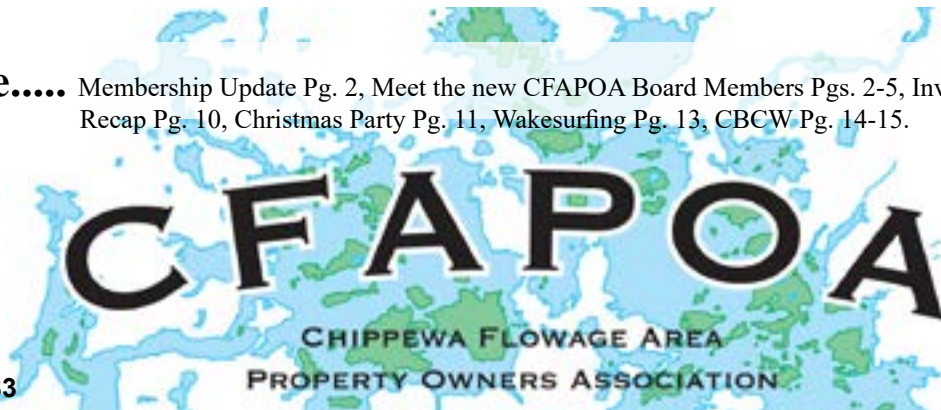


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Fall 2024

The Big Chip News

Partnering for Conservation

by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

When partnerships are done well, they can lead to conservation impact far beyond what a single organization could do on its own. The Chippewa Flowage community is fortunate to have many working relationships that bring some level of investment to our mutual efforts. The list of partners is too diverse for this brief article, but all bring a thoughtful and skilled approach to conserving the health of the Big Chip.

Some highlights for 2025 include an aquatic plant survey and update of the 2008 Aquatic Plant Management Plan, an annual subset survey for invasive species, reintroduction of biocontrol methods (beetles) to control purple loosestrife, continued launch monitoring (Clean Boats Clean Waters), native plant sale, and loon monitoring.

A key component for CFAPOA to be a good partner is you, our members. Your membership and volunteer time have served as the foundation of the organization for decades. As the lake and community changes it has never been more important for us lead when we can and collaborate with others on all shared objectives. Stay tuned for more specific details on these developing efforts and consider how you might take an active role as a volunteer.

Don't forget to renew your membership and engage your friends and neighbors to become members. We look forward to the prospects of joint field trips, social time and celebrating the health and functioning of our partnering relationships.



CFAPOA Needs Your Help

With your membership, you can volunteer and help us with our mission to:



Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

New Members

Doug Ollom
Troy Rosedahl

Lifetime

Barb Schweig
*Honorary membership in
remembrance of Nancy Ruhlow.

Steward

Gary & Holly Becker

Membership Renews on
January 1, 2025. See
pgs. 8-9 for renewal
form, or renew online at
www.cfapoa.org



Membership Levels

- \$25: Individual/Property
- \$26 to \$124: Contributor – newsletter recognition.
- \$125 to \$999: Steward – newsletter recognition and a gift.
- \$1000 and up: Lifetime Conservationist – newsletter recognition, a gift, and lifetime membership.



Due to privacy concerns, the Board has decided not to mail out Membership Directories this year. There will be copies of the Directory available, in late Spring, at the Townhall for pick-up only. This practice has not been adopted permanently and your feedback is greatly appreciated to determine our approach in 2025.

Lifetime

Conservationist

Thank you for your Lifetime Conservationist donation. Your support and investment in our organization helps to promote our mission to keep the Chippewa Flowage clean and safe, to protect the environment. Thank you for your generous gift.

David Carland
Tom & Tia Clark
Chris & Jessica Conard
Dean & Kristin Elmer
Joe & Lora Garceau
Chris & Patti Jeffords
Karl & Stephanie Kann
Brad Krizan
Douglas Kurtzweil
John & Shelley Lamoreaux
Mike & Kris Maly
Kyle & Sara Nemetz
Brian, Juliane & Tyler Novak
Brian & Sibley Pauling
Gene & Pat Schubert
Barbara Sealy
Tucker Silberhorn
Michael & Shirley Singer
Barb Schweig
Mike & Jennifer Treptow
Linda Treland
Richard & Lisa Uihlein Jr.

Meet the Board Members



CFAPOA Board of Directors

L-R: Dave Koenings, Randy Hulke (Treasurer), Dave Carland, Tony Shubert (Vice Chair), Jeff Wolf, Dustin Pyykola (front), Kevin Krug (back), Terry Wall, Paul Tweed and Mike Gardner (Chair).

Mike Gardner, Chair

My home town is Hayward, Wisconsin and I have had a lifelong connection to the Flowage. I have been a full time resident for 9 years. I'm married to wife, Phyllis, have one grown son (Joshua / Laura) and two grandchildren (Liam, Owen.) I am the owner of Northflow LLC



and consult on natural resource management, grant writing, renewable energy solutions and climate adaptation.

Paul Tweed

I have 40 years in education and Field Biology/Ecology/Chemistry and have worked at Universities, High Schools and a Project-based Science School. I've developed lake monitoring and research programs for students and teachers in Wisconsin for a decade or so in the 1990's and early 2000's. I've also worked closely

with the DNR, county conservation departments and sportsman's groups to investigate multiple lake, watershed, and water quality issues.

I love the outdoors, operated a small farm for years. I like to hunt, fish, bike, hike and ski. I've owned property on the flowage since 2001. I have a wife and 4 grown boys and just built a year-round residence on the West Fork of the Chippewa River.



Meet the Board Members... Continued

Tony Shubert, Vice Chair

I live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and have a vacation home on the flowage. In Cedar Rapids I have worked the last 42 years at my own business, Contract Exchange Corporation. Now I work part-time at it with my two sons.

I have been coming up to the flowage for family vacations and family fishing trips for about 40 years. In 2010 Laurie and I built a vacation home on Summer's Point Lane. We and our 4 adult kids use the house as much as possible, usually about 100 days per year. We enjoy fishing, cross country skiing, hiking, boating, dining, shopping and exploring the wildlife on the flowage. The wilderness of the Chippewa Flowage is always attracting us back here.

I have been on the CFAPOA board for a couple of years now. I enjoy working with some very knowledgeable people and learning more about our great lake. We are all lucky to share the beauty of the Chippewa Flowage.



Tony Shubert

Randy Hulke, Treasurer

Hi, my name is Randy Hulke and I serve as the Treasurer for the CFAPOA. Through more than 25 years my family has been coming to the Chippewa Flowage, we have rented a cabin, owned a rental cabin, and finally built a house all on the east side of the flowage. Our primary residence is in Plymouth, MN and try to get to the Flowage as often as possible.

I am retired but, during my working career, I served as a Church Treasurer and President for many years and as an IT Program/Project Manager for a Fortune 500 company. I created and managed budgets and actual costs having to frequently report this information to Executive Management. These experiences led me to serve on the Board and have provided me with the knowledge and skills to serve as your Treasurer.



Randy Hulke

Mark Zich

I was raised in a small community called Fall Creek near Eau Claire, Wisconsin and introduced to the Chippewa Flowage by my wife Joni in 1988. We camped on many of the flowage islands with our sons until we purchased a lake home on the flowage in 2009. Educational

history includes a degree in Geography – Cartography and Geographic Information Systems along with a minor in Computer Science.

My work history includes working for an engineering company in several capacities which include map production for the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, landfill design and construction, and environmental site assessments and restoration. I worked as a geographic information systems manager and for a Focus on Energy subcontractor managing a program designed to implement facility-wide efficient lighting systems for Wisconsin schools and government.

My passions include working with ESRI mapping systems and using their products to help facilitate projects that help CFAPOA achieve some of their goals regarding invasive species, shoreline protection and other geographical and data related projects. I enjoy biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, kayaking, and just about everything outdoors.

Currently completing the third term and 7th year of being a CFAPOA Director.



Mark Zich

Terry Wall, Director

My wife Debra and I are originally from southeast Wisconsin just north of Milwaukee. We started vacationing on the Chip around 1985 and fell in love with the wilderness setting and remote nature of the lake. After owning a trailer at a local resort and spending all free time there for a few years we purchased a lot on the Chief River in 1993. We broke ground on a retirement home in the spring of 2004 and moved up here full time in 2006 after I retired from my job at Briggs & Stratton Corp.

I am currently on my third term as a board member and have been involved with various activities including Fisheries committee, Invasive Species, Loon watch and Clean boats clean water projects.



Terry Wall

Kevin Krug

Originally from the suburbs of Chicago I was introduced to the flowage area in approximately 2020 through friends that had been vacationing here for decades. Sharing a cabin with these same friends at Golden Fawn resort, just off of Hwy CC, I've come to appreciate all that the area has to offer. In 2017 the opportunity to purchase the house of the couple that founded the resort came about and we finalized the deal in the Fall of 2017. After a long 3 year remodel we moved onto the lake full time in May of 2023.

I am recently married to Joanne who also has a love for the area and all the nature around us.

We are both recently retired, myself from general dentistry and Joanne from the pharmaceutical industry.

This is my first year joining the board and I look forward to contributing to the health of the lake.

Kevin Flesch, Director

My hometown is Denver, Colorado and my connection to the Flowage is that I grew up in Southern Wisconsin and started fishing the Flowage in High School in the mid 80s. I have vacationed and grouse hunted the area for the last 15 years. Now I own a place off of Woodland Drive.

I am married to wife Janet and have three daughters--all in college. The oldest is at Gonzaga in Spokane, twin daughters Addie at St. Olaf and Kendall is at Gustavus Adolphus.

I am an attorney with my own practice in Denver specializing in criminal defense and personal injury matters.



Kevin Flesch

Dustin Pyykola, Director

My hometown is Park Falls, Wisconsin and my connection to the Flowage is that I spent many



Dustin Pyykola

years camping and hunting in the areas around the Flowage.

In 2015, we purchased our cabin on the Flowage and have spent more than half the year on the Flowage since. I absolutely love this area and will someday retire on the Flowage!

I am married with two grown kids and 2 dogs. My wife Stephanie and our kids Josh and Ryele are very avid outdoors people as well! I am a Sales Engineer and I've been in the machining industry for 30 years all working in the Midwest.



Dave Koenings

Dave Koenings, Director

My hometown is Waterford, Wisconsin and my connection to the Flowage is through hunting property and a cabin north of Winter since 2007. We built on the Flowage last year (East sider.)

My wife Shelley and I have two grown kids with spouses and two new granddaughters. I am semi-retired, and do some consulting work for Harley dealers.



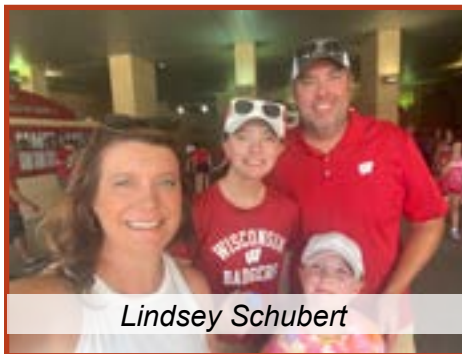
Dave Carland

David Carland

I purchased my cabin on Moore's Bay in 1996 after becoming acquainted with the Hayward area by friends from the Twin Cities who owned Lakeview Golf and Pizza. I have a 22-year-old son who also enjoys cabin life and just introduced my new Labrador puppy to the dock that I expect he will patrol as proficiently as his three predecessors. I have a home in Wayzata and am semi-retired from my career in the real estate development industry which is allowing me to ramp up my time on the Flowage. My hobbies include golf, fishing, upland bird hunting, snowmobiling, biking, spectator sports, pontoon cruising, and pickleball on my newly improvised court. As a new Board member, I'm looking forward to contributing wherever my help is needed.

Lindsey Schubert

I live in Galesville, WI with my husband Kevin, and daughters, Eva and Willow. In Galesville we live on a large property where we enjoy gardening, tending our chickens and playing with our dog Murphy. We enjoy traveling, trying out new recipes, and cheering on Badger football! My professional background is as a teacher, school



Lindsey Schubert

principal, and special education director. Currently, I am the Regional Special Education Network (RSN) Director for the CESA 10 region of our state. This means that I have the opportunity to work in collaboration with state and local agencies to advance educational equity for students with disabilities in the 29 school districts in West Central Wisconsin that make up the CESA 10 region. Working with CESA 10 also gives me additional opportunities to work on a number of grant projects, as well as provide professional development for educators.

Our ties to the Chippewa Flowage began with Kevin's family, and a cabin that they purchased on Moore's Bay over 20 years ago. He and I have both enjoyed our time there so much, we got married in Hayward, and have gone on to share ownership of that original property with Kevin's brother and his family. We enjoy the activities the Flowage and surrounding area have to offer year round. In the spring and summer, we love to boat and fish. In the fall, we love to hike and bask in the Northwoods colors. In the winter, we enjoy ice fishing and cross country skiing. We feel so fortunate to have a tiny little piece of that shoreline to call "our own" and feel strongly about preserving its beauty for generations to come!

Jeff Wolf

My hometown is Bangor, WI and resided in La Crosse and Onalaska for several years. My wife Kelly and I purchased a vacation home in 2015 and moved full-time to the Chippewa Flowage following my retirement as Sheriff of La Crosse County in 2023 after nearly 35 years in Law Enforcement.

I started vacationing in the Hayward area at a young age and was always drawn to the area for the fishing and snowmobiling. I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club, Trail Captain for the Sno-Trails snowmobile trails, and a delegate to the Sawyer County Snowmobile Alliance.

I decided to run for a director position and was elected in 2023 to help preserve the beautiful area around the Chippewa Flowage and to promote businesses and tourism in the area no matter what individual interests may be.



Jeff Wolf

Invasive Species Update

by Dennis Clagett

The Invasive Species (AIS) Committee is pleased to announce the addition and return of our Purple Loosestrife Bio control beetle program to the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW), and Adopt-A-Shoreline programs.

PL is not native to the United States and has no natural predators to control its growth and spread. By introducing a beetle native to Europe, *Galerucella pusilla*, a leaf-eating beetle that seriously limits growth and seed production by feeding on the leaves and new shoot growth of purple loosestrife plants. It will give our Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteer program an additional weapon as the beetles will be able to access and control larger infestations of PL, and also areas that are inaccessible by boat or to terrain that is dangerous to walk on (bogs). New programs require new energy. New Board member Dave Carland has volunteered as lead for the 2025 implementation of purple loosestrife biological control project. I'll be assisting Dave gathering field rootstock for spring potting that he has already located and marked. He has some interested friends as well for help. I'll be a resource, educator, root digger, and coordinator all rolled into one.

Our Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program is and has been a powerful educational method used at the four WDNR's boat ramps to demonstrate to ramp users first hand where and how to check their boat for invasive species going into and leaving the Chippewa Flowage. Operational costs are offset by Grants from the WDNR, "In kind" volunteer hrs., and member support. This year a meaningful contribution of \$1000.00 was made by the Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association, and future contributions will be equally appreciated.

The Adopt-A-Shoreline program continues to be an effective tool controlling growth and spread of purple loosestrife. Our all-volunteer members do a remarkable job containing this nasty, hardy, invasive. Two of these must be acknowledged, Jerry & Nancy Johnson. They have been hammering the PL on the west side for as long as I remember. Thank you! And thank all Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers!

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Name	East	West
Dan & Julie Hayden		1, 2
Mike & Lynn Muench	M, P	
Jim & Jan Evenstad		12
Gary & Lind Crank		3, 5
Christine and Jayson Grams		13
LCO Conservation Dept.	H, I, Z	
Brian & Julianne Novak	S	
Alan & Lynda Fish		8, 17
Up for Adoption		18
Greg & Amy Sanders		10, 11
Up for Adoption	U	
Chris & Patti Jeffords		4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson		6, 9
Dave Szymanowski		7, 14
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W	
Rob and Rebecca Nesse	J	
Dave Carland & Family	O	
Chris & Jess Conard	A2	
Rick & Linda Olson	R	
Tony & Laurie Schubert	T, U	
Dave Carland Family and Friends	X	
Brent and Jeanne Drapeau	E1, E2	
Mark and Joni Zich		15, 16
Bruce and Gina Dingman	D	
Mike & Phyllis Gardner	Q	
Dennis Clagett	Y	
Pete and Sarah Ross	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

Visit our website for a detailed map of East and West locations. <https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>



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CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal

January 1st through December 31st

Member Name(s): _____

Member Information: (New Members please compete; Returning Members complete if information has changed)

MAILING Address			FLOWAGE Address (if different)		
City	ST	Zip	City	ST	Zip
Phone			Phone		
E-mail (for CFAPOA use only)					
Please send my Newsletter by email: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Do NOT publish email in Directory: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Note: Each paid membership receives one vote and one quarterly newsletter. Shared property owners wanting separate votes shall pay an additional membership fee. The CFAPOA is a 501(c)(3) organization and dues may be tax deductible.					

I am interested in Volunteering: (Please indicate choices)

☐ Social Events ☐ Membership ☐ Invasive Species ☐ Loons ☐ Website ☐ Newsletter

Other: _____

Membership Levels:

\$25 Individual/Property
\$26 - \$124 Contributor
\$125 - \$999 Steward
\$1000 and up Lifetime Conservationist

Contribution Amount:

\$ Membership Dues and Donations (Must be \$25 or greater)

Send checks to: CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843. For donations to specific areas or projects, please visit our website www.cfapoa.org.

Contributions of \$125 or more are eligible for a gift, please complete Page 2.

CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal, Page 2

Gift Selection: (Note: All items will have the CFAPOA logo)

Members making a total contribution of \$125 - \$499 may select **ONE** of the following gifts:

☐ Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo **OR** ☐ Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Polo
Size: (S through 10XL) and (LT through 4XLT) Size: (S through 6XL)

Men's and Ladies Polo Colors: (Please choose)

☐ Red ☐ Pink ☐ Burgundy ☐ Maroon ☐ Lavender ☐ Light Blue ☐ Navy
☐ Teal Green ☐ Kelly Green ☐ Coffee Bean ☐ Steel Gray ☐ Black ☐ Marine Blue

OR ☐ Poly/Fleece Travel Blanket

Colors: ☐ Black ☐ Grey/Black ☐ Red/Black ☐ Royal Blue/Black

Members making a total contribution of \$500 - \$999 may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

☐ Men's Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket **OR** ☐ Ladies Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket
Size: (XS through 4XL) Size: (XS through 4XL)

Men's and Ladies Jacket Colors: (Please choose)

☐ Black ☐ Grey/Blue ☐ Grey/Citron

Members making a total contribution of \$1000 or more may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

☐ Men's 3 in 1 Jacket **OR** ☐ Ladies 3 in 1 Jacket
Size: (S through 4XL) Size: (S through 4XL)

Men's Colors: (Please choose)

☐ Black ☐ Insignia Blue/Navy

Ladies Colors: (Please choose)

☐ Blue/Black ☐ Berry/Black
☐ Red/Black ☐ Black

Mission Statement: The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Inc. (CFAPOA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, formed to generally promote, encourage, and foster the interests of all property owners. Its major objectives are: to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all people; to protect the environment; to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas; to support acquisition of land for protection and conservation and to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine lake, its wetlands, wildlife and tributaries.

2024 Pike Improvement Project

by Terry Wall

As the 2024 open water fishing season on the Chip winds down, it is time to tabulate the results of the Pike Improvement Project 2024. But first a little history. The PIP first started back in 2019 as the brainchild of our fisheries biologist Max Wolter. After a rather successful 2017 experiment on lac Courte Oreilles harvesting small pike in order to increase the survival rate of musky fry, Max brought the idea of the PIP to the Chippewa Flowage Resort Association and with the support of many the PIP was created. With a first year goal of harvesting 10,000 pike of 24 inches or less the Resort association recruited a number of sponsors, including the CFAPOA, to donate prize money as an incentive for anglers to harvest small pike.

As you may or may not know, Northern Pike are not native to the Big Chip. Misguided intentions resulted in them being planted in our waters many years ago and they now compete with native species for limited forage. Small pike are aggressive eaters and

consume forage that is needed for Walleye, Perch, Crappie and Musky during various life stages. That said, Northern Pike make very good table fare and we encourage participants to consume them and not waste the resource.

There are a number of good videos on line with detailed instructions on cleaning Pike and removing the bones which seems to be the number one reason people don't harvest more pike. To encourage more harvest this past season, the WI DNR also increased the daily bag limit for pike on the Flowage to 10 while maintaining a possession of 10. With luck, the DNR will continue with the 10 fish daily limit again next season. Back to the history lesson.

With the help of the DNR and angler efforts, over 7,000 small pike were harvested that first season. After suspending the PIP during the Covid year of 2020 it was restarted in 2021 and has carried on to this day. While harvest numbers haven't matched that first year, anglers still harvest and register around 3,000 small

pike in the PIP each year. This year legal entries totaled 2,941 fish, down slightly from last year when 3,369 fish were entered. Of course, many pike are caught and kept that never get entered into the PIP contest so the real totals are unknown. I would like to believe that the 3,000 average each year reflects a reduction in small pike numbers but until DNR shocking survey numbers are released that is pure speculation on my part. As of this writing, final tabulations and winner notifications are ongoing and will be released soon.

This year, cash and gift certificate awards totaling over \$4,000.00 will be awarded for the most pike registered and by random drawings for all participants. For five years now the PIP has been a useful and fun experiment which has proved to be a benefit to the overall quality of our treasured Flowage. Looking ahead to 2025, it is very likely the PIP will continue provided it has sponsor support so stay tuned for an update in the Spring.

Join Your Local Snowmobile Club

by Jeff Wolf

The Sawyer County Snowmobile Alliance would like to offer an invitation to CFAPOA members that have not done so to join a local snowmobile club.

Many of our property owners participate in this winter recreational sport. However, maintaining trails, brushing, grading, printing maps, maintaining signs, etc., is a year-long process

that takes support from everyone that uses the trail system. And if you belong to a club, your yearly trail passes can be purchased at a discounted price.

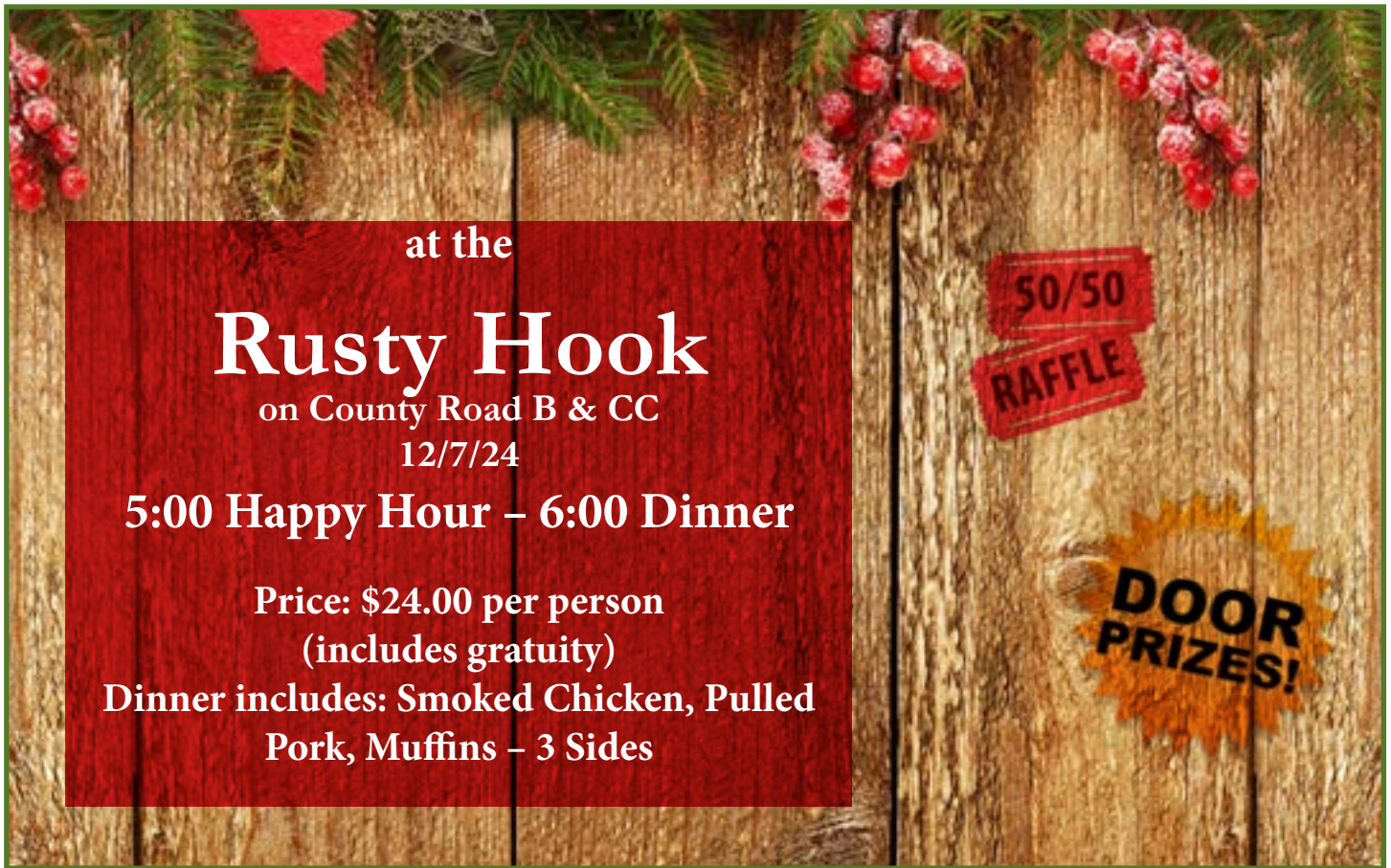
If you are not a member, please check out www.sawyercountyalliance.com and go to Snowmobile and ATV Clubs. Most property owners on the west side of the flowage belong to

Sno-Trials and owners on the east side belong to Musky, Sno, and ATV Country. Feel free to join one or more clubs to help support the winter sport loved by so many around the Chippewa Flowage.



CFAPOA Christmas Party

To get everyone in the Holiday Spirit, we are having the Christmas Party again this year! If you can, please bring a door prize. Everyone will get a ticket for a chance to win. Plus, we will have the 50/50!



at the

Rusty Hook

on County Road B & CC
12/7/24

5:00 Happy Hour – 6:00 Dinner

Price: \$24.00 per person
(includes gratuity)

Dinner includes: Smoked Chicken, Pulled Pork, Muffins – 3 Sides

50/50 RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZES!

CFAPOA Christmas Party 12/7/24

Please complete the invitation below and return by
November 29 to:

CFAPOA
PO Box 555
Hayward, WI 54843



Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

(If you can, please bring a door prize.)



CFAPOA *joins the* WISCONSIN LAKES COALITION

At the October 3rd board meeting, the CFAPOA Board of Directors voted unanimously to join the Wisconsin Lakes Coalition. This is a statewide coalition focused on protecting Wisconsin's lakes. The Coalition also has released its policy position with regard to wake-surfing as it prepares for a statewide educational campaign to preserve Wisconsin's lakes.

The coalition has coalesced around a set of principles it believes are essential to enact statewide minimums to protect our lakes and rivers.

The Coalition's principles include:

700 Feet From Shore – Wake-enhanced boating activities should occur at least 700 feet from any shoreline. (This is already an ordinance with the Town of Hunter and thus already part of the rules on the Chippewa Flowage.)

30-Foot Depth - Wake-enhanced boating activities should occur in water depths of no less than 30 feet.

Prevent Invasive Species in Ballast Tanks - Boats moving from lake to lake must have proof of decontaminated ballast tanks before entering lakes.

Local Control - Local municipalities' existing right to enact and maintain local ordinances that are more restrictive than these state minimums shall be preserved.

The board feels it is important to support this coalition in response to pending legislation in Madison proposed by the Water Sports Industry Association. To follow up

on our support, the board voted to give the Coalition's PAC \$1,000.00 to push forward these important principles in any new legislation.

Other members of the Wisconsin Lakes Coalition are: 1st Chapter Muskies, Inc, Walleyes For Tomorrow, Head Water Chapter Muskies, Inc, Diamond Lakers, Inc Trout Unlimited Inc., Yahara Fishing Club, Vilas County Lakes And Rivers Association, Lakes At Stake Wisconsin, Last Wilderness Alliance, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Wisconsin Lakes Association, Wisconsin's Green Fire, Sawyer County Lakes Forum, Buffalo County Conservation Alliance, Mondavi Conservation Club, Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association, Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association, Oneida County Clean Waters Action, Izaak Walton League of America - Wisconsin Division, Wisconsin Trappers Association, Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association, Winnebago Land Conservation Alliance, Musky Fool Fly Fishing Company, Friends of Kettle Moraine State Forest and the Lake George Lakes Association.

I am told that by year end the number of organizations joining may double.

You may see some local politicians stumping around Hayward this month. James Edming and Cory Tomczyk are our representatives, assemblyman, and senator, respectively. If you get a chance ask them what they think about wake-surfing legislation.

Please review the diagram to help learn what the impact of wake

surfing is on the quality of our lake. Show it to your friends and neighbors. The public needs to be better educated on the damaging effects of this sport.



January 1,
2025 is the
start of a new
membership
year. You
can renew
online at
www.cfapoa.org
or use the
form found
in this
Newsletter.



Click the link below to watch a video about the effects of Wakesurfing.



Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) – 2024 Season Recap

by Diane Hulke

Sunday, September 15 closed out the Clean Boats Clean Waters program on the Flowage for 2024. Looking back, it has been a good year. Generally, the public was cooperative, and informed. Many anglers told us they are familiar with the program and appreciated our presence. As the number of recreational boaters on the lake increases, these are most often those unfamiliar with the program and need to be informed of CBCW protocols. Additionally, our documented data indicates that 17 percent of all interviewed had been on different lakes within five days of their launch at the flowage. These boats require the greatest amount of scrutiny as they are the greatest risk of carrying invasive species from one lake to the next.

THE STATS:

Total Number of Boats / People / Hours			
	2024	2023	2022
Boats Inspected	3098	3413	3021
People Contacted	8791	8290	6723
Hours Monitored	1306	1204	1173

Boats Inspected: These are the boats stopped by our staff and interviewed informed of inspection requirements. Recent boat usage with location is also captured and documented at that time.

People Contacted: This is the number of people actively listening to the inspector at launch time such as other passengers in the launch vehicle or on the boat.

Hours Monitored: This is the number of hours spent at the ramps by our inspectors between fishing opener and September 15th. Generally, we staff Fridays 2-6, Saturdays and Sundays 6-1 or 7-2. Days and hours are adjusted for holidays.

Number of Boats Inspected by Ramp			
Location	2024	2023	2022
CC North Ramp	1112	1047	916
CC South Ramp	1227	1057	815
Winter Dam Ramp	622	595	506
Hay Creek Ramp*	715	794	786

Hay Creek usage was impacted this year due to launch ramp issues. The DNR has scheduled improvements for this site anticipated to starting next year.

THE STAFF:

The day after the season closed, the staff and volunteers gathered for lunch at The Landing to recap the season with shared experiences and unusual stories. This role of inspector requires people skills, weather resilience, thick skin and the ability to often work some lonely hours. Staff was acknowledged and thanked as they were exceptionally good this year working together, backing each other up when needed, keeping scheduled ramp nonattendance low.

At the end of the lunch, we decided the best story for this year was provided by Marilyn of a driverless boat launching itself and the intended driver swimming out to catch it. You only see this kind of stuff on the ramps!

In closing, we thank you, our membership, for continuing to be our partners in sharing the CBCW message.

- **INSPECT** your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- **REMOVE** any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading and before transporting on a public highway).
- **DRAIN** all water from boats, motors and all equipment.
- **NEVER MOVE** live fish away from a waterbody.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.
- **BUY** minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.

*Until next Spring, your CBCW volunteer staff,
Dennis, Diane and Shelley*

Interested in helping?

Monetary donations to the CBCW's program can be made mailed to: CFAPOA PO Box 555 Hayward, WI 54843

For volunteer time donations contact any of us at:

- Diane Hulke at dihulke@gmail.com
- Shelley Lamoreaux at slamoreaux15@gmail.com
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The 2024 CBCW Group



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Damage from *Galerucella pusilla*



Galerucella pusilla

By introducing a beetle native to Europe, *Galerucella pusilla*, a leaf-eating beetle that seriously limits growth and seed production by feeding on the leaves and new shoot growth of purple loosestrife plants. It will give our Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteer program an additional weapon as the beetles will be able to access and control larger infestations of PL, and also areas that are inaccessible by boat or to terrain that is dangerous to walk on (bogs).

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BOARD MEETINGS
AND EVENTS

November 7, 2024
December 5, 2024
January 2, 2025
February 6, 2025
March 6, 2025

Board meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town of Hunter Hall and/or teleconference. Visitors are welcome to join. Contact Mike Gardner at mgardner@northflow.net



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