



WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA Board meeting is March 9th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club.

Professional Lake Management

The contract with PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation for professional lake management has been signed. They will be starting in 2023 as planned.

Beach Updates

Last fall, in addition to replacing the fence, several updates were made to the beach house. These included the exterior being painted, trim replaced and repaired, and some minor plumbing improvements.

Canada Geese



The WLA board has applied for a Canada goose nest destruction permit again this year. If you see a goose nest on your property this spring, please notify Greg Dygert so the eggs can be destroyed. Unfortunately, because of avian flu, geese cannot be rounded up and moved to an alternative location again.



Canada geese are becoming residents in Michigan and feeding them encourages their staying on our lake. Some of the issues with an increased goose population include:

- Feeding attracts more geese than the area can support naturally.
- Geese in high concentrations are more likely to get diseases and parasites.
- Geese droppings harbor parasites that can cause human health problems.
- Goose droppings increase algae growth that, in turn, results in fish kills.
- Goose droppings are unsanitary, unsightly, and contain parasites irritating to humans.

Please do not feed Canada geese.

Ice Fishing





Now that the lake might finally be frozen, the ice fishermen are on the lake. Note the WLA ice fishing flag that is prominently displayed in accordance with the WLA rules.

Since the lake is so much easier to access when frozen, trespass becomes a common problem in the winter. Ice fishing flags are the only tool we have to identify ice anglers as legitimate lake users and, thus, ensure privacy. The WLA board requests the help of the membership by contacting or at least reporting ice anglers without flags or other rule violations.

Here's a refresher of the ice fishing rules for 2023:

- Valid ice fishing flags must be clearly displayed at all times when ice fishing. No more than 1 shanty per flag. LGCC members must be present with their flag.
- State fishing laws and WLA fishing rules, whichever are more restrictive, shall be observed' ([see Winans Lake Rules](#)).
- No tip-ups, tip-downs, or other setlines are permitted. Setlines are defined as any fishing line that is more than fifteen (15) feet from the fisherman or that is not under the direct sight and control of the fisherman.
- Bass over 18" and pike under 26" must be released. Catch and release on all bass and pike is recommended.
- No spearing is allowed at any time.
- Any baitfish used must be obtained from a State-certified dealer and must not be disposed of in the lake or on the ice.
- Gas powered ice augers or other liquid fueled equipment or chainsaws may not be used. Ice holes must not exceed 8" in diameter.
- No snowmobiles, ORVs or motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed.
- Shanties shall be removed from the lake at the end of each day.
- No litter or human or animal waste shall be placed in or on Winans Lake.



- Guests are subject to WLA rules, and their conduct is the responsibility of the member hosting them.
- Any angler in violation of lake rules may have their fishing privileges revoked.
- Ice fishing flags must be returned to the WLA or LGCC by April 1st each year.

Ice fishing flags are readily available from Greg Dygert. You can reach him by phone (810-two-three-one-2644) or email (stanleywings at yahoo dot com).

Be Careful

This year's temperature fluctuations have been very unusual. The lake froze over in one night during December and then was open most of January. It's frozen now but temperatures hit the 40s today. What might be safe in the morning may not be in the afternoon.



Take care!



Lake Life



The man who installed the new fence along the beach property carved this at the lake end of the fence - perhaps to ward off the westerly winds that took the fence down. Anyway, he is an artistic guy and left this for our enjoyment.



The lake is frozen over, maybe for "real" this time, and its crystal clear. Perfect for skating and ice fishing.



Bridget Sheahan and Guy Riefler have moved into 5885 Winans Dr. Bridget's daughters Kelley and Amy will join them when they are home from college. Guy's three collage age kids are in Ohio. But their two dogs, Lily and Sam, are with them full time.



New Neighbors

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen at charter dot net.

Newsletter

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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