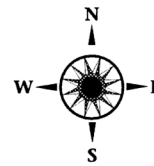


NORTH & SOUTH TWIN LAKES

RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION



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“NSLTLA secures 75/25 matching grants from WI DNR to fight invasive species.”

We often hear lake front owners say, “Let the state take care of the Eurasian milfoil problem.” Well, the state did step forward with one of the largest lake grants in Vilas County. The DNR also helped by finding a group to voluntarily do point/intercept studies of all aquatic vegetation on South Twin and by getting the Army Corp. of Engineers to volunteer time, testing and expertise on both North and South Twin. Unfortunately, the milfoil keeps growing and we have to spend more and more money to control it. We have permission from the DNR to use the rest of the money from our 4-year grant, this, the second year, and plan to write an amendment to ask for more funds to cover our expenses within the grant. Now it is up to each and every property owner on North and South Twin Lakes to come forward with their “match” to the Wisconsin DNR grant. We need your help in raising at least \$25,000 for our 25% cash match plus \$31,000 worth of “volunteer time” (based on \$8/hr). Historically, a handful of people have committed their time and energy to help maintain the water quality of our Twin Lakes. We are asking all North and South Twin Lakes property owners to support the North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association efforts to control invasive species. Your lake association was only able to commit to its share of the costs because it had saved sufficient money over the past five years from AMEN donations. After this year, we will no longer have sufficient reserves to commit to protecting our lakes – that is why we need your contribution to the AMEN fund. Because of excessive competition for AIS grant funding, there is no guarantee we will be successful in obtaining state funding for future treatments. Your annual membership dues pays for the “normal” things our lake property owners expect, like education and information programs, printing and mailing the newsletters and notices, hosting and expanding the information on our website, and installation of lake safety markers, chains and anchors.

Please show your support for maintaining our lakes. Your membership in NSTLRA, your donation to the AMEN FUND (to combat Eurasian milfoil contamination and other invasives), and your willingness to volunteer for association activities like the Clean Boats and Clean Water Program and Lake Monitoring will make all the difference in the quality of North and South Twin Lakes. A modest donation of \$60 per owner household will insure that NSTLRA will have the resources to maintain our lakes. Remember, *your dues and donations are tax deductible.*

We hope you will join us in protecting and sustaining the beauty and health of our Twin Lakes.
Thank you, NSTLRA Board of Directors.

NSTLRA Membership Form

Regular membership \$20 – Includes spouse and all family members under 18 (Renewal ___ New ___)

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Lake Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip** _____

Phone: _____ **email address:** _____

AMEN FUND DONATION: \$60 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ Other _____

Return with check or money order to: NSTLRA • PO Box 163 • Phelps, WI 54554

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 11, 2009 1:00 at Conover Community Center

PLEASE USE THE OPPOSITE PAGE TO VOLUNTEER

Please check: I/we can help: _____ Phone No. _____

Clean Boats Clean Water

Lake Monitoring Water Samples

Lake Monitoring Checking for milfoil

Annual Meeting Saturday, July 11, 2009 1 – 4 Conover Community Center

I/we will attend

Sorry, we can't make it