



# Harper Lake Association

P.O. Box 53, Irons, MI 49644

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1, ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FEES \$55.00

**MAY 23, SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
9:00 AM ....ELK TWP HALL**

JULY 4 POKER RUN 2:00 PM CHECK IN

SEPTEMBER 5 FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## **SPRING MEETING**

Mark your calendar for May 23, 2015. Our Spring Membership Meeting will be held at 9:00 am at the ELK TOWNSHIP HALL south on Bass Lake Rd. Come a little early and visit with your neighbors

## **2014 – 2015 Winter Report**

### **How Did We Weather**

Well it was cold and some have undoubtedly experienced winter related woes, but overall the winter of 2014-15 wasn't too bad. We lacked the snow we had experienced during the 2013-14 season and this eased the overall effects of winter. My observation of the local deer herd tells me that they never came close to the stress level they experienced the prior year.

I heard a comment last spring that someone thought it was odd that they could see all the way across the island and never could in the past. For those of you that don't come to the lake during the winter, the island often becomes the place of choice for deer to bed and feed. In fact, seeing deer on the lake and near the shoreline

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feeding, is quite common. During the winter of 2013-14, I had once counted 26 deer filing onto the island in the morning and they stayed there throughout the day. By contrast, this winter season I saw only a few deer on and around the island taking advantage of the acorns.

I think the local wildlife made it through just fine.

So winter is behind us, I hope! And now it's time for the next season. For me it will be getting into the woods for some mushroom hunting and I'm hearing there are folks already finding some.

Jim Brown



### **MILFOIL AND WEED CONTROL:**

Permits are pulled and notices should be going out early in June announcing the first weed control application of the season. Only about 4 acres of our 80 acre lake are treated in a effort to balance both good weed habitat for the fish and unobstructed use for recreation. An update will be presented at the Spring Meeting.

## **ANOTHER GOOD BYE**

Robert McCarty, long time resident of Harper Lake, passed away on April 21, 2015. Details can be found on the internet. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

# POKER RUN:

The 2015 Poker Run is scheduled for **July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Jim & Kathy Abbott, Howie & Lisa Mullen, Roger & Kathy Zeh and are heading up the event this year.

Dock captains have as much fun, if not more, than all those who participate in the Poker Run. Dock Captains and details will be covered at the Spring Meeting!!

The unofficial list of Dock Captains this year include

Mike and Karen Brower  
Jim and Gail Brown  
Frank and Jan Maggini  
Bill and Julie Mullaly  
David and Marilyn Orłowski  
Jeff and Kathy Toy  
Bob and Nancy Randall

## FINANCES:

Lisa Mullen has reported that we have almost matched last year in collecting Association Dues. A special thanks goes out to all those members for their unwavering support. Lisa will update the Treasurers Report at the Membership Meeting on May 23<sup>th</sup>.

## KEEP UP WITH HLA ON FACEBOOK

Be sure to "like" the Harper Lake Association on Facebook. The page is being updated regularly with news about association events, township news, reminders, links to local happenings and other things to help you make the most of your time on Harper Lake. It's the most timely way to get your news.

The page is not just for property owners – invite your friends and relatives who live in the area or who want to see what's happening on the lake. The Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/HarperLakeMI](http://www.facebook.com/HarperLakeMI)

Karen Brower

## THE HISTORY OF HARPER LAKE on the HARPER LAKE WEB SITE

Harper Lake Association Board Member John Gochis, with assistance from fellow board member Bill Mullaly, have put together a great history of Harper Lake. John has spent the better part of (one year, two years?????) sifting through photos, newspaper clippings and paperwork from the association and interviewing several long-time residents to gather their stories about Harper Lake and the Irons area. The resulting three-page summary introduces us to the first settlers in the 1880's, explains how Irons got its name, showcases many of the people and businesses that have come and gone over the years, and chronicles the early years of the Harper Lake Association. Read the entire history at [www.harperlakeassociation.org/history](http://www.harperlakeassociation.org/history).

If you have stories to tell or old photos and documents to loan, send John an email at [jgochis@att.net](mailto:jgochis@att.net).

Thanks John and Bill for all your work on this project!  
Karen Brower

## 2014 / 2015 Board of Directors

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Lisa Mullen	Treasurer

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Bill Mullaly  
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**See you at the Membership meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> ....Saturday morning.**