

# LILLY LAKE NEWS

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## Northern Pike Facts:

- Are related to muskie and are known to hybridize
- Aggressive “ambush” predator
- Can swim 8-10 miles per hour
- Prefer areas with weeds
- WI State Record:  
38 lbs, 0 oz, (1952, Lake Puckaway, Green Lake Co)
- World Record:  
55 lbs, 1 oz (1986, Germany)



## MYSTERY FISH? IS IT A PIKE OR MUSKIE?



Jake Chanson from Fontana, WI proudly displays his catch on Lilly Lake this winter. He released the fish after the photo was taken by his friend Ryan Swock.

When Ryan Swock and his friends were ice fishing on Lilly Lake this winter they were just hoping for some action. When a tip-up went up and they hauled up a nice pike-like fish they were thrilled. But when Ryan and his fishing partners looked, the fish looked more like a muskie since it did not have the pike’s typical spots (see bottom left photo). Since no muskie have been stocked in the lake (at least legally), this enhanced the mystery. Ryan took a photo of the fish and released it back into the lake.

That photo was forwarded to a couple of fish biologists: one in Illinois, and to Luke Roffler from the WI DNR. Both confirmed that it was not a muskie but a “silver” or “bland” phase of a northern pike. According to Mr. Roffler, this can happen due to genetics or from situations in the environment (i.e., food, habitat).

The fish looked healthy and with Ryan and his friends releasing it back into the lake, it will hopefully continue to feed on our small bluegill populations. If you have any similar photos of fish please forward to balooadam@yahoo.com.

# New ATV Ordinance in Wheatland

In September 2018, the Town of Wheatland passed an ordinance allowing all-terrain and utility vehicles on certain roads. A two-year permit is available for \$25. In addition to a valid driver's license, proof of \$100,000 of liability insurance and, for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, a safety certificate from the state Department of Natural Resources must be provided.



Under the ordinance, the ATVs must have functioning stock mufflers, braking systems and operating strobe lights, headlights and taillights. Headlights and taillights must be on even in daytime hours when traveling on the roads.

The approved roads include those around Lilly Lake, except on Highway JI.

## Starry Stonewort Found in Lake Geneva

This invasive species (below) was found last October in a lagoon in the Linn Neighborhood in Lake Geneva. The invasive algae grows quickly into thick stands that can take over fish spawning areas, overcome native vegetation and impact a lake's recreational activities.

So far it has not been found in Lilly Lake, but boats entering the lake should be inspected to ensure this invader does not get into our lake.



## Important Dates for 2019

- Lilly Lake Rehabilitation District Spring Meeting - April 27
- Summerhaven Spring Meeting - May 25
- Walk around the Lake - May 26
- Kid's 4th of July Parade - July 4
- Get to Know Your Lake Day - July 6
- Movie Night on the Beach - July 20
- Lilly Lake Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting - August 10
- Summerhaven "Fall" Meeting - August 17



## Planning for 2019

Do you have an idea for our community? Want to include something in the newsletter?

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