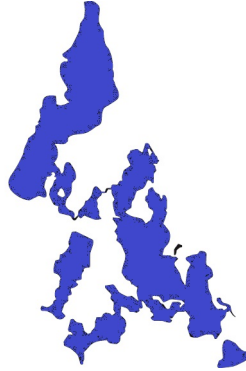


The Chain Letter

of the

**WABANA
CHAIN OF
LAKES
ASSOCIATION**



Dedicated to the care and preservation of our lakes, for the enjoyment and safety of all.

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WCOLA President's Thoughts

Welcome back all those who aren't fortunate enough to live here. We finally got ice off May 7th on Wabana and it looks like we will have spring. Here's hoping for a great summer. The WCOLA board has begun our summer activities and planning and had our first two meetings of the season. The spring part of the twice annual road clean-up was conducted on May 23.

Our 4th annual Social gathering on June 9th will again be held at the Bluewater Camp Fire Camp. This is a fun time; sort of a mixer and I hope many of you can attend. John Downing is again hosting the "Bill Downing Memorial Summer Solstice Party", another great mixer event. Both of these can be reached by boat or car. We are again planning a pot luck picnic July 28 at the Wabana Town Hall Pavilion and the annual meeting will be August 18 also at the Wabana Town Hall. Take a look at the calendar later in this newsletter to see all the activities some sponsored by WCOLA, some just involve several WCOLA members, and some are cosponsored by WCOLA.

We have elections for the WCOLA Treasurer and Secretary positions this summer and have established a nomination committee led by Louie Gueltzow. If any member has interest in running for either of these positions, please contact Louie.

Lots of water oriented activities going on as follows:

An "Itasca Area Water Business Summit" meeting was held in January to provide information to and get ideas from resort owners, marine store owners, dock installers, etc, etc regarding water quality and AIS issues. This meeting was sponsored by Itasca County, Soil and Water and several lake associations including WCOLA.

The 7th annual Youth Water Summit was held on May 22 at the Itasca fair grounds. This is a fantastic all day event involving over 400 5th grade students, some 60+ presenters, tons of interesting information associated with water, and lots of volunteers, quite a few of which are WCOLA members.

The Wabana Chain of Lakes Water Quality Plan has been updated and approved and can be viewed at www.wcloa.org. Our AIS Rapid Response Plan is nearly complete and will soon be viewable on our web site. The RMB Labs produced Water Quality Report which includes the Wabana chain of lakes is finally complete and single sheet summary reports are included on the WCOLA web site. The AIS Risk Assessment report is also complete and viewable at www.itascacola.org. We are also preparing a package of AIS oriented information for Wabana chain of lakes resort and camp usage with their clients.

The AIS Inspection report for 2017 is shown later in this newsletter. There is a brand new "AIS Identification Guide" prepared by the University of Minnesota which provides excellent photos and information to help identify invasive plants, invertebrates, and fish. We currently have two of these books and are considering purchasing a few more as a resource for us all. Here is the link to the AIS Identification Guide book: <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-idguide>.

We are also considering supporting the purchase of a portable decontamination unit to be located right here on our lakes.

I wish that you all have a wonderful and safe summer enjoying these beautiful lakes and keeping your eyes open for anything that doesn't belong in our waters.

**Wabana Chain of Lakes Treasurer's Report
April 30, 2018**

Balance – April 1, 2018	\$ 9,056.82
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 185.00
Contributions	\$ 40.00
Maps	\$ 25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 250.00
Disbursements:	
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Checkbook Balance-April 30, 2018	\$ 9,306.82
Savings Account – Water Testing	\$ 6,508.69
Savings Account – AIS Fund	\$ 5,002.50
Total Paid Households: 137	

2018 Membership List

Adams	Lloyd	Wabana	Hadley	Rick & Betsy	Trout
Bekkedahl	James & Marjorie	Wabana	Hagen	Den & Jean	Wabana
BenderCraig & Cindy		Wabana	Harding	Vicky & Rick	Trout
Benson	Duane & Anne	Bluewater	Hart	Cress & Susannah	Wabana
BerganJim & Sue		Bluewater	Hartung	Jack & Donna	Wabana
Birch	Elizabeth	Wabana	Hedlund	Brett, Kari & Kyle	Wabana
Birch	Jess	Wabana	Hesse	Richard & Rosalie	Wabana
Bjerke	Steven & Christine	Wabana	Hines	Barry & Susan	Trout
Blackmore	Douglas	Wabana	Hultgren	Bruce & Jan	Wabana
Blade	Matt & Stephanie	Wabana	Hutter	Scott & Mary	Wabana
Boblit	Terry & Lynn	Wabana	Johnson	Dave	Wabana
Bottoms, Jr.	Mary Frances & Bill	Bluewater	Johnson	Mark & Anne	Wabana
Bradford	Chuck & Abby	Trout	Jorgenson	Jeff & Linda	Wabana
Britton Aaron & Kelly		Trout	Kastner	Rex & Melanie	Trout
Burke	Dan & Jeanne	Wabana	Kaukis	Erik & Andrew	Bluewater
Burkholder	Gary & Carol	Wabana	Klatt	Tom & Maggie	L.Wabana
Carlson	Raymond & Mary	L. Wabana	Koeckeritz	Richard & Jeanne	Bluewater
Chalgren. Sr.	Robert & Susan	Trout	Koewler	Dennis & Jean	Wabana
Chambers	Richard & Patricia	Wabana	Larsen	Danielle	Wabana
Chervinko	John, Dennis, Kathi, & Meg	Trout	Larson	Bruce & Bonnie	Bluewater
Christmas	Ellen	Wabana	Larson	Jerald & Emma	Wabana
Clough	Daryl & Michelle	Wabana	Lick	Andrew	Wabana
Colburn	Libby & George	Wabana	Lick	Dave & Sue	Wabana
Conover	Mark & Elen	Wabana	Lick	Simon & Katie	Wabana
Deans	Clint & Stacey	Wabana	Linder	Arnie & Julie	Wabana
Finlayson	Robert	Wabana	Linder	Michael & Annette	Wabana
Fleischhacker	Ardwin	Wabana	Linder	Roger & Nancy	Wabana
Fox	Tannie & Steve	Wabana	Linder	William & Kathryn	Bluewater
Fredback	Eric & Jan	Wabana	Loney	Patrick & Jackie	Wabana
Friedlieb	Dr. Peter & Chris	Wabana	Loney	Family	Wabana
Gephart	Mary & Bob	Wabana	Lukens John & Karen		Wabana
Gettinger	John & Martha Ann	Wabana	Lund	Brian & Penny	Wabana
Gilbertson	Rev. George & Lou Ellen	L.Wabana	Maddaus	Evelyn	Wabana
Glascock	Dorothy	Wabana	Mangni	Peg Landin & Tim	Pickerel
Gleason	Tom & Barb	Wabana	Manning	Robert	Wabana
Gough	Greg & Diane	Bluewater	McCullough	James & Jane	Wabana
Greiner	Don & Michele	Bluewater	McCullough	Mark & Katy	Wabana
Griffin	Doug & Kathy	Wabana	McCullough	Paul & Kristen	Wabana
Gross	Richard & Carol	Wabana	Mead	Mary Ann	Little Trout
Gueltzow	Louis & Janeen	Wabana	Mead	Steve & Pat	Little Trout
Gunderson	Jessica & Jon	Wabana	Merrill	Arthur & Margaret	Wabana
				Morris	
			Meyers	Jody	Little Trout
			Miltich	Matthew & Loree	Clearwater

Miner	Jon & Pamela	Wabana	Simmons	William & Sue	Bluewater
Miner	Mark	Wabana	Slabaugh	Gordon & Gerri	
Miner	Sherry	Wabana	Sodomka	James & Heather	Little Trout
Moore	Keith & Jane	Wabana	Soll	John	Wabana
Moore	Robert & Kay	Wabana	Stein	Jan	Wabana
Moore	Tom & Lori	Wabana	Stevens	Joe & Martha	Bluewater
Moratzka	Lynn & Tom	Trout	Stone	Mary Roy & Todd	Wabana
Nybakken	Judy & David	Bluewater	Tack	Jeff & Debbie	Bluewater
Nyren	David & Carolyn	Wabana	Thompson	Kurt & Lavonne	Buewater
Oberg	Paul & Barb	Wabana	Till	Matthew & Nicole & Greg & Mary	Wabana
Oja	Gary & Kim	Wabana			
Olijnek Jim & Gail		Wabana	Troumbly	Sylvia	L.Wabana
Oman	Marvin & Sandy		Uradnik	John & Mary	Wabana
Ott	Marvin and Mary	Wabana	Velzen	Jack & Sally	Wabana
		Twensp	Voneida	Ted & Swanny	Bluewater
Owen	Sharon	Wabana	Wheeler	Kelley & Sally	Trout
Palecek	Paul & Toni	Bluewater	Widmark	Merrill	Wabana
Panchyshyn	Tim & Jean	Wabana	Wilbur	Sally & George	Wabana
Persons	Chad & Penny	Buewater	Wilkus	Michael & Barbara	Wabana
Powers Deb & Jeff		Bluewater			Bluewater
Radecki	Ron & Anne	Wabana	Willson	Gib & Kathleen	Wabana
Ribar	Steven & Traci	Wabana	Willson	Gig & Kristen	Wabana
Ries	James & Susan	Bluewater	Wolf, Jr.	William & Donna	Trout
Rowe	K. Christel	L.Wabana	Ziegler	Al Schultz & Mary	L. Wabana
Rudolph	Catherine	Wabana	Zimmer	Brian & Lauren	Wabana
Rutherford	Bill	Bluewater	Zimmer	Mark	Wabana
Sage	William & Shirley	Bluewater	Zimmer, Jr.	Ken & Barbara	Wabana
Schmidt	Rich Brasch & Carol	Wabana	Zimmerman	Paul & Debbie	Trout
Shaffer Alvina		L.Wabana	Zimmerman	John & Alida	Trout

Shoreland Guide by Susan Lick

The new **Itasca County Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship** is an outgrowth of Itasca Waters a non-profit organization. Listening to what the community wanted, the guide was created as a collaboration of many agencies, non-profits, foundations, business and individuals sharing their knowledge, information, resources, creativity and artistry. The Guide serves as resource of all of the information on shorelands in one place with web access.

The Guide is in print booklet form as well as accessible online at ItascaWaters.org and has clickable links. The content of the Guide explains; Watersheds: Keeping Our Lakes Healthy, Curb Pollution: – Reduce Phosphorus and Pollutants – Manage Waste Properly – Inspect and Maintain Your Septic System, Reduce Runoff – Preserve or Restore Natural Shoreline – Curb Erosion – Capture and Cleanse Runoff - Rainwater, Working Around Wetlands, Stop Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species, Watershed Stewardship - Beyond the Shoreland Zone – Forest Management & Land Conservation – Itasca Waters & ICOLA, What Can I Do On My Shoreland Property? - What Permits Are Required, Itasca County Shoreland Permit Requirements. Itasca County Shoreland Checklist & Important Resources, Frequent Contact Information: Itasca County.

Itasca Waters non-profit membership form is included in the Guide. Contact [Itasca Waters.org](http://ItascaWaters.org) or you can also look for links at the Wabana Chain of Lakes website, WCOLA.org.

Road Clean-up May 2018

It continues to amaze me the amount of trash we find each Spring along the road sides in Wabana Township. Again WCOLA members collected several bags full and at least, temporarily the ditches look much better. This is one of the activities WCOLA members do for the community. WE had Louis and Jeanine Gueltzow, Denny and Jean Koewler, Gail and Jim Olijnek, Bonnie Larson, Cress and Susannah Hart, Sheldon Hedlund, Barbara Zimmer all helping out this time. In addition, the Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp staff will pick up Bluewater Road when their staff comes later this month.

Thankfully Barbara Zimmer continues to lead the efforts and make the morning into a fun project.



Aquatic Invasive Species Boat inspections on Wabana Lake 2017

By Doug Griffin, Chairman Government Liaison Committee, WCOLA

In 2017 the two public launch ramps on Wabana Lake were manned for a total of 2,225 hours by AIS inspectors. During that time 4,371 boats were inspected for AIS. These inspections detected two boats showing evidence of invasive species contamination that were not allowed to launch and the people using them were ordered to have them decontaminated prior to being launched.

These AIS inspections are our first line of defense against our chain of lakes being contaminated. WCOLA donates \$1,500.00 a year and Wabana Township donates \$2,500.00 a year to support these inspections. These donations are matched by AIS grants which are used to prevent spread of invasive species on our chain of lakes. The State of Minnesota and Itasca County provide the rest of the funds which financed last year's 4,371 inspections at the launch ramps on Wabana Lake.

There are presently three AIS decontamination units in Itasca County. This year WCOLA is working with Itasca County in an attempt to obtain more decontamination units in this County with the goal of having one permanently stationed in the vicinity of Wabana Lake. Ideally it would be located on Wabana Lake. The problems with locating a unit on a lake is that there has to be water and power available, the run off

of the unit is not allowed drain into the lake, and since these units are not self-service, someone who is trained to run the unit must be available. These problems are not insurmountable and we are looking for solutions.

Please be aware of how much the Officers, the Board Members and the Committee Members of WCOLA appreciate your membership and support. It is only with your cooperation and with your membership to maintain our present water quality, AIS functions, social activities, communications and other functions which allow all of us to enjoy the continued excellence of our lakes. Thank you very much.

FIREWISE 2018

The 2018 Firewise Program will be experiencing some major changes this season. The Bio-mass market for wood chips has dried up. Without the sale of wood chips loggers will no longer take the material from the Firewise Chipper Days program.

The DNR and Itasca County that have provided the funds for the program have cut their budget for Firewise in half. Because of the loss of funding the Firewise Work Crew will not be available to help residents with brush removal.

There will be a residential brush pile pickup, but it will be limited to only 17 of the 34 communities in the county. *Wabana Township **will be** one of the communities that will be picked up this year. Our pickup dates will be August 13th-16th.*

Do to the lack of funding the Chipper Days mitigation guidelines will be strictly enforced. *Only woody material from the defensible space of 100 feet of the main residence and driveway dimensions of 12' wide and 14' high will be removed.*

For more information and request a brush pile pickup application form, please contact me.

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Coffee Mugs

WCOLA has purchased some coffee mugs with our new logo printed on the face of the mug. We will have these mugs available for viewing and purchase at the Social gathering, picnic and annual meeting.



Zebra Mussel Detection Device

Several lake associations as well as the Soil and Water Conservation District have been promoting use of a simple device to provide detection of the presence of Zebra Mussels. The device consists of a concert block with a piece of PVC pipe attached. The device is placed in the water in a partially shaded location like under a dock and inspected once or twice a season. Unfortunately this device only tells you that you already have an infestation, however it may be useful in determining the location, breadth and extent. If you would make something like this and anything suspicious is found upon inspection, please contact one of the below listed people:

- DNR AIS Specialist Rich Rezenka at 218-328-8821 or Richard.rezanka@state.mn.us
- Itasca County AIS Coordinator Bill Grantges, 218-256-4243 or coordinator@itascaais.info
- WCOLA member/Trained AIS Detector, Jean Panchyshyn, 952-250-6690 or tsp.jump@gmail.com



There have been reports of personal water craft harassing loons. Any boat harassing loons or any other wild life is both unlawful and just plain wrong. There is plenty of water out there to play in without causing mischief. If you should see something like this going on, please call the Itasca County Sheriff's Office and report it. We treasure our state birds and love to listen to their calls, so please let's not hassle them.

Social Gathering – 4th Annual Celebration

When: Saturday, June 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Campfire Camp on Bluewater

37508 Bluewater Road (It is 2.6 miles west on County Road 60 from the Wabana Town Hall, then 1.7 miles north on Bluewater Road)

What: Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share

Who: All members and lake shore people are welcome

COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS

Mark Your Calendars

2018 Season Events

May 23 Wednesday

June 9 Saturday

June 21 Thursday

July 4 Tuesday

July 28 Saturday

August 10 Friday

August 13-16

*** Road Clean-up-Town Hall**

***Kick-off Social-Bluewater Bible Camp**

Summer Solstice Party-Downing's

Boat Parade-Lake Wabana

***Picnic-Wabana town Hall Pavilion**

***Ballot due for elections**

Firewise Pick-up

August 10 Friday
August 18 Saturday
August 18 Saturday
September 26 Wednesday
November 3 Saturday

Ice Cream Social-Wabana Town Hall
***Program- Wabana Town Hall**
***WCOLA Annual Meeting-Town Hall**
***Road Clean-up**
Hunters Supper

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