

BUTTERNUT/SCHNUR LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2022

Dear Butternut/Schnur Lake Owner:

After a long and cold winter we are all excited to welcome Summer to the Northwoods!! We have been busy since our last newsletter and have much to report. We appreciate your membership and we hope to be a resource and your advocate on issues relating to Butternut and Schnur Lakes. If you ever have questions or any issues you would like addressed by the BSLA please contact us at Butternut Schnur Lake Association at butternutschnurlakeassociation@gmail.com.

In an effort to provide more information and better communicate with the Membership we will be sending out the BSLA newsletter quarterly (January, March, June, September). To save printing and mailing costs we will send out the newsletter electronically via email, on Facebook and on our website.

The 2022 Annual Fisheree was a huge success. We partnered with Bobbers on the Lake and had a record turnout! The raffle and door prizes generated money for BSLA projects like stocking. Thank you to all involved in a terrific and fun event. The 2023 Fisheree is set for January 21st at Bobbers!

Our annual meeting is September 3rd @ 1pm at Bobbers with our annual Brat Fry to follow. Both the meeting and Brat fry will be at Bobbers on the Lake.

Sincerely,

The BSLA Board of Directors

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Please encourage your friends and neighbors on Butternut and Schnur Lakes to join the BSLA.

We work for our members to work to protect our lakes and fishery.

Join us AT UPCOMING EVENTS!

Free Fishing Weekend | June 4th & 5th

Scott Caven Invasive Presentation Butternut Lake | June 22nd

Annual 4th of July Pontoon Parade | July 4th

Butternut Lake @ 1pm in front of Northern Pines

BSLA Annual Meeting/Brat Fry | September 3rd

1:00pm meeting @ Bobber's on the Lake

Brats Served from Noon-5:00pm

Next BSLA Newsletter – September 2022

NEW DOCK ON BUTTERNUT LAKE!

The Town of Chippewa has placed a new dock, Koch Landing, on the north end of Butternut Lake.

JOIN BSLA TODAY
for only \$25/year!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATTACHED!



Learn more on our Facebook page:
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What's Happening WITH BSLA?

Winter Fisheree

The morning of the annual Fisheree on January 15th was a balmy -22, thankfully, the weather warmed up to provide a great day and record attendance for the event. Thank you to Bobbi Muonio at Bobbers, all the BSLA volunteers and everyone who participated to make the day successful and fun for all. The Fisheree provides an important venue for our largest fundraiser and allows us to among other things purchase fish for stocking in both lakes. Thanks Everyone!!

2022 Fisheree Winners

Walleye:

1. Lew Williams	17 1/8"
2. Jamie Herbst	15 1/4"
3. Ryan Zylka	15"

Northern Pike:

1. Tom Mollman	29 3/4"
2. John Artin	27 3/4"
3. Teresa Sober	26"

Crappie:

1. Justin Palmer	14"
2. Dale Palmer	13 1/4"
3. Dale Palmer	13"

Perch:

TIE:	
1. Coreene Lubeley	10 3/8"
1. Ken Petroski	10 3/8"
3. Jeremy Ploense	10 1/8"



Fishing Regulations for Butternut and Schnur Lakes

	Daily Bag Limit	Size Limit
Walleye	3	No minimum only 1 over 14 inches (Butternut) 15 inch minimum, none between 20-24, only 1 over 24 (Schnur)
Musky	1	Minimum 40 inches *** <i>New Limit</i> ***
Panfish	25 in total only 10 of 1 species	No size limit
Northern	5	No size limit
Largemouth	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Smallmouth	5 in total with LMB	14 inches

Stocking Updates

Covid has caused significant delays and in some cases suppliers are no longer providing fish for us to purchase. As a result we have had to recalibrate our stocking initiatives for Butternut and Schnur Lakes. Most recently we stocked 900 crappie in Butternut Lake and 300 walleye in Schnur Lake.

We are targeting stocking in both lakes this fall if we can obtain fish. We will keep you posted on our progress in future newsletters and will have a full update at our fall meeting. If you have any comments or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please email your comments to butternutschnurlakeassociation@gmail.com.



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Aquatic Invasive Species

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the BSLA continues to pursue the prevention and elimination of plant and animal invasives on our two beautiful lakes. Early detection is critical and can mean the difference between needing to manage long term (very costly) and full eradication (only costly). Our goal is to not allow initial establishment of invasives and we are working toward that goal. The BSLA Board last fall trained classroom style with Scott Caven, the Ashland County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and is now planning to meet again with Scott to further their knowledge by touring and training on-the-water in identification and elimination techniques of invasives. The current plan is to have Scott visit on June 22nd. The involved Board Members will take the entire day to tour Butternut Lake with Scott and subsequently learn the basic techniques for identifying, sample testing, documenting and reporting of invasives. The learned techniques will be used to test Schnur Lake as well. Any issues that may be found will be reported to the BSLA Membership immediately and an action plan specific to the need developed. To date no invasive species (including Eurasian milfoil) of concern have been detected by Scott Caven through a tour he conducted with his staff last fall on Butternut Lake. Of course this in no way means we will let down our guard and indeed will step up efforts to keep on top of things in this area.

A CALL TO ARMS:

The best possible option for a lake is to have trained eyes on the water so suspicious plants or animal species can be detected early and responded to immediately and that is the goal of the BSLA Board. The plan to train certain Board Members in invasive identification and action, although central to the cause, would provide only a few trained eyes on the lake one of which is over 1000 acres. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming an invasives identification volunteer to contact the BSLA Board at butternutschnurlakeassociation@gmail.com to express your interest. Let's work together to keep the lakes healthy and clean.

Water Quality Testing

Water quality testing for 2022 has already begun with early (within 2 weeks of ice out) samples being taken by BSLA Board Member volunteers and sent to the WI State Lab of Hygiene in Madison. Each year samples are gathered, processed and sent to the lab numerous times throughout the open water season along with secchi disk readings (water clarity) and temperature information. The samples are tested for both phosphorus and chlorophyll. As with invasives any issues involving water quality on either lake would be reported to the volunteer Board Members by the State immediately when discovered and appropriate follow up measures would be taken without hesitation. As well, any issues found and confirmed as problematic would be communicated immediately to BSLA Membership.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view Citizen Lake Monitoring Reports.

Volunteer Monitoring

The State of Wisconsin has more than 1000 citizens who volunteer to collect water quality data. It is known as the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network and invasives and contaminants aren't the only thing one can volunteer to monitor for in this network. Other examples are monitoring for Mussels, Dragonfly and Damselflies, Loons, Bats, Frogs and Toads, and Marsh birds among others. If you are interested in getting involved with any volunteer monitoring program please visit the WI Dept of Natural Resources at www.dnr.wi.gov/volunteer/ or the WI Citizen-based Monitoring Network at www.wiatri.net/cbm/.

Emergency Slow No Wake

BSLA President Vic Peth, Vice President Dennis Stemen, Secretary Rudy Rott and Board Member Dan Patenaude testified at the May 12th, 2022 Town of Lake meeting to urge the Town to pass a slow no wake ordinance in emergency high water situations. After a very high water event in 2020 caused docks and debris to float perilously throughout the lake the matter was brought up at the next Annual Meeting of the BSLA. Those in attendance voted unanimously and favorably to pursue an ordinance with both the Town of Lake and Town of Chippewa. Floating docks and debris can and do present a substantial safety risk to boaters, skiers and tubers. As well, damage to shoreline property, docked boats and spawning areas can be significant during these events. Please note this ordinance pursuance is for emergency situations only and is NOT an attempt to make the lake no-wake during other non-emergency periods. The BSLA will keep Membership updated in future newsletters concerning this topic.

Summer
FULL
MOONS

June 14
Strawberry Moon

July 13
Buck Moon

August 11
Sturgeon Moon

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Did You Know...

WI Statutes state that it is illegal to operate a vessel within 100' of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier or restricted area at greater than slow-no-wake speed. Furthermore, personal watercrafts (PWC's) cannot operate faster than slow-no-wake within 100' of another craft or 200' of the shoreline of a lake, and that they cannot operate within 100' of a boat towing a skier, the ski rope, or the skier.

Know the law and respect other boaters and loons!

Did You Know...

Butternut Lake is located in 2 townships and 2 counties? The North end of the Lake is in the Town of Chippewa (Ashland County) and the South end is in the Town of Lake (Price County).

Town of Chippewa:

www.townofchippewawi.com

Town of Lake:

www.townlakewi.com

BSLA Clean Up Day

BSLA Trash Walkers completed the first pass over most of the 26 miles of Town, County and State highways around Butternut and Schnur Lakes. The Town treated us all to a nice lunch on Cleanup Day and they had to open an extra dumpster to accommodate the pile of trash we had collected. We have since gifted them with two more big pickup loads of junk, making it a pleasure to cruise, walk, bike or otherwise traverse our beautiful roadways. Anyone else who wants to get in on the fun should contact Dan Patenaude at jdpaten@gmail.com and you can be a Trash Walker, too!! Could we make this an annual event... Earth day is April 22 and the Town of Lake clean up is about ten days later? Thank you to all who participated in keeping our roads clean and remember to secure items in your boats when towing to and from the boat landing and keep an eye out for deer and turtles crossing the roads around the lakes.



The Price County Sheriff's Department has added a Recreational Deputy. Seth Dabler will be patrolling lakes in Price County including Butternut this summer.

There's a new



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you have not yet paid your 2022 Membership Dues

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First Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lake Address: _____

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