



PCPOA Newsletter

Petenwell Castle Rock Property Owners' Association

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The Board of Directors of the PCPOA regrets to inform you of the passing of our founder and president of the PCPOA, Frank Luedtke. Frank passed away at his winter home in Lake Ozark, MO after a long battle with cancer at the age of 74. His knowledge and dedication was a great help to us. Frank lead the charge for the public's right to fully utilize the lands and lakes of Castle Rock and Petenwell flowages since the association's inception in 1976. Renown throughout the state of Wisconsin as well as nationally, his leadership savvy and no nonsense approach has made him an icon to other associations and governments during the past 30 years. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Message from the nominee for President, Bruce Carlson

As I write this message, I am saddened by the loss of our founder and leader Frank Luedtke. I assure you that the officers and directors of our association are committed to do their very best to carry on his wishes, and I know Frank knows that.

Here are some updates of some of the current projects:

Clean the green:

Rest assured we are not giving up on this one. It looks like we are back to square one in our battle to reduce the discharges placed in the Wisconsin River after our meeting with the DNR last year. A few things to note:

There are 60 point sources from Rhinelander to Nekoosa on the Wisconsin River. (includes municipalities, paper companies, food companies, etc.)

There are also 6000 square acres of water shed that contributes as well, i.e. farm runoff, tributaries flowing in the river system, etc.

Point sources have continually requested increases in variance and the DNR has approved.

Permits for these sources are renewed every 5 years.

Domtar is coming up in Jan. of 2007. The DNR said they will take a harder stand. They will make them show need; we will monitor this and remind them.

A committee will be formed to lay plans for contacting the legislators about our concerns of the condition of the lakes.

New membership:

We want to welcome all the new members who have joined us in the past year. Many of you have already become involved in committees. As chairman of the new membership, I want to personally thank Tony Tuttle, Ray Bernal and Kurt Vaisnor for helping me sign many new members.

New members for this current year are listed below:

S & S Distributors, Sparta, WI

Randy Pfaff, Sparta, WI

Dennis Petry & Toni Parrish, Warrenville, IL

Tony's Concrete/Tony Kozlowski, Warrenville, IL

Dan & Lucy Friedl, New Lisbon, WI

Paul Haugh, Chicago, IL

100 foot strip – an ongoing project:

As new development increases around the lakes, there will be increased pressure to monitor the strip and make sure violations are reduced and the right of the public to use this strip doesn't change.

Gilligan's Island is gone – Dirty Turtle's effort to build a bar on the beach was overturned. No permanent structure can be built on the 100 foot strip.

WRPCO has hired a full time person to monitor the 100 foot strip. We will work with him to make sure violations are reduced.

Water testing results:

We are in the process of trying to find out the testing we did late last summer. When we retrieve these, we will communicate to you just what they were. We will also continue to work with the Wisconsin Department of Health to ensure proper signage on the beaches of the lakes will continue. This will make sure the public is aware of the safety measures necessary when using the lakes for swimming and water sports.

Enclosed is our first brochure for the association. We hope you like it as it tells our story. You will be receiving a 4" two color sticker upon renewal.

On a personal note, I believe the future is bright for our association. We have more new members than we have had in years and our potential to grow is unlimited. With all the new development, there will be literally thousands who deserve and desire the same thing we do – clean air and water. Get involved, tell others and let us know any thoughts you have about our newsletter format.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Bruce Carlson

Fish and Wildlife – Doug Hurd, Chairman

I was at Chester Creek landing for the weigh-in for the Petenwell carp shoot. I waited around until almost 6:30 and no one showed up. The dumpster was there and if what was in there was the total result of the Petenwell tournament, there were either not many shooters entered, or it was the poorest shoot ever on Petenwell. There were, maybe, 75 to 100 carp in the dumpster. Compare that with 2004 when they completely filled one dumpster and partially filled another. The weather probably played the biggest role in the poor shoot. It was cold, windy and rainy all night making horrible bow fishing conditions.

Todd Forcier (Petenwell Musky Challenge Director) has informed me that the 2006 Tournament (May 20th & 21st) will be dedicated to Frank. In addition, the PMC will have a permanent plaque placed at the Chester Creek boat landing in memory of Frank and his diligent efforts as PCPOA president. The musky stocking, which will take place in October, 2006, will also be dedicated to Frank.

An interesting note on the musky stocking: the PMC plans on stocking in excess of 400 musky fingerlings (13"-18" inches long). Half of that number will be traditional Wisconsin strain of muskies and the other half will be the Mississippi River/Leech Lake

strain. The difference between the two strains is genetics. The Wisconsin strain only grows in excess of mid to high 40 inch fish. The Mississippi/Leech Lake fish commonly grow fish exceeding 50 inches and have the potential to reach that size in a decade. As far as I can find out, Petenwell will be the first water in the state to have the Mississippi River/Leech Lake strain stocked. The reason is that, until now, the Wisconsin DNR has considered the Mississippi River/Leech Lake strain of musky as an "exotic" species. If all goes well with the Petenwell stocking, it appears that the DNR will allow the stocking of this "exotic" strain of musky in other waters.

Picnic – Harold Stewart, Chairman

Bids are being accepted for the picnic at several locations. The dates are also being checked out to make sure the locations have openings and enough room for everyone.

ADA (Americans for Disabilities Act) – John Kolinski, Chairman

Four new piers for the disabled will be on the west side of Lake Petenwell. We need to work to get one near the cemetery in Monroe Center as well.

Website – Ron Lyman, Chairman

We have updated our website to a more pleasing and eye-catching site. Check it out at www.petenwellcastlerock.org . Any comments or suggestions will be appreciated. Send comments to unort@dwave.net .

New Item – Recipes from Petenwell-Castle Rock Kitchens

Buttery Breadsticks

12 Rhodes Dinner rolls, thawed but still cold
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Garlic salt
Parsley

Roll each roll into a 6 inch rope. Dip in butter, then roll in cheese. Place on a baking sheet sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with garlic salt and parsley. Cover with plastic wrap. Let rise until double. Remove wrap and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan to cool. Makes 12 breadsticks.

Almond Dip for Fresh Fruits

1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Mix cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add sour cream, mixing until blended. Mix in sugar, milk and almond extract. Refrigerate. Serve with assorted fresh fruit. Garnish with mint leaves if desired. Makes 1 2/3 cups.

We would love your input. Let us know what your interests are and what else you would like to see in the newsletter. Also send your recipe or recipes you may want to share with the other members, so that we can put them in upcoming newsletters. Send all comments and recipes to PCPOA, P.O. Box 8, Arkdale, WI. 54613, Attn: Recipes; Attn: Comments or e-mail to unort@dwave.net .

Enclosed is a new membership form for 2006-2007. Note that we have raised the membership dues. It was a necessary thing we had to do especially with the raise in postage, stationery, ink and etc. We checked out other organizations and did not feel this increase was out of line. Just a reminder that the dues should be paid by June 30, 2006.

We would appreciate your patronage of our business members when you are in the area. They are:

- Badger Marine, Nekoosa, WI
- Bay Rest Resort, Monroe Center, WI
- Cat's Down The Road, Big Flats, WI
- Ed's Auto, Big Flats, WI
- Little Ole's, Dellwood, WI
- Roadhouse, Necedah, WI
- Shear Delite Hair Salon, Monroe Center, WI
- Northern Bay Golf Resort & Marina, Strongs Prairie, WI
- Lure Bar, Rome, WI
- Tony's Concrete, Warrenville, IL
- European Log Homes, Green Lake, WI
- S & S Distributing, Sparta, WI

Last Minute Addition

Gerri Luedtke has informed us there will be a memorial service for Frank on Saturday, June 3rd at the VFW Post 6279, 172 N. Linden Street, Adams, WI, at 1:00 P.M. All those who would like to are welcome to attend.