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From the Desk of the President

This summer promises to be the turning point for addressing the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in Paradise Lake. Thanks to the letters you sent to the local governing bodies and your recent response to the Carp Lake Township Survey sent to riparians, the Carp Lake Township Board, by a 5-0 vote, passed a resolution to form a Lake Improvement Board (LIB) *and together, with your support*, we've been able to accomplish all of this in our first year. We could not have accomplished this without your active support and I want to personally thank each one of you for taking time to become involved. As I like to say, "Thanks to people like you, it works for all of us." As has been our goal from the start, an LIB (Lake Improvement Board) would place control of our lake in the hands of a single governing body that would have the authority to select from all treatment methods and create a long-term management plan to deal with the explosive growth of EWM we've seen in recent years. This LIB's charter will be to develop, fund and implement a plan to address the EWM problem in Paradise Lake both now and for years to come. More on this topic regarding status and next steps can be found on page 4.



The bad news is, any resulting treatment will not begin this year due to the time required to establish the LIB and independently come to a decision regarding treatment method(s). After learning this at a recent Township meeting, we have received several phone calls from our membership asking if we were going to sponsor a self-treatment program this summer as the

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Friends of Paradise Lake Sign

FoPL has erected a welcome sign in the yard of the Marina. We held a contest for the art work to be added to the top of the sign. The winner's art work is in the upper left corner of the sign and was drawn Frank Cassella, grandson of FoPL members Otto and Sylvia Kableman. Frank will be a sophomore at Cheboygan High School next year. We are very proud and impressed by the work that

Frank did. Frank will receive a cash award, a free chicken dinner at the chicken fry, and when we get the t-shirts, sweatshirts, & hats made, he will also receive one of each.

The sign itself was painted by Amy Kuntz who is the niece of FoPL members Cliff & Helen Smith. Amy also drew the picture of the loon on the upper right corner of the sign.

For those wondering why there is a blank board at the bottom of the sign, we are working on getting plaques painted with FoPL business members names. These plaques will be attached to this board with arrows pointing the directions of the businesses.

We want to thank Frank, Amy and all who helped get the sign created and put up.

FRIENDS OF PARADISE LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

“It is the goal of the Friends of Paradise Lake to identify foreign invasive species, both plant and animal which impact our lake ecosystem in a negative manner and to put in place a systematic plan of action to control such species to the point where it no longer threatens the environmental quality nor interferes with the recreational enjoyment of the lake and its watershed.

In accordance with the above, it is the intent of this organization to formulate a course of action to strive to reduce the current acreage of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) by 90% within a five year period and to put into place positive control measures consistent with protecting our lake ecosystem including native plants and fishery.”

FOPL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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| President: | Rick Schweller |
| Vice President | Rosemary Consani |
| Secretary: | Mark Marino |
| Treasurer: | Rosemary Consani |
| Directors: | Jim Kilpatrick |
| | Justin Dragoo |
| | Dick Dragoo |
| | Dick Moster |
| | Ed Boyer |
| | John Beeson |
| | Tom Altman |

2010 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| Chicken Fry..... | July 17 |
| Pig Roast..... | August 7 |
| Annual Meeting..... | August 8 (2 PM @ the Twp. Hall) |
| Bass Tournament..... | August 28 |
| Ice Fishing Tournament..... | January 15, 2011 |
| End of Season Ice Fishing Tournament..... | March: Date TBA |

*Remember—Kids’ Fishing Contest
Memorial Weekend—September 11, 2010
Largest pan fish will win a fishing pole donated by
Paradise Lake Marina*

RIPARIAN TREATMENT OPTIONS

Several members asked us if we were going to treat riparian lake bottoms for EWM after hearing that there will be NO treatment in 2010 from the Carp Lake lead LIB initiative. We contacted Lakeshore Environmental and were able to pull together the following estimates if you’re interested in treating for EWM along your docks and in front of your property.

| Lake Front Footage | Treat to 200 feet from shore | Treat to 500 feet from shore |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 75..... | 0.35 Acres = \$165 | 0.86 Acres = \$416 |
| 125..... | 0.57 Acres = \$275 | 1.44 Acres = \$690 |
| 175..... | 0.80 Acres = \$385 | 2.00 Acres = \$965 |

There will also be a permit application fee that is not part of the above estimate. Please call Lakeshore Environmental at 616-844-5050 Ext. 12 and ask for Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones or Luke Britton at 616-638-6794 if you are interested in pursuing this further and they can answer any questions you may have and can give you a better estimate on cost, etc... based on individual personal needs. Moreover, we were told the price could go down if enough folks were interested and did as a combined effort which they could coordinate for you.

FoPL News

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships are now past due. If you have not yet renewed your membership for this year, the cost is \$25.00 for a family membership and \$50.00 for a business membership. Business memberships will be listed on our web site and a plaque on the welcoming sign. If you do not pay your membership, this will be the last newsletter you receive until dues are paid.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

July 17, 2010: Chicken Fry at the Marina from noon till 5 P.M. – live entertainment by Rob Johnson & Mark Marino (??)

August 7, 2010: Pig Roast at Clyde’s – live entertainment by Rob Johnson & Mark Marino (??)

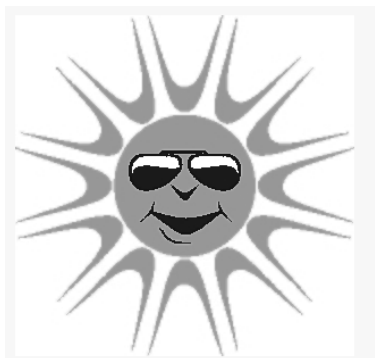
August 28, 2010: 1st annual catch and release Bass Tournament

January 15, 2011: Ice Fishing Contest

Memorial Day – 2nd Saturday in September – Kids fishing contest. The largest pan fish will net the winner a fishing pole given by Paradise Lake Marina.

A day without
sunshine is
like, you know,
night.

— Steve Martin



HOTTEST START TO PARADISE LAKE IN MANY YEARS

- no black flies to deal with at the campfire on Memorial Weekend, what a great way to start the 2010 summer. I can't remember a time when you were able to wake up to a nice cup of coffee and 60 degrees by 8:30 AM to start the summer. No need for waders to put in the dock because the water temperature was already above 70 degrees and actually registered a surface temperature mid-afternoon on Saturday of 78 degrees. It seems as though everyone was looking for a little rain to start the grass, gardens and crops.

BLUE GILL FISHING IS GREAT THIS SUMMER AT PARADISE

The nests are appearing in shallow water and the females are anxious for babies --**THEY ALSO ARE HUNGRY!**

Abundant catch and release reports are prevalent here at Paradise- the obvious method is worm and bobber but some anglers prefer to cast with ultra lite from their boat toward the shore and around docks with a spinner or a jig. A hit quite frequently!

Pleasure and success is evident in this picture of Abbie Hamilton, Jane and Dick Dragoo's granddaughter, during her summer stay on Carlton Cove at Tall Pines Resort.

That's it for now!

— Dick Master

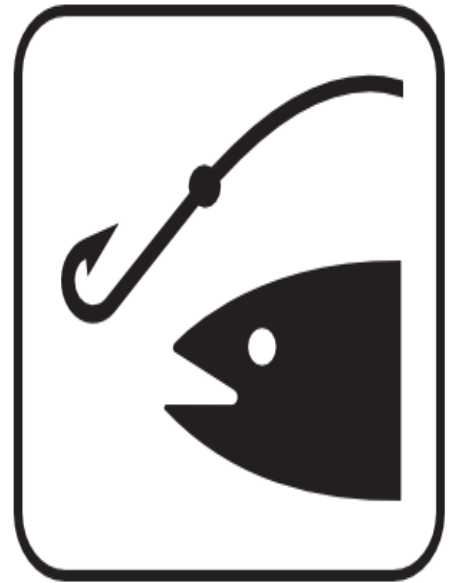


FISHING REPORT ON THE LAKE:

—Justin Drago

With water temperatures at mid-July levels the start to the fishing season things are in full swing. Jerk baits, Spinner baits, rattle-traps and the trusty green worms from the marina are landing nice fish daily. Most folks are using minnow type colors, electric-reds and/or white skirts on their spinner baits. Limited successes on surface baits right now but as the summer moves along that will definitely pick up. There are great stories of people seeing more bluegills beds in the shallows and that is a great sign for the little ones to have great fun from the dock all season long. There

have been multiple stories of small-mouth being very active in the shallows along with a couple experiences of night time walleye fishing from docks. There are also multiple success stories of a hotspot in front of the marina that is holding a host of large fish of all species. The ability to fish in native cabbage with plastic worms on a Texas set up seems to be landing multiple fish on each pass through. I am also looking into hopefully getting a spot on the website where you will be able to share daily fishing successes and/or sharing big fish stories.



TIMELY TOPICS

WHAT IS SWIMMER'S ITCH? — Justin Drago

Looking to figure out the facts versus the perceptions of what really makes your legs itch after being in the shallow water around the docks? The technical name for swimmer's itch is Cercarial Dermatitis. Swimmer's itch is a patchy red skin rash associated with itching on the parts of the body that have been in the water. Swimmer's itch is usually not severe but lots of itching involved. After the initial itching over a few days it will disappear without treatment. The itching occurs within 48 hours and may last up to 7 days. Rarely, it can be severe if a large proportion of the body is affected. The major, although not the only, cause of swimmer's itch are Trematode parasites of aquatic/migrating birds. The life cycles of these parasites involve snails as the first host and aquatic birds or some mammals as the final host.

The larval parasite called a "Cercaria" is released by aquatic or amphibious (moves both on land and water) snails and causes dermatitis when it mistakenly penetrates a person's skin rather than its rightful host, usually a duck. Swimmer's itch occurs in both freshwater and in the marine coastal environments.

Common conversation with folks is that it is caused by ducks or geese in freshwater. This is not correct. Swimmer's itch is from contact with the larval form of the thimble jellyfish from snails. Jellyfish nematocysts remain active for months, even if dried out. They can persist in clothing or swimsuits with recurrence of symptoms upon wearing the same clothes over again.

Treatment options said to help include washing immediately in salt water, acetic acid (vinegar), methyl alcohol or dilute (1: 10) household ammonia. Benadryl spray helps to reduce itch and pain, and may kill the nematocysts.

A new home remedy of preventative treatment that our family has been using the past two years is utilizing the very popular hand sanitizer. We have placed a bottle of the hand sanitizer at the end of the dock and apply every time we have completed enjoying the water. Since we have started this process, we limited our family ending up with the red itchy spots.

What is the prevention?

Swimmer's itch is caused by many different factors. Since the disease is really a disease of aquatic birds, the target should be to reduce the possibilities of the birds getting infected. Indirectly, it is important that the vegetation in the lake be kept to a minimum so that the snails do not have the ideal environment to grow.

To Weevil or Not To Weevil? — Rosemary Consani

In the most recent newsletter from the PLA, they once again tout the wonderful qualities and success of the Weevil and the MiddFoil process developed in Middlebury, Vermont.

FoPL received a report from Progressive AE, Grand Rapids, MI that is dated December 2009. Below is a quote taken directly from this report:

“The effectiveness of weevils, “has been mixed, with good results at some sites and poor results at others”. Due to the unpredictability of results, some state regulatory agencies have declined to award grants to fund weevil stocking programs. The State of Vermont spent more than \$800,000 in

state and federal funds toward weevil research. Weevil introductions and augmentations were conducted in nine lakes with over 100,000 weevils introduced. However, while weevil-induced plant damage was evident at many sites, significant declines attributable to weevils did not occur. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) administers a grant program that provides financial assistance to municipalities for Eurasian milfoil control. One of the evaluation criteria for prioritizing projects is the “likelihood of success.” The VTDEC considers the use of weevils to be experimental and does not believe there is currently enough data to show that weevils can be used reliably or predictably, which re-

sults in a low priority being given to weevil stocking projects based on the likelihood of success.”

The above is a direct quote taken from the report from Progressive AE. Vermont is the home of the MiddFoil process. The State of Vermont does not believe that there is a likelihood of success of using the weevil. Many other states are following suit with the stand that Vermont has taken.

It is for this reason that *Friends of Paradise Lake* still believe that it is necessary and prudent to have a trained, educated **EXPERT** lead the process of cleaning up Paradise Lake.

An Ark in Paradise? — Rosemary Consani

This has definitely been an unusual weather year in northern Michigan. First, we did not have a lot of snow so we all expected that when the ice went out that the lake would be lower than usual. We were right. Ice went out very early this year – it was gone by the first part of April. The temperature warmed up so everyone started putting docks in by mid April. When the Marina docks went in, the water level was 8 to 12 inches below the docks. This was really low for the beginning of the season – also early for getting the docks on the water.

May came as did hot weather. We had 80 and 90 degree temperatures, and it seemed as if the weather predictions of a hot and dry summer would be on target. Then came June and the rain – and more rain – and more rain. On Tuesday, June 22, John Beeson (Marina owner) woke up to find one boat and motor completely under water and all other fishing boats ready to go down. Carp Lake had received nearly 5 inches of rain overnight. Since then, it has continued to rain. Most docks are either under water or floating on water. Boats have to be pumped out at least once a day if not more. Walking out on the Marina docks require wearing boots unless you want your feet wet. The docks are floating about 4 inches above the stanchions they are supposed to be resting on. Everyone that we talk to says that this is the highest they can ever remember the lake level being.

So I ask you Carp Lake, do we need to look at building an Ark? Do we need to look at starting to put two of each kind on the Ark? If we do, can we please exclude the Milfoil and the Zebra Mussels?

(From the Desk of the President—Continued from page 1)
EWM has continued to encroach on some people’s docks, making navigation difficult at best. We have contacted Lakeshore Environmental who has agreed to oversee/manage this initiative for those interested in self treating in front of their docks this summer. More on this topic, including rough cost estimates, can be found on page 2.

We also have a newly erected welcome sign adjacent to the Marina and are planning to add plaques listing businesses that sponsor our association by 4th of July weekend. Many thanks to John Beeson for leading this effort.

Our annual meeting to elect officers, appoint new

directors, review goals and progress for the year ahead has been set for August 8 at 2 PM at the Carp Lake Township Hall. Please join us if you can.

Moreover, we have several social fund raisers planned for this summer, including our annual chicken fry on July 17, 12-5 PM, and a pig roast, August 7. We will also host our first Annual Bass Fishing Tournament on August 28. I hope to see as many of you as possible this summer. I, for one, am looking forward to taking a few moments to step back and enjoy this summers festivities with friends and family. —Rick

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent



**FRIENDS OF PARADISE LAKE
2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
APPLICATION**

Membership Update

We have lowered our 2010 membership dues from the \$100 we asked in 2009 in order to jump-start our efforts to:

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| Family Membership: | \$25.00 |
| Business Membership: | \$50.00 |

Just A Reminder

Business members will have their business listed on our web site *and* on the new village "Welcome" sign!

Type of Membership (select one): NAME: _____

Business Membership

Family Membership

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from physical address): _____

PHONE: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Paradise Lake

FoPL Membership Year Runs From April 1 to March 31

Please mail membership application and annual dues to:

Friends of Paradise Lake
PO Box 27
Carp Lake, MI 49718

Remember— If you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2010, this will be your last newsletter.

Please Renew Now!

**Thank You For Your
Continued Support!**

FRIENDS OF PARADISE LAKE
PO BOX 27
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Carp Lake Personality!



Everybody knows Julie. She is the lady at the Carp Lake post office.

Julie Mallory came to Carp Lake in 1980 with her parents Stanley and Joann Jansen and lived next door to the Marina while her parents ran "THIS IS THE PLACE" Cottages. They came from Cleveland, OH and actually lived in the town of Parma, OH. She still has good feelings about that area and misses certain things about the big city living.

Julie has worked at the post office for 17 years and holds the official title of Officer in Charge, Postmaster Replacement. She enjoys her work, especially the

part of meeting and greeting all the Carp Lake residents. In other words, she knows everyone around here!

Family life is important to Julie who has twins, Cory and Caitie who were born in 1991. They are currently out of school for the summer, and both are anticipating marriage in the near future. Julie's life has always revolved around her children and she has enjoyed being involved with all their activities. And, sometimes in her spare time, she enjoys watching old movies and crocheting. She finds the serenity of the lake area most appealing in her day to day life.

So the next time you are in the post office give Julie a special thanks for all her efforts to the Carp Lake community.

