

# Spirit Lake Improvement Association Winter 2017 Newsletter

PO Box 246, Rib Lake WI 54470

January, 2017

## ICE FISHING Jamboree February 11, 2017



Fishing Contest 7:00 am-3:00 pm

Fish Must Be Registered by 3:00 pm

Ticket Drawing at 3:30 pm

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup>-\$300 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$200 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$100 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-\$50  
Numerous door Prizes also awarded

Chicken soup, chili, brats and refreshments starting at 11:00 at the public Landing on Little Spirit

Carry Outs Available

### *Kid's Panfishing Day*

Spirit Lakes Kid's fishing day has formally been renamed The Jim Poirier Kid's Panfishing Day in honor of Jim who passed this last Fall. Jim worked so hard each year on the Kid's Day. This year's event will be July 8, 2017.



### 2016 Winners

8 and under

Blue gill: 7.75 Kai Emmerich, 7.5 Micah Emmrich

Sunfish: 6.75 Calyn Ziembo 6.75 Dax, Emma Ziembo

Perch: 11 Ryan Auner 10.25 Addison Augustine

Crappie: 10.125 Jack Jensen 10 Tessa Weik Eve Wojcik Kella Gerber Natalie Stieve

9 and Up

Blue Gill: 8.75 Kaden Auner 8.25 Julia Franke

Sunfish: 6.75 Brooklyn Brown 6.5 Clayton Basel Emma Syring

Perch: 10 Brad Heiser 9.5 Eli Prescott

Crappie 10.5 Mattie Gebert 10.25 Luke Blomberg



**HUGE THANK YOU!** To all the volunteers that have donated time, money, and talent to enable the association to get these things accomplished!

Looking back on 2016:

Life Jacket Kiosk opened at the Boat Landing.  
Shed at boat Landing was reroofed and painted.  
Algae study manual work was completed.  
Aerators on both lakes repaired but were not needed on either lake for the winter, due to oxygen levels.  
Walleye stocking was completed. Study showed the Walleye are not naturally reproducing in our lakes.  
Panels for shelter windows completed.

### *Inspirational quotes on Ice Fishing:*

- 1) There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot
- 2) Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.
- 3) Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes.

### **Chuckles on Ice Fishing:**

Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were auguring a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no fish under the ice." Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, "There are no fish under the ice." They both looked around and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Is that you God?" Booming voice, "No, ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant."

**Annual Meeting** for The Spirit Lake Improvement Association will be May 27, 2017. Please attend as the officers and board welcome any and all input and ideas for improving our lakes.

### Winners of the 2016 September 50/50 Drawing:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Larry Neve of Rice Lake

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bev Tesch of Rib Lake

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Babe Nehls of Prentice

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Laurie Zondlo of Phillips

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Don Dugthy of Medford

Congratulations!



### Loon Study-2016

The 2016 Loon Study is complete and it was somewhat disappointing. One pair of loons built a nest in Big Spirit right out of the channel on a grassy island. The pair produced two eggs but neither hatched. The rainy weeks in July left the nest saturated and eventually completely underwater. The parents abandoned the pair of eggs at that point. Another pair were commonly seen in the southern most marshy area but a nest was never found. So to the best of our knowledge, no babies were produced during this season. The good news is this coming year should see three loons born in the year 2014 returning. Once loons are born they leave the lakes for the south and return after three years of migrating along the east coast. Fingers crossed!



This beautiful map was donated to the Lake Association by Tom and Kathy Raschke. It is displayed at the shelter and residents' locations are noted. If you would like your home/getaway noted please contact a Board/Officer.

The Spirit Lakes Improvement Association has a shared email address you can use to communicate with the SLIA board members. This email address is spiritlakeassoc@gmail.com. Use this address to ask questions, share pictures, or discuss topics you would like others interested in the lakes to consider.

The snowmobile trails have been open this winter but as of late they closed due to warm weather. Please call and check before planning your next excursion. Warm weather-blah!!!!!!



### Are your dues current???

Please remit to:

**SLIA**

**PO Box 246**

**Rib Lake WI 54470**

### A Bit of History

(taken directly for "Grandma Tabor's Recollection of Old Days At Spirit Lake")

I talked to an old gentleman who was there who knew this history of Spirit Lake and the surrounding country. He had lived there many years and could remember when the Indians lived on the island and on shore. Where they hunted and fished was an ideal paradise for Indians. One day while the Indian men were hunting, an accident happened. On returning, the men found a canoe overturned floating on the water, and the three squaws missing. Later their bodies were found and buried on the island. No one ever knew how this tragedy happened. One was buried beneath a big pine tree (the only one on the island.) The old gentleman did not know just where on the island the other two were buried. After that the Indians did not stay there long, as they said the spirits of the squaws would remain there.

