also rely on O₂ for survival. The oxygen in the water, however, is dissolved and much less concentrated, in the range of 0 - 14 or so parts per million (ppm). Compare this to the 21% in the air, which translates to 210,000 ppm, and you see there is much less oxygen available in the water than in the air above. Getting enough oxygen is always a crucial consideration for water dwellers. Fish, aquatic insects, clams, and others are cold blooded, and need much less oxygen than the warm blooded condition requires. These organisms generally either have gills or absorb oxygen directly through their body surface. Oxygen is supplied to waters through dissolving directly from the atmosphere above, mixing caused by waterfalls, rapids, etc., but mainly by the photosynthetic activity of aquatic plants which, when the sun is shining, produce much more oxygen than they consume.

Most fish need at least 5- 6 ppm of dissolved O₂, some more (like trout); some less (like carp), which might survive down to 1 ppm or so. The maintenance of suitable oxygen levels to support fish involves complex ecological factors. In our lake, Lake Eau Claire, winter oxygen concentrations are not generally a problem, and we do not have problems with winter kills as some of our northern lakes do. It is the summer when we have problems. The presence of excess phosphates in our lake has led to excessive algae blooms over the last many summers. As algal populations grow with the warming of the water through summer, the water becomes more turbid, lessening the depth through which sunlight can penetrate, thereby reducing the amount of photosynthesis that can occur below the top few feet of the water column. Bacterial decay of bottom sediments increases with warmer temperatures, using up more oxygen in the depths. The lower oxygen levels which result causes the release of more soluble phosphates from the bottom sediments, thus compounding the problem.

The system of 15 aerators installed at the lower end of the lake is designed to improve the situation. By blowing air into the bottom of the lake, it is hoped that this adds dissolved oxygen to the lower depths, which will make these areas more comfortable for fish, while at the same time reducing the tendency for the release of soluble phosphorus, which should reduce the tendency for severe blooms to form, improving water clarity and improving the overall health of the lake ecosystem. Biological and chemical monitoring of the impact of the aeration project is ongoing. See the [LECA](#) website for details of the data and conclusions obtained so far.



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**June 11, 2016, 10th Annual
Lake Eau Claire Fundraiser
and Triathlon**



Hi! This is our chance to celebrate the accomplishments of the water quality and fish habitat improvement projects that have been put into place, to learn what's next, and how we can all help to make Lake Eau Claire a thriving, healthy, body of water for all to enjoy.

This year's event will again take place at the Hide Away and will kick off with the triathlon at 1:30 pm. Join the fun for a beautiful walk/run, and invigorating paddle, and a leisurely bike ride. This is an event for people of all ages and abilities. Triathlon and fundraiser details are on our website at www.lakeeauclaire.org. **HTC, Home Grown Tomatoes**, the popular band from last year is back and so is the food catered by **Tugger's of Augusta**.

Fundraising Activities include:

Silent Auction - Bring a gift basket to the Hide Away on or before June 11. People have a chance to bid on your basket at the fundraiser/dinner. Contact Lori Bechtel at lbechtel@comcast.net

Wall of Beer and Wine- Bring as many bottles of wine or 12 packs of beer as you want. You can purchase tickets for the drawing to win one of the walls. Let the party begin! For information on the Wall of Beer and Wine contact Al Hendricks at diversifiedprofits@comcast.net.

Raffle: Tickets will be available to purchase at the event or from any board member or many local businesses. Prizes include four Packer tickets to a single game, a kayak and paddle, and a guided fishing trip on Lake Eau Claire.

Triathlon Registration: Available on our website or at the event from 12:00 to 1:15

PM. **START TIME: 1:30 PM.** Kids under 12 are \$20, Adults are \$30 until June 6 then \$35 (includes triathlon, t-shirt, food, music, and beverages).



Dinner Entry: \$15 for food, music & beer; \$10 music & food; \$5 food & music for children under 12

Silent Auction and Beverages begin at 2:00 PM, Music 3:00-7:00PM, Food 4:00-6:00PM

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! VICKI REED – 715.286.2040 or reedvf@uwec.edu or JOE BECHTEL - 612.812.0451 or jbechtel18043@gmail.com



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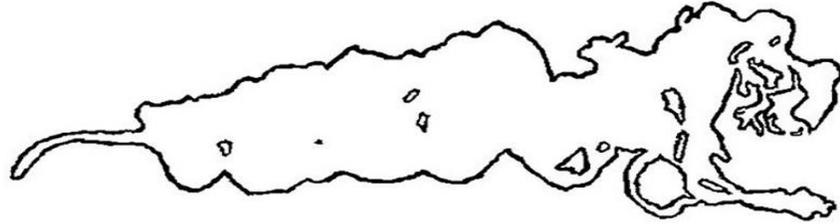


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Lake Eau Claire Association Membership

**** Complete the form below and mail it back with your payment ****
*** Membership dues are \$20.00 per year, per address ***

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If you are interested in making an additional donation* to one of the activities below, please specify which activity:

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Return completed form and payment to:

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