

Friends of Clear Lake News
Fall 2005

Dear Friends,

We are Dave & Sue Hawkinson and we have assumed the duties of one of the original charter members of FOCL, Bill & Ruth Koch, who have recently relocated to the Wausau area after having spent 50+ years on Clear Lake. Along with Donna & Dave Smith, it is a great privilege and honor for us to take over the Koch's duties as one of the many ambassadors of the FOCL. I am sure we speak for all of FOCL in wishing Bill and Ruth a long and enjoyable new chapter of life in Wausau, and hope they find their way back to Clear Lake real soon. Their effort to our cause is truly commendable, and needless to say a tough act to follow.

Going forward, our hope is to publish a quarterly newsletter (Oct, Jan, Apr, July), or as any newsworthy information becomes available, so please forward anything of interest to us. We can do this very efficiently & economically via email, as about 84% of the Clear Lake residents have email addresses. In addition, the Koch's have passed on a great scrapbook with many historic pictures and stories of our lake. If anyone wishes to contribute to it or would like copies of any particular item, please feel free to contact us. We also have color maps of the proposed areas to be chemically treated for milfoil that can be sent as a jpg or other format, if interested.

Other Clear Lake News:

Milfoil

The application and permit fee was mailed to the WDNR on 10/31/05. No comments were received from the public notice published in the 10/25/05 Tomahawk Leader.

Seaplane

Some of you may heard and/or saw the Cessna Skylane Amphibian seaplane that spent the August 5th weekend on Clear Lake. We're told that seaplanes were a common sight years back as many would stop in to Clyde and Linda G's for Sunday brunch. This was in fact a college pal of our's who flew in for our UW Eau Claire reunion we hosted. Pete (Dave & Sue's pal) apologizes for the early 6:00 AM departure on Saturday but has fore warned us all that the reunion may be returning to Clear Lake in 07 or 08.

Fowl

We spotted 3 pair of migrating loons on 9/24/05. (Spring of 2004 was tops as we counted 16 loons in one grouping off of Essex beach).

An osprey pair has been nesting and feeding in the area most of the summer. If anyone has info on where they are nesting please pass this on.

Bear

Heard many reports & Dave actually witnessed a large sow & cub frequenting the Inshalla area. Also found scat in ESSEX village.

Fishing

Mona's had a tough summer with few Pike. Have heard reports of a pretty good crappie and bass year.

Weather:

Date	Air Temp	Water Temp	
10/6/05	47F	64F	Overcast skies with chance of snow showers
10/11/05	64F	61F	Overcast 15MPH winds but mild, about 20 docks left in
10/21/05	62F	60F	Partly cloudy, pulled Essex dock out. Very few docks still in.

FOCL statistics:

Total database of Clear lake residents, including Essex and Clear Lake Condos:	128
Total paid number of members of Friends of Clear Lake:	107
Acres/Depth Clear Lake	272 acres/51.4'
Acres to be chemically treated, spring 2006	42.3 acres

Please welcome the following new members to FOCL (all from Clear Lake Condos):

Paulson, Judy
Mitchell, Lloyd & Beverly
Krueger, Gerald & Sue
Hildner, Walter & Kay
Seetan, Bob & Char
Williams, Albert

Upcoming events:

Clear Lake Cup	Donna Date?
Fall ride for MDA	November 14-18, 2006

Not yet a member of FOCL? Please join today by sending \$10.00 check payable to:
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Happy Trails
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