

July 4, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING
Plum lake Golf Club clubhouse
Saturday, July 9, 2016 9am



The Newsletter of Plum Lake Association

LANTERN AND COMPASS

I have spent a good part of a life on North Country canoe routes and Rocky Mountain trails trusting a topographic map and my compass. It is an antique method of navigating by comparison to the Garmin's found in every pack today, but then I am becoming an antique myself, so it's fitting. I also have a thing for lanterns - long ago cast aside for mega lumens and LED's. My lantern doesn't need batteries and casts a most nostalgic and unpretentious light. Together, they dependably set the course and light the way in dark nights...or times. You can't be in a hurry though.

We have embarked upon a long journey, to stand in defense of our lakes. We now live in a state that has begun accumulating power at the state level and the lakes and riparian property are the latest victims. Last year, we suffered the loss of local control of both our water and our property and we face a continued assault on the Public Trust Doctrine in the next session of the legislature, where more of the same corrosive legislation will erode our ability to protect our waters. The threat is real and a test of our stewardship.

It is a dark time in our Wisconsin history and the journey has just begun. Our tools to navigate this time in history are antiques - the very unorganized power of the people and the resolve of stewards to stand up in the face of power. Our journey begins with a recognition of the gift we have been given to live in and own a piece of this, most wonderful, country and the responsibility we have to protect it - the essence of stewardship.

Aldo Leopold's work has been my lantern and compass. I have followed this particular compass for a very long time and his light in dark times has been a comfort and has steeled my resolve. I would offer his words as a starting point...

"A thing is right if it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong if it tends otherwise."

It is my starting point and if you agree, our journey begins there.

We need our lake community behind us to educate others so that we can regain our abilities to protect our lakes. Lake communities are stepping up across the state. With us. We must say the course..for our community, our economy, and most importantly, for all of our kids and future generations.

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2016-17 projects

Loon platform repair .
Fish Sticks projects for winter.
Eagle Scout/PLA town lake Loon project
Monofilament recycling project for landing

Loon Population Update



Starlight Bay Pair



All 4 nest sites produced again this year, but it has been bad news since the hatching. Starlight bay pair had one chick and we have not seen it for a week. West Bay pair had two and we have only seen one for some time now. West Plum lake produced a pair as well and we think they are safe so far. Our East Bay pair got on the nest just about a month ago and as of yesterday, are still on it.

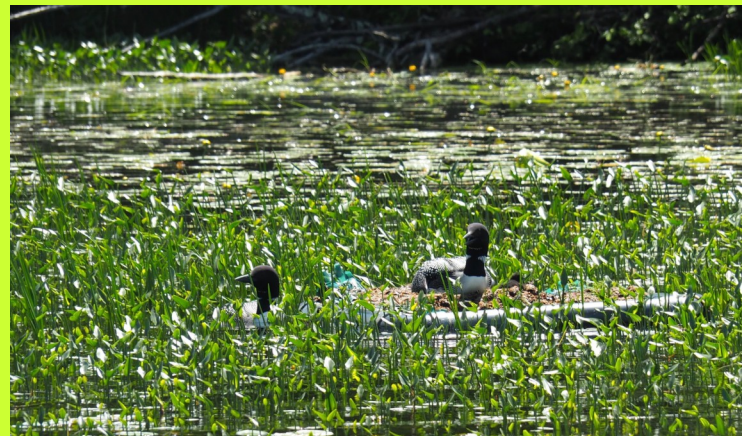


East Bay on nest 7/4/16



Loon island nest site in Starlight Bay

Starlight bay pair—matches record of leg band color...female left leg blue over red white stripe...male right leg orange over silver



“motel 6”, west bay pair on the nest

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