



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2024

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### ***Calendar of Meetings & Events***

<p><b><u>Annual Meeting</u></b>          Townsend Town Hall          Date: June 22, 2024          Time: Social 9:00 AM          Meeting Start 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b><u>Annual Picnic</u></b>          Date: August 17, 2024          Time: 4:00 PM          Hosts: Tim and Lynn          McGuire’s shed</p>	<p><b><u>Brat Fry Dates</u></b>          at Lakewood SUPERVALU          Dates: Friday, May 31, 2024          and Saturday, June 15          Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm</p>
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### ***Message from the President*** by Karla Doyle

Spring is here!!  
 Although we had a very mild winter here in Wisconsin, I am very much looking forward to summer at the lake!  
 Some of the fun things we are working for this summer are:  
 Annual Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking forward to sharing our 2023 project results and what is new for 2024.  
 Annual Picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Tim and Lynn McGuire have kindly volunteered to have it at their shed again. More details are coming.  
 Good news on the grant front! We have again been awarded a sizable grant from the state to continue our EWM control efforts. The state will contribute \$44,748.75 which is 75% of the estimated project costs. We have received an advanced payment of \$11,194.69 to get things going. The remainder will be reimbursed at the end of 2024. None of this would be possible without our volunteers. All of the on the ground work is done by volunteers. I would like to thank **Ken Schwebke** for leading the on the ground work as he has for the last several years!! If anyone would

like to get involved in this very impactful project, please reach out to me, Ken, or any of the other board members.

Enjoy the articles and updates and as always, let me know if there are further questions on anything.

All the best,

Karla

## ***Membership Update*** by Steve Fleming and Betsy Nock

It has been a busy winter/spring for membership.

You should have received your membership letter and forms the second week of February. We currently have 137 paid members. We are really pleased with the responses and the nice comments people have made. It reaffirms with us the great community that is the Archibald Lake community.

This year, we sent letters of invitation to all property owners within 1 mile of Archibald Lake. One of the comments that non-members have frequently made was “What Has the Association Done For Me?”. We decided it would make sense for members and non-members alike to take a look at what the Association has done. Thus, you found the “Accomplishments of the Association” sheet with your membership packet. I think we can all agree that it is an impressive list of accomplishments.

We would like to thank our members for their quick responses and corrections to our data. It's important to us that we have current information for everyone. We would also like to take the time to especially thank our members for the many donations to our Lake Ecology Fund. Your generosity will significantly enable us to continue our efforts to keep our lake healthy. So far, we have collected over \$4,400!

Our membership drive will remain on-going through the Annual Meeting as stated in our Constitution.

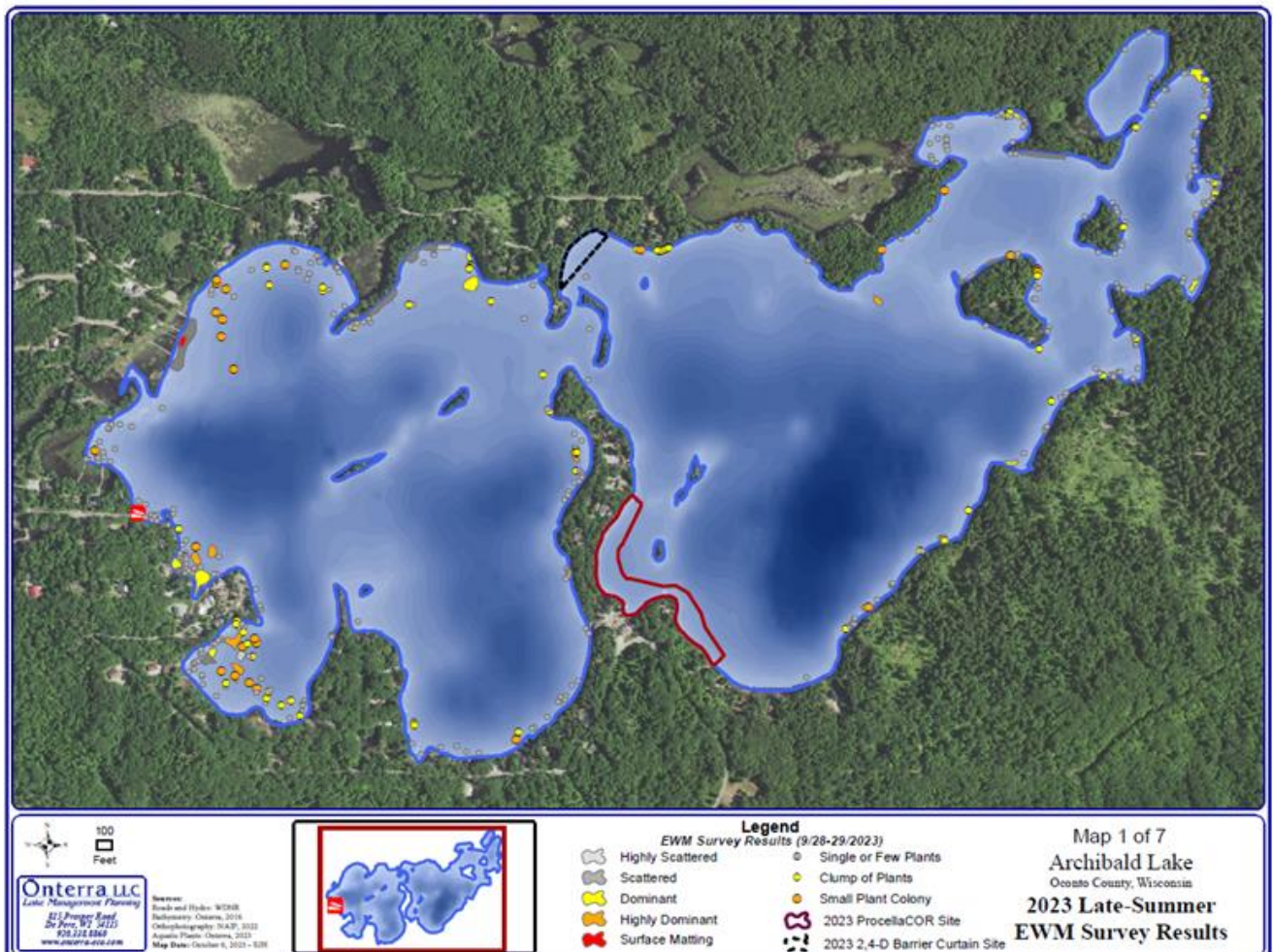
Beginning May 1, new signs and corrected signs on our sign boards (Bullfrog Bend, Bells Point Lane and Archibald Parkway) will be made for all members who have renewed their membership by May 1. We are working hand in hand with Mark Stumpf to make our sign boards current and accurate. Memberships that come in after May 1 will not be included on the boards. Non-members names will be removed and new member signs will be put up. We are planning on having the sign boards changed by Memorial Day. Re-alphabetizing names take some time, so do not despair if you see you name down during May! Once the signs boards are current, we will not make changes until May, 2025.

If you have misplaced your membership information are interested in renewing your membership, please contact Steve at [steve\\_fleming@sigmaxsolutions.com](mailto:steve_fleming@sigmaxsolutions.com). He can send you new forms, either in the mail or electronically. Additionally, you can go to our website at [www.archibaldlakehomeowners.com](http://www.archibaldlakehomeowners.com) to download forms.

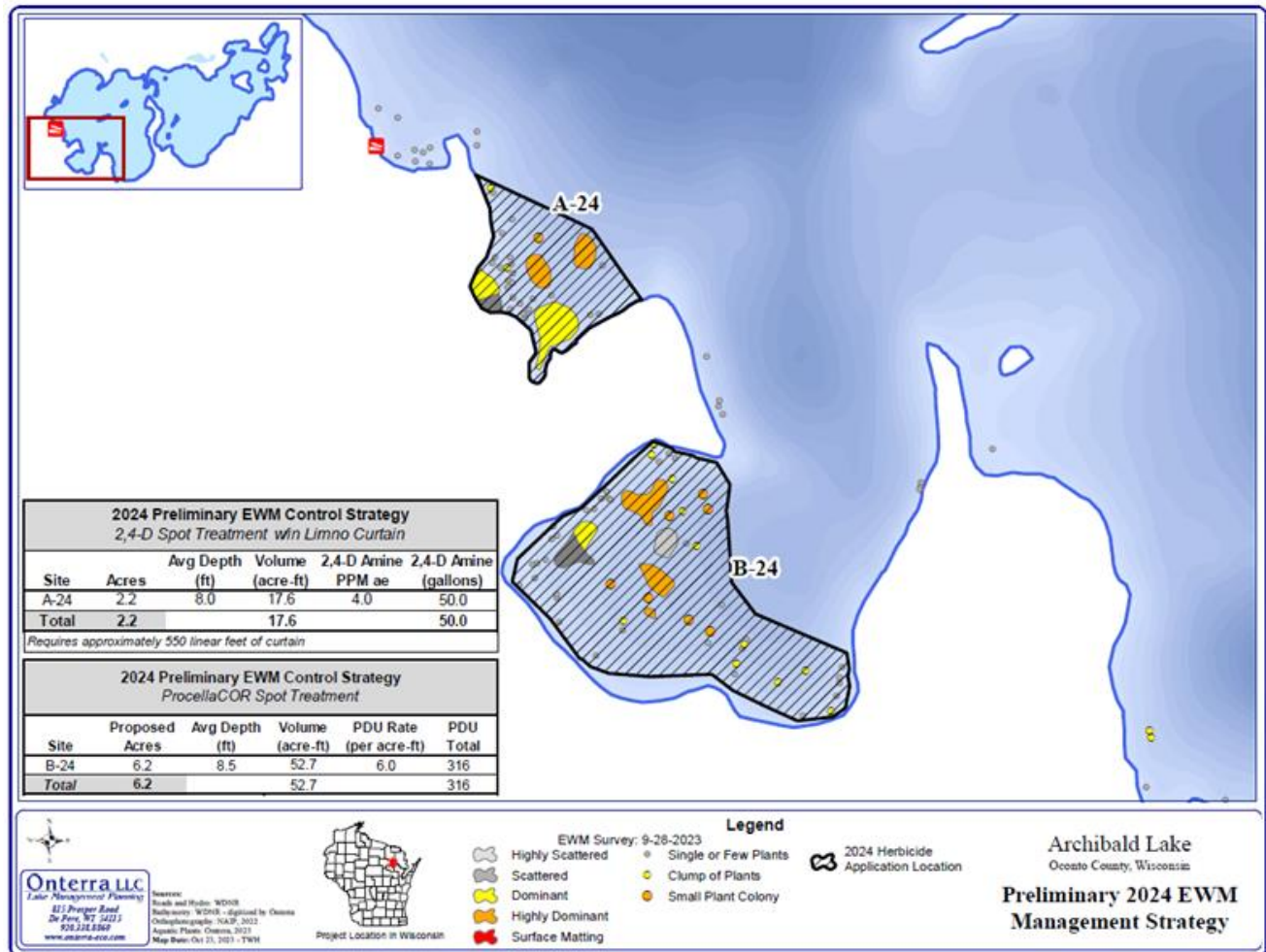
It has been a pleasure for us to work with you and hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on June 22. Current membership lists will be available at the meeting.

## ***Eurasian Water Milfoil Management Update*** by Ken Schwebke

Attached are two herbicide treated lake maps, one indicating the 2023 treated areas and the other is our proposed 2024 treatment areas. The 2023 treatment areas were very successful according to the attached consultant report. The larger area was treated with Procella COR herbicide which can be applied without the use of our containment curtain. While it is less labor intensive because we do not have to use the floating curtain, it is much more expensive for the purchase of the herbicide. On the up side, ProcillaCOR has proven to be more successful compared to the 2-4D that we've used in the past and was used with the containment curtain. The lake board has tried to balance the treatment cost by using both chemicals in the yearly treatments. In the 2023 treatment, both areas using ProcillaCOR and 2-4D were successfully treated according to our consultants and the DNR's report results. In the 2023 consultant reports, two areas that were treated in 2021 and 2022 and shown in our proposed 2024 treatment maps were not as successful as the areas treated in 2023. Those areas are heavily concentrated with EWM and need to be retreated, thus our reasoning for the 2024 treatment areas. Upon reviewing the water sample collection reports, those two areas did not meet the expected herbicide concentration levels that we expected. Since that time, our consultant, with the approval of the DNR, have increased the concentration requirements for our herbicide applications.



For our 2024 treatment areas we again will be using both the ProcellaCOR and 2-4D herbicides. We have applied for the necessary permits and have applied for a State DNR grant covering 80% of the cost which have both been approved with our intent being to complete the treatment late May or early June. Notifications will be sent to the property owners via mail and will be available on the ALA web site prior to the treatment application.



On another note, the ALA boat ramp will once again be available for all to use. Last summer's use was well received and appreciated by many lake property owners and lake visitors. We anticipate installing the boat ramp in mid-May for the summer's use. Please be careful when launching your boats since it was hit and knocked off the supports a number of times last summer.

### ***Adopt a Shoreline*** by Richard Dvorak

I love Archibald Lake. I'm sure you do too. Please check your shoreline periodically for EWM and Flowering Rush Plants. It is easy and anyone can do it. This is a great family activity to get your children involved in. While you are at it, check your neighbor's shoreline as well. If you find something suspicious or have questions, please call me, or send me a text message. You may want to mark the suspicious plant with a driveway marker or some other type of stake. If you want a little training identifying the plant and how to remove it, I can help. Call me or send me a text message.

Now the hard part. We have a lot of shorelines that are unoccupied shorelines. It not just the shoreline in front of your cabin or your neighbor's cabin. We need volunteers to search these shorelines. It's not hard to do. When you are out kayaking just take-a-look. You may want to adopt a certain area of shoreline that you always cruise. If that is the case, great, let me know that you want to adopt that shoreline. Take a driveway marker with you and mark any suspicious plants. Keep me posted on your finds. If you would like to be assigned a section of shoreline, I can help.

Communication is key in this endeavor. I need to know what you are doing. Let me know if you checked your shoreline. A simple text (920-680-0952) would be good. This is a small task if everyone gets involved. If you care about our lake, it takes all of us to make it better.

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### ***Walleyes: 2024 Wisconsin Bag Limit Changes*** by Kathy Wiggins

The *new* 3-walleye bag limit applies to all lakes statewide. (Archibald lake has had a 3-fish daily limit / 18-inch minimum length limit in place since 2017).

Why the state-wide change?

"We've got some research ongoing now we're not exactly sure why they're [walleye] declining throughout the midwest but it may have to do with warming waters," Wisconsin DNR Senior Mississippi River Biologist David Heath said. "In response to this... Wisconsin has been stocking more walleyes and we've changed our stocking strategy on the lakes especially in northern Wisconsin to include larger fish that are stocked in the fall that are raised in hatcheries rather than stocked in the summer when they're smaller... and these fish seem to be surviving better."

Read a good Wisconsin Public Radio interview of Zach Feiner, a research scientist at the state Department of Natural Resources and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Limnology. He has a good explanation of the issues, and what we might be able to do to help: [Lower fishing bag limits aim to help struggling walleye - WPR](#)

The actual study report: [Lagging spawning and increasing phenological extremes jeopardize walleye \(Sander vitreus\) in north-temperate lakes - Barta - Limnology and Oceanography Letters - Wiley Online Library](#)

How are walleyes doing in Lake Archibald? Chip Long, the WDNR fisheries biologist in our area explains: "Archibald supports a good walleye population as a result of both stocking (15 large fingerlings / acre in alternate years) and natural reproduction. There are only a handful of lakes in northern Oconto County that offer a comparable walleye fishing opportunity."

The most recent survey occurred in 2019. The next comprehensive survey is scheduled for 2027 and will focus on the age, growth, abundance, and recruitment of the dominant gamefish.

## ***Ethical Wildlife Photography Guidelines: Loons***

This article is an excerpt from the National Audubon Society, with suggestions from LoonWatch.

All bird photographers want that perfect shot, and sometimes they'll go to great lengths to get it. The problem comes when that pursuit jeopardizes the welfare and safety of the birds themselves.

The guiding principle: Place the welfare and safety of the loons and their habitats above all else and avoid disturbing them in any way. Here are some tips to help you do that.

- LoonWatch's general rule of thumb for good loon etiquette is to keep a distance of two hundred feet from loons and loon chicks.
- Carefully watch the bird's behavior. You will quickly learn to recognize signs of nervousness, and when you see those signs, you should slowly back off. A long lens will often get you that great shot without getting close to your subject. If you see a loon display these behaviors, you need to back off:
  - If you approach a loon too closely, the loon may raise its head and look toward you.
  - Another behavior nervous loons display is the tremolo or wail vocalization.
  - An extreme reaction to a human that is much too close is the penguin dance.
- Never flush birds (that is, disturb them and make them fly or swim)—either your subject or other birds near your subject. In breeding season, it can interfere with reproduction.
- Be particularly careful when photographing nests. Be sure not to keep the parents away from the nest during incubation or when they're feeding their chicks. A bird's greatest defense against nest predation is camouflage, so never remove anything near the nest in an effort to get a better shot.
  - If you approach a loon nest, at first, the loon may raise its head in an alerted position to better view the disturbance.
  - A loon's first defense is to remain inconspicuous. If you continue to approach the nest, the loon will put its head down to the water and flatten its body in a hang-over posture to try to hide from view. If the loon is startled, it will flush abruptly and may kick the eggs out of the nest.
  - A loon that is in the water and near the nest will often remain low in the water with only the head and sometimes part of the back above the water's surface. It is trying to look small and out of view while it keeps an eye on your activities near the nest.
- Never get too close to a loon family with chicks. If you separate a loon parent from its chicks, this could be fatal for the chicks, especially when they are very young.

## ***In Sympathy***

**Stan Hall:** (1932-2023) A note from his daughter, Kristy:

*“How are ya Stan?”. “Any better and I’d be fishing!”*

My dad acquired his love for fishing as a young boy. Later in life, 1987 to be exact, after several years enjoying Lake Archibald with close friends, my parents’ dream of a family cabin was realized. Pan fishing was Dad’s favorite pastime and I remember fondly the early mornings, watching him load up and head out to his favorite fishing hole, coffee and snack at the ready. Rain or shine, this was the routine and was often replicated in the early evening with my mom, Suzie, along for the adventure.

Kids, grandkids, great grandkids have all had the blessing of sharing this space together, making irreplaceable memories, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, skiing and basking in the peace of the lake and forest. “Papa” loved and cared for this place and those around him with his heart and values. The end of the season was always punctuated with a family and friends fish fry with dad behind the fry pan.

*“We’ll make it work, if it takes the best cow in the barn!”* Said often, with a smile of course. A spirit of perseverance, hard work, cooperation and humor are just some of qualities my dad embodied. If you knew him, you know what I mean.

**Meri DeBruin:** A letter from Meri’s husband, Lari:

Meri passed away at the Thedacare Appleton facility on Jan 21, finally losing the battle with a rare lung disease that she has been fighting for a long time.

While Meri loved our home in Combined Locks, her most favorite place on earth was our second home on Archibald Lake, a lake we have had the blessing of enjoying since 1993.

Watching her 9 grandchildren jumping off the dock, swinging from our rope swing, learning to swim, loving to go tubing, taking long walks and UTV rides through the woods, late afternoon pontoon boats rides complete with snacks and refreshments, enjoying spending time with the neighbors kids as the cottage, all completed her picture of heaven on earth. She really relaxed and was at peace as she sat on the deck drinking her morning chai tea, spent time on the swing with the little ones piled on her lap, or sat by the campfire watching and helping the kids with their s’mores.

Our hearts are aching, but the sweet memories of great times at Archibald Lake will help get us through.

**Joan Galloto:** We will give more information in the next edition.

**Margie Chapman and Ralph Goeden:** We will give more information in the next edition.

The Archibald Lake Association would like to be informed of the passing of any members. Please notify any board member, so that we may properly acknowledge it.

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