



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

“To preserve and protect Gun Lake for the benefit of residents and future generations by promoting environmental stewardship, responsible use and development, community spirit, and safety.”

## Annual Meeting Highlights:

- 164 members attended; double the usual. Thanks for your great support!
- Board Membership: Chad Kraai, Deb Masselink, and Nick Zyskowski were approved for another 3 year term. Alison Grashuis was approved as a new member. GLPA thanks them for their willingness to serve.
- Board officer reshuffle: VP Chad Kraai replaces Jim Deters as Pres. Jim continues as Secy. Treas. (he was doing double duty due to a departure). Greg Purcell is our new VP and remains Area Director liaison.
- Finance report indicated membership increase, fireworks giving up, and spending under budget. We are financially healthy and in the black.
- Weed treatment by GLIB is switching from copper based algicide to a more environmentally friendly peroxide based product. GLPA contributed a professional lake sediment study and analysis to to this decision (see website).
- Pres. Deters reported that **a proposed 100 slip marina in Pickeral Cove has been rejected by EGLE (former DEQ) due in part to concerns and protest by GLPA and residents.**The GLPA thanks Board member Deb Masselink for her leading role in this.The GLPA remains vigilant for development that adversely affects environment, boat traffic, and resident quality of life.



**Mark your calendar Saturday, July 6th, 2024,**

**with a rain date of Sunday, July 7th.**

Next year's fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 6th, 2024,

with a rain date of Sunday, July 7th.

We fully expect the cost of the fireworks to increase. So we are asking for your continued support so that we can keep having these great firework displays that we have enjoyed for many years.

You can go to our website at [www.myglpa.com](http://www.myglpa.com) to pay dues and to donate to the fireworks.

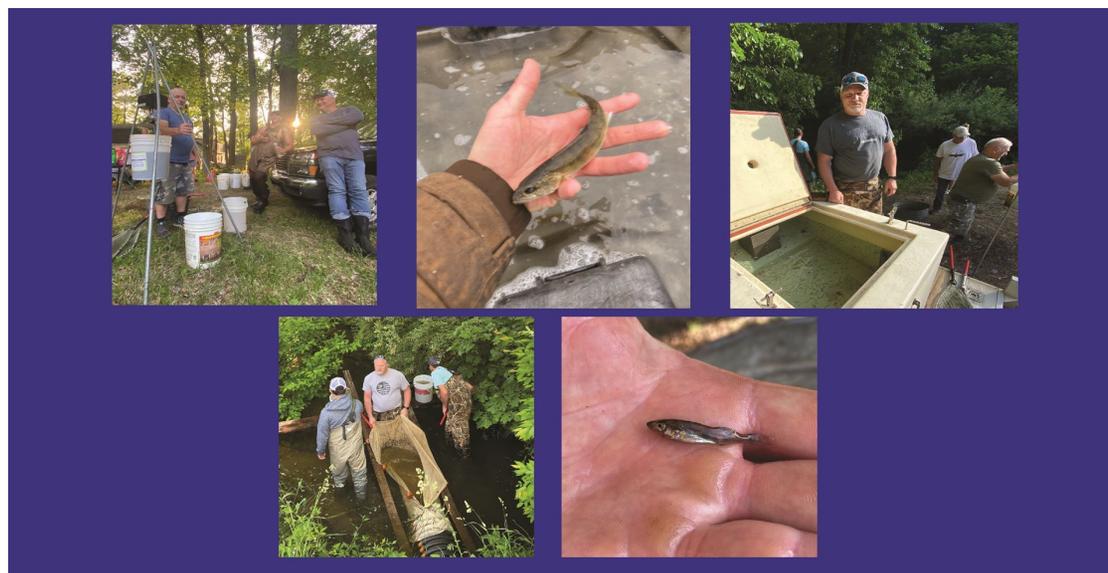
Please remember that FIREWORKS ARE PAID BY DONATIONS ONLY!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

# Fisheries Update

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Fisheries Division), the GLPA had yet another successful release of spring fingerling walleye. Spring fingerling walleye are brought to our rearing ponds located off Hastings Point road in early spring and released in June. This year we managed to raise 37,745 walleye in our rearing ponds. The DNR matched our stocking efforts with an additional 34,183 walleye. In total we released just shy of 72,000 spring walleye into Gun Lake this past June with an average length of 1.22". In addition to our spring stocking, the GLPA also stocks fall walleye. This October we released an additional 1,000 walleye at an average length of 6-8".

The GLPA would like to send out a big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during our spring stocking. This could not happen without the help of our dedicated volunteers and community!



# PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Greetings as your new GLPA President. My family and I have been on the lake for generations and I operate a successful business nearly on its shores. I have served as V.P. of the GLPA for several years and recently accepted the role of President to relieve our last President Jim Deters of his current dual role as President and Secy. Treasurer. Jim will continue as Secy. Treas., a role he is most qualified on our Board to serve.

Thank you to all GLPA members for your commitment to our Association. The GLPA celebrates its 104th birthday this year! One of our primary strategic goals is to try to continue to increase our membership numbers. There are approximately 1,700 residents on Gun Lake and about 1,100 GLPA members. That is 65% and our strategic goal is 75%; but really I would like to see 100% of property owners on the lake.

If you know a neighbor who may not be aware of our Association and the great things we do please ask them to review our website ([myglpa.com](http://myglpa.com)) and consider joining our group. This is especially true for new folks moving into our area not aware of how inexpensive our \$25 annual membership is. Let them know also our fireworks show is entirely paid for by GLPA member contributions.

Please take a moment to review our annual Directory to make sure we have your contact/donation info correct in our database for our mailings and the next directory. If it is not correct, please do one of the following. 1: go to [myglpa.com](http://myglpa.com), login, and correct in your profile. 2: Contact Jim Deters @ [detersjim@yahoo.com](mailto:detersjim@yahoo.com) or 269-598-7089 text or voicemail.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of GLPA Jim/Sari Deters and Rob Leos family and their team members for their extraordinary efforts to upgrade our database from old school post cards to a database that empowers residents to enter/edit their own information as well as contribute via our website. PLEASE make sure we have your correct email in our database so we can communicate with you that way.

Please review the rest of the highlights of what your GLPA has done this year in this newsletter and changes to come. Thanks your for your support!

GLPA President,

Chad Kraai

P.S. If anyone would like an extra directory please stop by Kraai Well Drilling at 110 124th Ave. Shelbyville just west of Town & Country.

## **DNR Suggestions Regarding Wakeboats**

Michigan's current boating laws and regulations are intended to both promote public safety and prevent damage to aquatic resources but were created prior to the commercialization and popularization of wake boats in the early 2000s. As a result of the large waves and increased scour caused by these vessels, the existing 100-foot operating buffers around docks and shorelines on inland lakes are not sufficient to protect aquatic resources. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division (Division) recommends the following to minimize the effects of wake surfing and wake boarding on natural resources:

1. Boats operating in wake-surfing mode or wake-boarding mode, during which boat speed, wave shapers, and/or ballast are used to increase wave height, should operate at least 500 feet from docks or the shoreline, regardless of water depth.
2. Boats operating in wake-surfing or wake-boarding modes should operate in water at least 15 feet deep.
3. Ballast tanks should be completely drained prior to transporting the watercraft over land.
4. Regulatory authorities and the boating industry should implement an increased education and outreach campaign that targets wake boat operators to improve awareness and implementation of the best practices listed above.

# Mark Your Calendar



**Gun Lake Winterfest 2024**  
Saturday, February 17th

**Gun Lake Weather Siren**  
Siren Testing will be the first Saturday of the month 1:00 p.m.  
April-September

**Gun Lake Paddle Battle**  
Please submit your dues and membership information no later than May 1st  
[www.shakasupracing.com](http://www.shakasupracing.com)

**Fireworks**  
July 6th Sat. 10:20  
**Rain Back -Up Date**  
July 7th Sun.

**April 15th GLPA Membership Dues**  
Please submit your dues and membership information no later than April 15th  
[www.myglpa.com](http://www.myglpa.com)

**August 10th Sat 9:30 Annual GLPA Meeting**  
for members: Saturday at the Gun Lake Chapel

## Attention:

**Please don't blow/mow leaves and grass clippings into the water, because they create excess nutrients that feed weeds and create muck**

# DUES CHANGE TO APRIL 15, 2024

You may not be aware of the direct correlation between our membership dues due date and the Annual Directory delivery date. It boils down to waiting for the asterisk we provide next to the names of paid members in the directory (time consuming) and changes to information we receive each year in membership responses. It's accuracy and asterisk for credit vs. time necessary to manually process 800 or so postcard responses (about 400 enroll online) vs. time needed to solicit and incorporate/format 100+ Directory ads vs. printer time (worse since COVID). We try hard to balance not putting out the Spring mailing enrollment card before seasonal people are paying attention vs. cutting it too close and doing all-nighters to make sure you get your Directories by mid June. Long story short: we need to move up our Dues due date. APRIL 15, no longer May 1. Tax day is easy to remember and you may have your checkbook out. :-)

Thanks for your cooperation. Remember, the earlier the better. And online is appreciated.