



Wandawega Country Club, Inc.
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Summer 2008 Newsletter

W.C.C. Member

As a property owner in the Wandawega Country Club subdivision, you are automatically a member of this association. Listed are the current board of directors and their phone numbers:

President Bill Bastian (847)692-1982

Vice President John Szady (262)742-3145

Treasurer Joyce Hayward (262)742-5249

Secretary Nancy Haak (262)248-2702

Judy Paul (262)742-2731

Jim Parchem (262)742-3425

Jena Ehlen (262)742-2097

Peter Pappa (262)742-4678

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Feel free to call, write, or email us with your association concerns. Our email address is:

wcc@lakewandawega.com

If you have any concerns regarding our organization, we encourage you to bring them to any of our meetings. By attending and becoming involved, even in the smallest way, you show that you care about this community. Please plan on attending.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

This year's W.C.C. General Membership meetings dates are listed below. These meetings are held at the WCC Clubhouse at 11:00 AM. The Board meets prior to the general membership meetings at 9:30 AM.

Please come!

Saturday, **July 12th** Saturday, **Aug. 9th**
Saturday, **Sept. 13th**

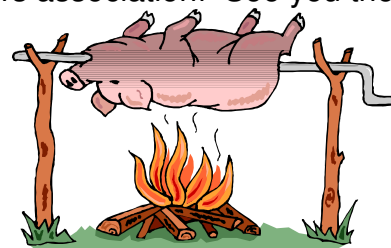
Clubhouse Available for Rental

The clubhouse can be rented by property owners (whose maintenance assessments are current) for only \$50 and nonmember \$200. Rental dates for the 2008 season, are still available. For more information or booking a date call Judy Paul at (262) 742-2731.

The Big Event: Pigs in Paradise!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Wandawega Country Club **Pig Roast** on **Saturday, July 19, 2008**, at the Club House on the corner of Hwy 12/67 and Wisconsin Drive. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm followed by music, dancing, and raffles until midnight. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the renovation of the Wandawega Country Club beaches.

Additional tickets are still available. For further information call (262)742-5249. This event takes a lot of volunteer time and help to be successful. If there is any way you can help out with set up, kitchen help, clean up, raffle prize donations, whatever... just give Joyce Hayward (742-5249), Nancy Haak (248-2702), or Pete Pappa (742-4678) a call. We have not held a dinner/dance in the past few years due to lack of help, but members have requested it, so we're giving it another try. If you want this event to continue being held, attend it, help in some way, and support your Wandawega Country Club property owners association! See you there!



Clubhouse Painting

The clubhouse has undergone some recent "sprucing up" with inside painting and some new ceiling tiles. Thanks to the hard work of Pete Pappa and Joyce and Howard Hayward, and additional help from Jim Parchem and Gordon and Nancy Haak the clubhouse is looking a lot nicer. Come to the Pig Roast and check it out!



Beach Beautification Project

Last fall the Board of the Wandawega Country Club began plans for “refreshing” the two beaches that are available for property owner use. Plans included landscaping, replacement of posts that provide a boundary for the parking lots and benches or picnic tables. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Walworth County Zoning Office are always concerned about any changes on or near bodies of water in the state, so plans had to be approved before any work could be completed.

At the West Beach the bench along the stairway was rebuilt and picnic tables were placed among the trees at the top of the walk. (Unfortunately, one of the new small picnic tables was taken before they could be chained.) Many thanks to Board Member John Szady for the construction of the bench/sign post combination and to the Haywards, Haaks, Ehlers, Pete Pappa, Joe Koehnke and the Hopkins family for its installation and painting.

At the East Beach some posts were replaced and perennials were planted with rock edging. Before further posts could be installed with cross pieces for decoration, the lake flooded the parking lot. Hopefully, when the waters recede and remain under control, further work can be done. Three picnic tables have been chained at the beach. The large white wooden table has been placed for the use of fishermen beyond the sandy area of the beach. Thanks to Board Members Pete Pappa, Nancy Haak, Joyce Hayward as well as Howard Hayward and Gordon Haak for their efforts in this project.

Work on the beaches will continue during the summer and into the fall with the profits from the upcoming Pig Roast. Support the Pig Roast!

Geese! At our June meeting, a member raised concerns about the Canada goose depredation (egg oiling) project that Wandawega Country Club and Interlaken Property Owners Assn. have funded for the last three years.

This program was started when the resident Canada geese numbered about 100+ on the lake and began to interfere with native wildlife, such as the Sandhill Cranes we have, and people using the lake and beach areas.

This interference amounts to trying to chase the cranes from their nesting grounds and this year a feeding Blue Heron from the lagoon area. In human terms, the geese are quite aggressive and often intimidate beach users, swimmers and even boaters on the open water. With an average height of 40 inches, 13+ pounds and a six-foot wingspan coming at you ... even the bravest adult looks to make a dash let alone younger children.

In addition to the intimidation factor, each goose can leave behind up to 1.5 pounds per day of droppings. Four years ago, some shoreline areas and piers were covered with up to an inch of droppings. And I mean covered! The lake bottom alongside the piers had an equal amount if not more. Both unsightly and a potential health risk.

Our goal is **not** to completely eliminate the Canada goose from Lake Wandawega. However, for the reasons above, we do want to keep the numbers down to a reasonable few. Since the depredation program was started, we now average between 15 and 24 resident geese on the lake throughout the year. Given the lakes potential for supporting other native waterfowl, I think you would agree that this is a reasonable number.

*In North America, the resident Canada goose is estimated to number 1.8 million, with a Wisconsin population of 125,000. Assuming only 20,000 of these lay a clutch of eggs (typically two to eight eggs) and assuming **only two eggs per clutch actually hatches** ... that's an **additional 40,000 geese in Wisconsin in just one year.***

We welcome your thoughts via postal mail or email to wcc@lakewandawega.com

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