

# Barlow Lake Newsletter

## August Edition -2013

Labor Day Weekend  
2013

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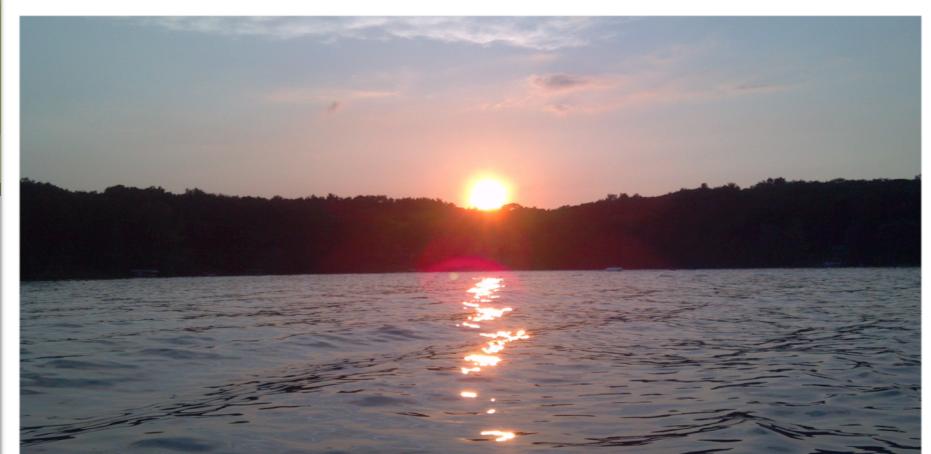
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Hard to believe that summer has come and gone already.

Seems like I just sat down to write the first edition of the newsletter – and here I am again writing the final edition for 2013.

It sure looked like Barlow had a good summer. Lots of activity all season long. Many beautiful days and incredible sunsets. What a fantastic place to live.

I am already looking forward to next summer – sad how I wish my days away looking forward to warmer weather and sunny days – although winter at Barlow isn't all that bad either.

Hope everyone had a great summer and wishing everyone a peaceful winter. ENJOY



**LAUGHTER - A SMILE GONE SUPERNOVA**



## Association Officers / Area Captains

Believe it or not – we now have every position filled for the association and area captains – thanks for stepping in

### Association Officers:

*President:* Luke Miller

*Vice President:* Mike

Cunningham

*Secretary:* Barb Cunningham

*Treasurer:* Don Visser

*Advertising:* Lindsey Nichols

### Area Captains:

Area 1: Jim and Mary Lou Johnson / Luke Miller

Area 2: Greg Oatley

Area 3: Ruth Hubbard

Area 4: Bob & Wanda Hunt/  
Mike & Marilyn Wagner

Area 5: Terri Duff / Fred  
Ainsworth / Bernice Heys/  
Lindsey Nichols

Area 5: Sue O'Brien

### Special Interest Coordinators

**Fireworks:** Earl Krol

**Boat Parade:** Mary Lou Johnson

**Fish Contest / Stocking:** Mike Hoekstra

Still looking for any volunteers to help with advertising, newsletter, welcoming committee, fundraising.

## Association Dues: 2013 / 2014

2013 is almost gone – **IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to pay your dues. Please send dues to **Don Visser, 2480 44<sup>th</sup> St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512**

Dues are critical for Barlow to continue with fireworks, boat parade, fish stocking and the fish contest - \$40.00 per year is not very much compared to other

associations.

For those who would like to contribute “extra” you can do so and can have it directed to the fish funds or fireworks – simply select which – or both on the dues sheet and we will make sure to apply accordingly.



Thanks to all those that have paid – we have had some very generous folks adding to fireworks and fish stocking.



# Nothing Like A Day On The Water



# *Dates for your Calender*

## *Summer 2014*



### **2014 Association Meetings:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM Yankee Springs Township Hall

August 16<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM Yankee Springs Township Hall

### **Fireworks:**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Need to confirm date and time

### **Boat Parade:**

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Theme: TBD

2:00 PM Start in Turtle Cove

Contact Mary Lou Johnson

795-0009 or [mljohnson0009@charter.net](mailto:mljohnson0009@charter.net)



### **Fish Planting:** Walleye will be planted this year



# Local News and Events

## Camp Manitou-Lin/ Barlow Lake Association 2013 Picnic

2013 was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Manitou-Lin. The camp celebrated the anniversary with an open house June 8<sup>th</sup>. All lake residents were invited to attend.

The camp also showed its appreciation for the support provided by Barlow Lake residents by hosting a picnic at the camp on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The picnic was attended by at least 100 Barlow Lake residents and their guests. Picnic attendees were able to wander the camp to see the facilities as well as participate in the climbing wall, archery, gaga pit and of course, a traditional picnic of hot dogs, hamburgers and potato salad.

Comments about the picnic were favorable and plans are being made for a picnic in 2014.





# The Groves Report

## Eurasian milfoil Weed Control Program

Our tax bills in 2007 through 2011 contained an amount (about \$60/lakefront lot) to fund a program to treat specific areas of the lake to control the amount of Eurasian milfoil in the lake. The actual treatment is done by PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. under the direction of environmental consultant Progressive AE who surveys the lake to determine where treatment is needed.

The funding was estimated to be adequate for five years of weed control. Better than expected results from the treatment caused the funding to allow the program to continue for seven years, 2007 through 2013.

The funding was created through a special assessment district through Yankee Springs Township. To continue to treat the lake and prevent the spread of Eurasian milfoil we need to reauthorize the special assessment district. 100% of the lake association members attending the June 8<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> meetings approved the continuation of this program.

A letter of support for the weed control program will be sent to the Yankee Springs Township Clerk and a representative of the association board will attend the September 12<sup>th</sup> township board meeting where the issue will be discussed. You are welcome to attend this meeting to comment on the program.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/weeds/milfoil.html>

Milfoil also starts spring growth sooner than native aquatic plants and can shade out these beneficial plants. When milfoil invades new territory, typically the species diversity of aquatic plants declines. While some species of waterfowl will eat milfoil, it is not considered to be a good food source. Milfoil reproduces extremely rapidly and can infest an entire lake within two years of introduction to the system. Although milfoil produces many seeds, we do not believe that these seeds are important for milfoil reproduction in Washington waters. However, milfoil is able to reproduce very successfully and rapidly through the formation of plant fragments. In the late summer and fall the plants become brittle and naturally break apart. These fragments will float to other areas, sink, and start new plants. Milfoil will also grow from fragments created by boaters or other disturbances during any time of year. A new plant can start from a tiny piece of a milfoil plant. This is why milfoil can so easily be transported from lake to lake on boat trailers or fishing gear. Once established in its new home, water currents may carry milfoil fragments and start new colonies within the same waterbody.



GREEN HERON

**Spotted on Barlow Lake August 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2013**

A solitary and secretive bird, the Green Heron is stocky, dark colored, and small for a heron. The adult Green Heron has a dark rufous neck, gray belly, and dark, iridescent, greenish-blue back. The upper mandible of the bill is dark, and the legs are bright orange. The juvenile has a brown-and-white streaked neck, slight crest on its dark head, and prominently light-tipped wing coverts. Yellow spectacle-shaped markings surround the eye and extend to the bridge of the bill. These markings are present, but less pronounced, in the adult.

Green Herons inhabit small, freshwater wetlands, ponds, and stream-sides with thick vegetation at their margins. In winter, they frequent coastal areas and mangrove swamps.

The solitary Green Heron usually forages from a perch, where it stands with its body lowered and stretched out horizontally, ready to thrust its bill at unsuspecting prey. One of the few birds known to use tools, the Green Heron will attract prey with bait (feathers, small sticks, or berries) that it drops into the water.

When out in the open, it commonly flicks its tail nervously and raises and lowers its crest. When alarmed, the Green Heron may adopt the classic bittern stance, with head held vertical, looking across the base of its bill. The Green Heron commonly calls in flight--a sharp skeow or kyow sound.

Fish are the primary food of this opportunistic feeder. Crayfish and other crustaceans are also a source of food, as are aquatic insects, frogs, grasshoppers, snakes, and rodents.

Green Herons typically nest in trees near the water. Males stake out territories and call to attract females. Sometimes pairs form in migration, and the pair will select the site together. Unlike most herons, the Green Heron does not typically nest in large colonies. The male starts the nest, bringing long, thin sticks to the female who finishes the nest.

Both parents incubate the 3 to 5 eggs for about 19 to 21 days. Once the young hatch, both parents feed them by regurgitating food. Both help brood the young for about three weeks. At about 16 to 17 days, the young climb about near the nest, and they first start to fly at 21 to 23 days. The parents continue to feed the young for a few more weeks until they fledge after about 30 to 35 days.

Information from BirdWeb

[http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/green\\_heron](http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/green_heron)



# FISHING CONTEST

## 2013 to date



<b>FISH</b>	<b>FISHER-PERSON</b>	<b>DATE OF CATCH</b>	<b>SIZE</b>
Crappie	Will Warsen	7/11/13	13 in
Brown Bullhead	David Hoekstra	8/7/13	14 in
Sm. Mouth Bass	Bryan Spanjer	8/20/13	21 1/4 in
Walleye	Hunter Cisler	6/9/13	19 1/2 in
Green Sunfish	Jacob Bultema	7/24/13	9 1/4 in
Northern Pike	Dale DeYoung	6/1/13	38 in
Black Bullhead	Jacob Bultema	7/24/13	13 in
Lg Mouth Bass	Hope Johnson	7/28/13	20 1/4 in
Blue Gill	David Hoekstra	6/16/13	9 1/4 in
Rock Bass	Hope Johnson	5/25/13	9 ½ in
Sunfish	Owen Plumert	7/7/13	8 1/4 in
Perch	Reece Aumaugher	7/6/13	10 1/2 in



# General Lake Information



This summer we lost our Kayak – it blew out to sea during a storm and has not returned since.

Seems odd as most everything that floats out typically floats down to our shore – this time the opposite happened.  
It is dark red with slight metallic flake.

Last seen drifting away from the Miller house on the north end of the lake.

We have sent out search crews and planes – no sight of it to date.,  
If anyone knows where our kayak is – please call 795-3911 –  
Thanks – the Miller Family



The  
Directory!!

THE DIRECTORY IS UPDATED ANNUALLY  
AND IS INCLUDED WITH THE SPRING  
NEWSLETTER

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR INFORMATION AND SUBMIT  
CHANGES TO US VIA THE WEBSITE BY CLICKING  
ON ASSOCIATION THEN CHOOSING "EMAIL BARB".  
IF YOU PREFER PAPER, PLEASE MAKE CHANGES  
ON THE DUES SHEET- IF YOU PAY YOUR  
DUES????

