



August 2026 Membership Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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July 4th Fireworks

Thanks again to the Bonacorda and Higgins families for another great fireworks show. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful fireworks show, yet more support is needed to assure they continue. Whether it's set up, clean up, or monetary support this show has become a tradition for our lake users. Please contact me or Bill Bonacorda on how you can help out with future fireworks shows.

ICOLA Brat Feed

The ICOLA Brat Feed, held on July 11th at Sunny's Resort, was a tremendous success, bringing together 87 lake association members for a day of great food, camaraderie, and valuable information. Lake Association members enjoyed hearing from Barron County Sheriff's Department Deputy Bert Zielke and Wisconsin DNR Warden Jacob Kendzior, whose presentations provided helpful updates and insights on topics important to our lake community. One item brought up by Conservation Warden Kendzior was to have a charged fire extinguisher on your boat or pontoon...while it's a requirement for your boat or pontoon it's a good idea for our homes and garages. The outstanding turnout and positive atmosphere made this year's Brat Feed another memorable ICOLA event. Additionally, Ron Ottum and Tom Creviston were bestowed the title of "Brat Meisters" for their years of service with the Brat Feed.

A big thank you goes to Janine and Jeff Rossow, Amy Miki, Lori Slowinski, John and Ann Granholt, Brad Blechinger, Troy Mertens, John McRell, Beth Hunt, Gloria Carlson and Dave Whitehouse for their time, hard work, and dedication in making the event possible. ICOLA sincerely appreciates each of them for contributing to the continued success of this annual tradition.

2026 ICOLA Golf Outing

The ICOLA Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 18th at Amacoy Golf Course and was another outstanding success. This year's outing was a fundraiser for the ICOLA Rearing Ponds and will be used for this year's Walleye raising. A total of 72 golfers participated in a day filled with friendly competition, and support for ICOLA's Walleye program. The event was made possible through the generous support of 11 hole sponsors,

along with over 39 businesses and individuals who donated prizes for hole contests and raffles. A special thank you goes to our course volunteers, Joe and Shirley Polkowske and Zoe Miki-Young, whose assistance throughout the day helped ensure the event ran smoothly. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the planning committee—Mike and Mary Neimeyer, John and Ann Granholt, Chris Hirschinger, Jerry Salter, Mike Prasher, Jerry Shadick, and Jeff Pippenger—for their many hours of organization and dedication. Additionally, thanks to Amacoy GC for their support and hospitality on a wonderful day.

A very special shout-out goes to Charles Schumacher for his generosity in donating a \$250 Scheels gift card as well as a handgun for this year's gun raffle. Keeping with our event theme, "It's for the Fish," the outing raised an impressive **\$6,758**. These funds will directly support ICOLA's fish rearing ponds and help provide feed for the walleye fingerlings currently being raised. Thank you to everyone who golfed, sponsored, volunteered, and donated. Your continued support helps preserve and enhance the Island Chain of Lakes fishery for generations to come. Included with this newsletter is the link to the sponsors who made this event a success and we ask that you give your business to them in the future.

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Lake Association Pontoon Need

The ICOLA buoy crew is in need of a depth finder with a transducer to be used on the association's pontoon. If you have one that you would be willing to donate please let Rick Krahn, or John Kowalewski.

Food Pantry Donations

Reminder to bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry.

Next and future Lake Association meetings dates, locations and times;

August 8 at Hawk's (Elections)- 10 a.m.