

May, 2005

Silver Lake Association

Spring 2005 Newsletter

President's Message

Welcome back to a lake nearer to normal level than the last four years. We have made some progress this last year. . The Silver Lake MANAGEMENT Study is well underway. The DNR has conducted a fish study, the Department of Natural Resources has completed a sediment core of Silver Lake and the USGS has established groundwater monitoring wells around the lake to study the groundwater contribution to Silver Lake. This lake management study will complete the following activities:

- * An evaluation of what is causing the water quality degradation of Silver Lake.
- * An assessment of existing and future exotic species in Silver Lake.
- * A fishery of Silver Lake.
- * An evaluation of the septic systems around Silver Lake.
- * A bacteria study in the area of the public beach.
- * A feasibility study to determine if a water level control device might help control the water level fluctuations of Silver Lake.

Bob Fillmore

Shoreline Restoration

Hopefully the lake level will continue to fall with the plug dam in place and lower rainfall, but now we will need to restore the shore line areas.. Now is the time to start making the shore area beautiful and ecologically better for the lake. No more cutting grass to the shore, no more fire pits within 20 feet of the water. There are booklets available "Shoreline Plants and Landscaping" from the Wisconsin County Extension Office. The Silver Lake Association will get some copies for distribution to our owners. This is one of the "Yard Care and The Environment" series. When you need help call on Master Gardeners, Lorena Ostrem and Kathy Wenzel to help you plan that new shore line. Every owner should do their part to protect the water quality in the lake. By working together we can make a big improvement in the water quality.

Shoreline Tree Removal

There are four options:

- * **Leave the tree standing.** This helps stabilize the shoreline.
 - * **Let the trees fall naturally into the lake.**
 - * **Cut down and completely remove trees** no DNR Permit..
 - * **Cut down trees left in the lake.** Requires a DNR permit.
- Reminder:** Zoning regulations permit clearing only 30 feet per lot. Call Barron County Zoning for details. 715-537-6375

NOTICES

OPEN MEETING by the Barron County Forest and Parks Department about **GRANT PARK on Silver Lake. 7:00 P.M. May 12, Thursday, at the U. Of WI Theater, Rice Lake. Your input is wanted. Come and learn what the County is considering to repair the lake shore. The county would like input from everyone!**

May 28, 2005 Saturday 9:00A.M. Spring Meeting BARONETT COMMUNITY HALL Agenda:

Call to order 9:05 a.m.

1. Report on progress of the Study and summer Plans by: Dale Hanson, Barron Cty., and Bernie Lenz, USGS
2. Discussion of the Study Report
3. Treasure's Report
4. Other business.
5. Meeting adjourned.

The SILVER LAKE

PICNIC will be August 6th, the first Saturday in August from 12:00 NOON to 4:00 P.M. More information on food will be sent out later.

THE FALL MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 3rd.