

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:

1st place: Larry Neve of Rice Lake

2nd place: Bev Tesch of Rib Lake

3rd Place: Babe Nehls of Prentice

4th Place: Laurie Zondlo of Phillips

5th 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

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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.

