

# WICOLA NEWS

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## President' s Message

Spring is coming!—or at least it has here in Arizona where the cactus have bloomed ( something I never knew they did ) and the weather is getting too warm for your President. And with spring come thoughts of returning back to our home on the White Iron Chain. I hope by the time that you get this Newsletter, you too will be enjoying the coming of spring wherever you are.

However, not all of us are snow-birds, least of all many members of the Board of Directors of WICOLA. Have they been busy on our behalf over the winter! Last spring ' s Newsletter featured their work on a major planning project, the focus of which is to create a long range plan for the Kawishiwi watershed ( which includes the White Iron Chain ). The end result of the plan is to provide greater water quality protection for all of the lakes in the watershed.

Over the past year, members of your Board have been engaged in writing proposals to find funding for the work which needs to be done in order to gather the data needed for a good plan. Although there have been many hurdles to overcome, the Board members working over the winter now have a proposal which appears to have a good chance of funding by one of the major state agencies.

You will be hearing more about this grant at our June 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, when you can also ask questions about the project.

While the proposed funding will be generous, it will not be sufficient to gather all the data needed for a comprehensive plan, so your Board will be looking for other grant opportunities. Depending upon the additional grant sources, we may also be seeking your help in several ways: 1 ) both financial

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and through other grants, to help generate the funds we need to finish this project and 2 ) through volunteer time for the various projects which need to be done. Matching time and talents to the project tasks will be a large undertaking and we will need your help to ease the process.

This is a very exciting opportunity for WICOLA and the residents of the Kawishiwi watershed—to be able to create the information we need to understand what the influences are on our water quality and, then, and even better, to be able to follow through with action plans which will address the issues that we have learned about. Study after study has found that the property values for lakeshore and surrounding property are directly related to the quality of water<sup>1</sup>, so not only is this project important for our own quality of living, but it also will have an actual fiscal impact.

I look forward to returning to our home on the White Iron Chain and enjoying watching spring come again—and I also look forward to seeing you in June at our Annual Meeting and in July at our Never-On-July-4<sup>th</sup> boat parade, announcements for both of which are in this Newsletter.

Charlene Mason

## Doug Jensen to speak at WICOLA Annual Meeting!

**Where?** Silver Rapids Lodge

**When?** June 12, 2010

**Social hour** 9-10AM

**Speaker** 10-11AM

**Business meeting** 11AM-Noon

- President's report.
- Update on our watershed protection project.
- Give us your thoughts, volunteer for board positions.
- Election of Officers!

### **Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Keep 'em Out of Our Neck of Woods**

Doug Jensen is a national expert on aquatic invasive species. For nearly 17 years, he has been at the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program in Duluth. He received his B.S. in biology and an M.S. in education at UMD. Doug's efforts have been hailed at the highest levels of government. In 2004, the Bush Administration recognized *Habitattitude*<sup>TM</sup>, a campaign which he helped create,



### **STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**<sup>TM</sup>

as an innovative partnership between business, government, and academia addressing national policy objectives. Doug has spoken in the former Soviet Union, the Netherlands, Canada, and Ireland. He has published scientific papers, and produced fact sheets and videos such as the award-winning, *Stop Exotics*, *Clean Your Boat*, featuring John Ratzenberger, better known as Cliff Claven on *Cheers*. Recently, he co-chaired the first statewide *Minnesota Invasive Species Conference 2008* in Duluth, which drew nearly 450 people.

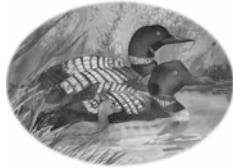
Please join us on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Silver Rapids Lodge at 10 AM. Doug will share his experience and knowledge about the threats of aquatic invasive species. Come hear his perspectives and find out how you can help *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!*<sup>TM</sup>







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If you are interested in improving the water quality, fishing, and recreational opportunities on White Iron, Farm, Garden and South Farm Lakes, **JOIN WICOLA TODAY**. Annual Membership is still just 20.00 per year. Send a check to our address above for all the benefits of membership.