

Round Trade Lake  
Improvement Association  
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Frederic WI, 54837

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**Round Trade Lake Improvement Association**

**Membership Form**

**Your Membership is Crucial to Our Success!**

Annual Membership Dues: \$40.00

**Please consider an additional donation.**

Additional Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*By entering your email, you will receive all future communication via email and can expect to receive updates time to time keeping you informed of the latest news surrounding RTLIA initiatives

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**RTLIA**  
**PO Box 64**  
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**The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association**

**Spring 2023 Newsletter and Membership Drive**

<http://tradelakeassoc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/roundtradelakeimprovementassociation>

**Mark your calendars for these 2023 events:**

**Spring Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop – May 13, 2023 – Big Trade Lake Boat Launch**

**Spring Membership Meeting - June 17, 2023, Big Trade Lake Boat Launch**

**Summer Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop – Aug 5th 2023 - Round Lake Boat Launch**

*Workshops are in the planning phase. Check the Website for the latest information.*

**Spring Meeting, Spring Meeting, Spring Meeting!** – The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association board of directors has been meeting regularly over the winter to plan an epic event to bring our lake community together, rejuvenate the association and simply have some fun. The result is a Spring Meeting that rivals the days of the past. Long time members remember the days of the Bean Feed at the county fairgrounds. More recent members have participated in lake-centric annual picnics and boat parades. This year our goal is to pull the entire lake community together at a central location! We will meet, rain or shine, at the Pickerel Point boat launch on the east side of Big Trade Lake.

Sure, we'll cover the financials and some other minor business, but once that work is done, we plan to make up for the lackluster years of the past and turn this event into pure fun. Some of the ideas we are working on include a meat raffle, a prize raffle, purse bingo, food, and fun. Check the website for more information and a final agenda in the weeks to come.

Our friends on Big Trade Lake will bring their pontoon boats and provide Round Lake members with a tour of Big and Little Trade Lakes. We will tour “the bridge,” the DNR bird sanctuary, the peninsula, and the river outlet. And best of all, they will follow all this up with a picnic. We heard you and we listened. The picnic will be held in June in place of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

This newsletter goes to ALL property owners on Big Trade, Little Trade and Round Lakes. The goal is to reach out to all property owners, whether or not you are a member of RTLIA and get us ALL involved.

So, whether you are a member, past, present or future, check out our website and Facebook page, and reach out to your neighbors. But most of all, MARK YOUR CALENDARS, this event is open to anyone who loves the lakes and wants to help make this a year for all of us to remember!

**Round Trade Lake Improvement Association is Going Green!** - For future member news/notices, RTLIA will rely exclusively on the use of electronic communication. The association apportions a significant share of annual membership dues to printing and postage. Providing an email address will allow us to allocate more of your membership contributions to social events and our efforts to protect and preserve our lakes.

Our email address is [RS.TRADELAKEASSOC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RS.TRADELAKEASSOC@GMAIL.COM). Some members have this email blocked so if you would like to be on the mailing list, please unblock us.

For more information, visit <http://tradelakeassoc.org/>. Or simply type RTLIA into your internet search engine.



### **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workshops on Big/Little Trade and Round Lakes**

Aquatic plants are essential to the health of our lakes. Not only do they contribute to the beauty of the aquatic ecosystem, but they also produce life sustaining oxygen and provide natural filtration. But where there is plant growth, unfortunately there is invasive plant growth. These invasives aggressively compete with the native plants and the invasives don't play by the rules. The numerous calm and shallow bays in our lakes are the perfect habitat for invasive plant growth. The invasives don't stop at the surface, they form large floating mats of vegetation that diminish light penetration needed by our native aquatic plants and impede water traffic. They can consume a small shallow bay in a season or two.

The good news is the RTLIA is stepping up its efforts to educate residents to combat the invasive species that are taking over our lakes. Our goal is to educate and encourage property owners to monitor their shoreline and supplement the work organized by the RTLIA. And remember, attendance at these workshops qualify as volunteer hours and the Wisconsin DNR awards us a \$12 credit towards our grants for each volunteer hour.

### **Spring AIS Workshop to be held on Big Trade Lake**



Can you identify the invasive plant in the picture? It's Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), a highly invasive exotic species that is rapidly consuming our lakes. The RTLIA is in the process of planning two educational workshops to be held this season, one in the Spring and one in late Summer. The Spring workshop will be held at 10AM on May 13 at the Big Trade Lake east public boat launch at Pickerel Point. The workshop will be attended by Burnett County AIS specialist Emily Moore and will focus on CLP. This invasive is intolerant of warm water and dies off in late spring. This seems like a good thing but before it dies off it drops "seeds" for the next year. And to make it even worse, as it dies off it decays and releases a massive biological load to fuel the growth of other invasive weeds.

### **Summer AIS Workshop to be held on Round Lake**



Can you identify the invasive plant in this picture? It's Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and it is another highly invasive exotic species that is consuming our lakes. The Summer workshop will be held at 3PM on August 5th at the Round Lake public boat launch. This workshop will be attended by our Lake Scientist Dave Blumer.

We will meet at the boat launch and split into groups for two events. A tour of the terrestrial and aquatic littoral zones near the inlet of the Trade River with our Lake Scientist Dave Blumer and a tour of the Round Lake Galerucella Beetle rearing station guided by our own Bill Piotrowski. The workshop will focus on identification and removal of EWM and our ongoing efforts to control the highly invasive Purple Loosestrife.

**The Value of Volunteer Hours** - No RTLIA newsletter would be complete without a plea for both membership donations and volunteer hours. Remember that membership dues put money in the bank. But volunteer hours reimburse the association's financial responsibility for our DNR grants and keep that membership money in the bank! In 2023 we will need about \$4000 of membership funds to support the association's responsibility toward our DNR grants. The Wisconsin DNR gives us a \$12 per hour credit for volunteer activities that support our grant so if we get 330 hours from volunteers, that \$4000 stays in our bank account for future projects!

The scope of the grant determines what work is reimbursable. Planning grants, like those that we will be supporting in 2023, prioritize activities related to education and identification of invasive species. If you have questions about how your time can be applied to support our grants, please contact an RTLIA board member. Below are a few activities that we will need your time to help complete in 2023:

**Raising and Releasing Galerucella Beetles** - These beetles eat Purple Loosestrife. We have Round Lake covered for 2023 but need a volunteer for Big Trade and/or Little Trade.

**Invasive Plant Surveys** - Wading, kayaking, fishing, or just cruising the lake? If you are looking for invasives, your time applies to the grant.

**Invasive Plant Removal** - This work requires some training before it can be accepted by the DNR. The reason for training is the DNR wants us to remove only invasives and not the native plants. Contact a board member if you need training. And once you are trained, you qualify as a trainer!

**EDUCATION!** - Almost anything goes here. When you talk to your neighbors, ask them if they have joined the lakes association. Remind them of what we do to improve and protect our lakes. Inspect their dock area and point out invasives. Talk about shoreline restoration and most of all, make sure you log your time!

**Member Spotlight - Richard Tober** - I came up here in the 1970's and remember good hearted farmers, crystal clear lake water and a glowing Milky Way stretched across a black night sky. Mr. Schuster, owner of Cedar Point Resort had impressed me with the free-flowing water coming from sand points he drove through thirty feet of hard pan clay. He said he couldn't do it all at once, so he just did a round of pounding every day over many months.

I also remember what my brother calls the brutal winters up here. Coming up to my mother's unoccupied cabin in the dead of winter I parked on Cedar Point Road and walked a thousand feet on the snowed in driveway to get some things.

At times when it's really cold it is also deathly still and quiet like that night was. Hurrying back to my car I felt my hands stiffening from the cold and feared they would not be able to work the car door handle. Those were the days when men were men and winters were brutal.

**Editor's Note:** Richard is the guy in the picture, and it was 18 degrees below zero that day, with a smile and no gloves!

