

Harper Lake Association News



Harper Lake Association, P.O. Box 53, Irons, MI 49644

November 2015

2016 Dates

February 27
Board meeting

May 28
HLA General
Membership Meeting
and Board meeting

July 2
2016 Poker Run

September 3
HLA General
Membership Meeting
and Board meeting

November 12
Board meeting

Harper Lake Association Board of Directors

Susan Badalucco,
President

Jim Brown, Vice President

Kathy Abbott, Secretary

Lisa Mullen, Treasurer

Karen Brower

John Gochis

Bill Mullaly

Jeff Toy

2015 Weed Treatment Report

By Jim Brown

The HLA uses PLM Lake & Land Management for our weed treatment program. In general, PLM considers the Eurasian Watermilfoil population to be “very low” due primarily to aggressive treatments. Of course this is a fight that will likely never end, so they have noted that continued treatment will be needed. You may access PLM’s complete 2015 report on the Harper Lake website. All 2015 treatments are complete and we are ending the year in very good shape. It’s always nice to come in under budget and be happy with what you have accomplished and that really sums up our weed control efforts at Harper Lake.

For the last several years; HLA has also treated native weed in several areas. This program is somewhat controversial, in that the native weeds play a crucial role in the lake’s ecosystem and contribute to a healthy fishery. The HLA board has elected to step back from the treatment of native weeds and is asking that each land owner take responsibility for their own lakefront. A few hours a season can make a huge difference and in many cases the weeds can be controlled by simply raking them out and disposing of them. If you feel native weeds along your waterfront must be chemically treated; PLM can work with property owners to develop a separate chemical treatment program. They do ask interested landowners to approach them as a group, allowing them to manage the effort in a more cost effective way. Contact BreAnne Grabill at PLM’s Evart office at 800-

8th Annual Poker Run

By Kathy Abbott

The 8th annual Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm with the event starting at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendar for another fun day on beautiful Harper Lake.

Several families have already volunteered as dock captains for 2016: Brian & Beth Weatherwax, Jeff & Kathy Toy, Dave & Donna Kott, Gary & Ann Kozak, Mike & Karen Brower, Melissa Duffy. We are still in need of one more dock captain. If interested, please contact Kathy Abbott at kdabbott54@gmail.com.



Harper Lake Apparel

By Susan Badalucco

It is time again to start thinking about new Harper Lake merchandise for 2016. So far, suggestions include insulated Tervis tumblers or koozies or an HLA snowmobile logo. Your feedback is very helpful and I am open to all suggestions. What new designs and colors would you like to see next year? Are you tired of T-Shirts? Sweatshirts? Please email your ideas to me at dbadalucco@aol.com.

Currently, I have zip-up hoodies, hooded sweatshirts and regular sweatshirts available. There is even a women's stylish, lighter weight, hooded sweatshirt for those looking for a fitted look. They were introduced at the fall membership meeting and all of them have the loon design. If you'd like to place a special order for delivery in late April/early May; please contact me before April 1.

Treasurer's Report

By Lisa Mullen

As of October, we have approximately 104 dues paying members out of 138 property owners. The HLA Board would like to give a special thanks to those members for their unwavering support. We encourage nonmembers, who are benefiting from the HLA's work towards the preservation of everyone's property values and lakeside lifestyle, to join. Some of the initiatives that our community is working on include:

- The Asian Milfoil control program that keeps the lake navigable for boating, swimming and fishing.
- The ongoing water testing program through PLM which monitors the health and clarity of the lake.
- The Fish and Waterfowl program will continue with the Fish Restocking Program.
- Continued communication through our newsletters, Facebook page and directory.

Thank You Dave Kott

The Harper Lake Association Board would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Dave Kott for his years of service to the members of the Harper Lake Association. Dave served on the board from 2004 to 2015, but his work extended far beyond just attending board meetings.

From collecting information and formatting the association newsletter to checking the mail, organizing road cleanups, overseeing the fish stocking and keeping track of new property owners, Dave has been an invaluable asset to the association.

While Dave has stepped down from the HLA Board, he remains committed to Harper Lake and its residents. Please join us in thanking Dave for his dedication and years of service.



Dave & Donna Kott

Harper Lake Fish Study

By Karen Brower

A Ph.D. Student from MSU performed an electrofishing survey of largemouth bass in Harper Lake in September 2015. This survey was coordinated and permitted by the Department of Natural Resources. For more information on the electrofishing project and the survey results, visit: <https://fishingforhabitat.wordpress.com>



The bald eagle that lives near Harper Lake doesn't need any help from electrofishing equipment.

Meet New HLA Board Member Jeff Toy

After an extensive search, Jeff and Kathy Toy decided to purchase a cottage on Harper Lake in 2010. Originally from Stockbridge, Michigan, Jeff and Kathy were high school sweethearts and married in 1988. They currently live in Leslie, MI, on a 28-acre property with 4 horses, 3 goats and 2 cats.

Kathy has a career in research at the University of Michigan, while Jeff worked in the specialty pet industry, most recently serving as Vice President for Pet Supplies Plus Distribution for Procurement and Customer Service. They have three children: Alex is a mechanical engineer for Ford Motor; Leti works for Sam's Club in management; and Elaney is an LPN and works for Ingham County Rehabilitation Center and is pursuing her RN.



Jeff & Kathy Toy

Jeff joined the Harper Lake Association Board to keep our lake protected and thriving. If you wish to contact Jeff to introduce yourself or with suggestions for Harper Lake, you may reach him at 517-589-0309 Home or 517-712-5248 Cell.

2016 Harper Lake Association Dues Payment

Harper Lake Property Address: _____, Irons, MI 49644
 Lot # / Subdivision Name _____

	Property Owner(1)	Property Owner(2) <i>if multiple</i>
First/Last Names		
Primary Mailing Address <i>(if different than above)</i>		
Email address		
Can we email communications whenever possible?	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No
Phone Numbers: Irons		
Cell #1		
Cell #2		
Other Phone		
I would like to volunteer for: <i>(please check if interested; a board member will contact you with details)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Dock Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Planning/Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Stocking <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Dock Captain <input type="checkbox"/> Poker Run Planning/Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Stocking <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Website

2016 Dues: \$55. Please detach the dues payment form from your newsletter and mail it with check payable to Harper Lake Association, P.O. Box 53, Irons MI 49644. Dues payments are requested by January 1 for budgeting and directory purposes. Thank you!



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