

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 2017 February Ice Jamboree Drawing:

- 1st place:**
Deb Polacek \$300.
- 2nd place:**
Lisa Esner \$200.
- 3rd Place:**
Dave Tom \$100
- 4th Place:**
John Borchardt \$50.
- 5th Place:**
Mike Weinke \$50

Congratulations!



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.

At the Annual Spirit Lake Improvement Association Meeting two new board members were elected.

Welcome to Mr. Trent Weik and Mr. Joe Pintarro.

Please bring any concerns or suggestions to the attention of any Board Members or Officers. They can either try to help you out or direct you to someone that can. SLIA is always interested in your input and always need volunteers for different projects. This is a great way to meet and find new friendships while doing great things for our shared lake! Thank you to our two retiring Board Members- Dennis Strunk and Jim Miller! 😊

Are your dues current??

**Please remit to:
SLIA
PO Box 246
Rib Lake WI 54470**

Prizes won at the Ice Fishing Jamboree

- Raffle #1**-1/4 Barrel party-donated by Zondlo's Bar
\$25.00 Certificate-donated by Hill of Beans
Power Stick Rod-Donated by Fourmens Hardware
Fish Sign-Donated by Northhland Outlet
Won by: Mr. Tom Schuh who in turn raffled it off for cash to Colter Weinke-Tom then donated the money to SLIA-WOW! Thank you!
- Raffle #2**-1/4 Barrel party-donated by Camp 28
\$25.00 Certificate-donated by County Market
Swivel Seat-donated by Barry's Body Shop
Hat
Won by: Mr. Dave Westphal
- Raffle #3**-Ice Auger-donated by J & P Auto
Socket Set-donated by NAPA Auto Parts
Tie Downs-donated by Liske Marine
Camo insulated bag-donated by Weathershield
\$50.00 Gas card-donated by Kwik Trip
Won by: Mr. Matthew Firstahl
- Raffle #4**-One night stay-donated by Lake of the Torches Casino
Wine Package-donated by Abby Bank
Box of candy-donated by Mayer and Associates
\$10.00 Certificate-donated by P&E Steakhouse
Won by: Ms. Mallorej Anderson
- Raffle #5**-Snowmobile Helmet-donated by Hall's of Medford
\$10.00 Rail Trail Certificate-donated by Rail Trail Caf e
Sweatshirt-donated by Spirit Lakes Improvement Association
Won by: Mr. Tom Schuh

A Bit of History

Taken from "The Bee" April 16, 1992
There are very few things Bernard Strobach likes to do better than fish, and there are very few fishermen as committed as he to maintaining good fishing in their territory. His commitment earned him special recognition in the form of a "Volunteer excellence" award from the DNR at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention at Stevens Point in March.

Bernard's main fishing territory since 1971 has been just outside his back door. That's when he and his wife, Jeannette, moved from Rib Lake to their home on the bank of Little Spirit Lake on the border of Price and Taylor counties.

Being able to live on such a lake is many a fisherman's dream, but Bernard knows that continuing to live such a dream is very dependent on something very fragile. That fragile commodity is water quality, too often taken for granted by those unaware of the way bodies of water deteriorate. People at the DNR know from years of study and experience that lake water doesn't just go bad all of a sudden. The deterioration begins gradually, with very slight changes in water clarity being one early indication. Such changes can be an indication not only of problems in a single lake, but in an entire water basin.

Mr. Strobach: SLIA sincerely hope we are making you proud!