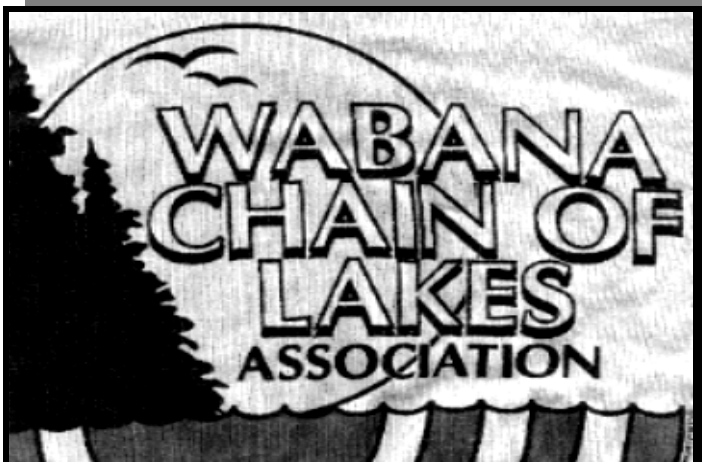


# The Chain Letter

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We are still looking to get someone from Little Trout.

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*We note with sorrow that James Loney, longtime Wabana resident, passed away on January 2, 2006. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois and family.*

## FROM THE EDITOR

*This is a very short newsletter, because there isn't much to say, and I had almost no time to think about it anyway. I received very little comment regarding all the information in our huge Winter 2005-06 issue, except a couple of corrections, noted below. Bill Berg has given me great references on the early days of Itasca County, which you will be seeing in future issues.*

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the WCOL Association. Year 2006 looks to be an interesting year for all, with all that is going on in our lives. The cost of gas will have an impact on many, but the plus side of the equation is the fishing opener is May 13th and that's a good thing.

The dates for Association meetings have been set and they are:

- **May 20**
- **June 17**
- **July 15**
- **August 19, and**
- **September 16**

Please mark your calendar, save a few bucks for gas and come participate in the Association. The Advisory Committee will be meeting soon to map out the year's programs and they would be happy to hear your thoughts on any items of interest you have. The Association is for ALL.

## PROGRAM FOR MAY 20:

*From Bill Berg:*

Bill-----Susan Hawkinson kindly lined up the speaker for Sat. May 20 WCOLA.

"The program for the Wabana Chain of Lakes Association on Saturday, May 20 will be presented by Mr. Kent Leddermann, Chief Enforcement Officer for the Chippewa National Forest. Kent will speak on his role of enforcing Federal Regulations, and how local residents can help this enforcement effort. He will also be addressing recent infractions into the Joyce Tract such as vandalism, ATV's, snowmobiles, and birch bark stripping. The program will begin at 9 AM."—Bill

*And don't forget, folks—we usually have coffee and treats at 8:30 AM, and the business meeting after the program.*

## SECCHI DISK READER CORRECTION:

*From Bill Berg*

Bill-----I was re-reading the excellent summary by you and Nancy Ellsworth on the 2005 Secchi Disk data, and I discovered that John Zimmerman Sr's. name was omitted from the summary. It was John who re-incarnated Harold and Betty Unger's old Secchi site by the island on Trout Lake, and who began the two new sites (TC and TS). I read these for John before and after his Trout Lake summer stay, but it is John and Char Zimmerman who deserve the credit for these. Note: Nancy's report to me was correct; I am the fly in this ointment. —Bill Downing

## MEMBERSHIP

From Treasurer Jean Koewler:

Just a note while I am thinking about it for the newsletter.

- James and Lois Loney should have been included in the list of paid members for 2005.
- These people are already paid for 2006:
  - William and Betsy Downing
  - Jim and Pat Maijala
  - Paul and Barb Oberg
  - Pamela Wassberg Whittenbury
  - Ken and Barbara Zimmer. Jr.
  - Mark and Alexandra Zimmerman
  - Arlene Wheaton and Greg Past
  - Lois M. Loney
  - Gary and Kim Oja

The last 3 have already sent in their dues. The others were paid ahead from last year.

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

*Nothing at all to report. In a wild burst of confidence last Fall I said to my fellow members Sherry Miner, Mary Uradnik and Roger Linder, "I'll contact you by email this winter and we'll get the revisions done so we can discuss them next summer." I have done nothing on revising the By-Laws, so of course neither have they.. Well, we'll get at it sometime soon. I hope. Anyway, I take full responsibility for this sin of omission. –Bill Downing*

## PROGRAM FOR MEETING ON May 20, 9:00 AM:

Mr. Kent Leddermann, Chief Enforcement Officer for the Chippewa National Forest.

- Enforcing Federal Regulations
- How local residents can help
- Recent infractions into the Joyce Tract such as vandalism, ATV's, snowmobiles, and birch bark stripping.

**WCOLA MEETING MAY 20, 2006, 8:30 AM, WABANA TOWN HALL**

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