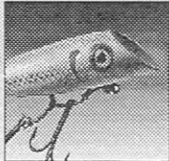




Lake Washburn Association NEWSLETTER

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EARTH DAY REMINDER

"If we fail to make the necessary decisions, nature will make them for us. The absence of a conservation ethic is our major problem. Education is the key. It will give us the political will necessary to forge a sustainable society."

(Gaylord Nelson, former Governor of Wisconsin and founder of Earth Day.)
Remember Earth Day,
April 22, 1999



Spring Ahead



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pat Behning



It has not been an ideal winter, in my opinion. We have not had enough snow nor enough sustained cold weather to properly enjoy snowmobiling, skiing, or ice skating. However, we can still look forward to spring and summer and all the wonders that it will bring.

The Cass County Enhanced 911 System is being implemented. By now you have received notification of your new address and street name. Many Lake residents have not been satisfied with the street names, but the County assures us that it is progress and ultimately beneficial.

Many new signs are already in place and the remainder are scheduled to be put up this spring or early summer.

Included in this newsletter is a map of Lake Washburn which identifies the new street and road names. It is hoped this will be helpful to you.

Please pay special notice to the "Dates to Remember" section. It is hoped many of you will volunteer to help with boat monitoring and road clean-up. Also, we would like to see you at the General Meetings. Your input is essential to the success of the Lake Washburn Association.

The main goal of LWA is to protect and preserve the pristine quality of our lake. If you have ideas or suggestions that will better help us reach that goal, we would sincerely like to hear from you.

Please contact a Board member or an Officer with any concerns you may have. We also encourage you to return your membership form promptly. A self addressed envelope is included with this Newsletter for your convenience.

I, personally, would appreciate articles and/or pictures which I could include in further issues of the Newsletter. The articles last year by Lake residents were most interesting and informative. More things of that nature would certainly be delightful additions.

I thank you in advance for your interest in the Lake Washburn Association.

Pat Behning

1998 LWA OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

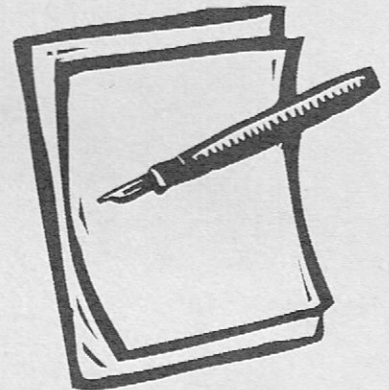
The following are the 1998 LWA Officers and Directors. Please feel free to call and talk with any of them with you concerns about Lake Washburn and the association.

OFFICERS; (One year terms)

PRESIDENT:	Pat Behning	218-792-5111
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Gary Ahlquist	218-792-5452 / 612-448-6371
Terry Carlson	218-792-5829 / 612-427-2792
George Fortmeyer	218-792-5416 / 651-631-0154
Mark Hegman	218-792-5499 / 612-920-2392
LaVon Heston	218-792-5455 / 515-282-6432
Rolie Hron	218-792-5517 / 612-934-8050
Jon Rask	218-792-5257
Cleone Riener	651-483-4497



BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Gary Ahlquist	DNR, PRWPF Contact	Rolie Hron	General Meetings Programs
Marje Anderson	Treasurer, Camp Portage Scholarships	Ron Nichols	Vice-President, Adopt-A-Highway
Pat Behning	President, Newsletter, Board & General Meetings	Don Peterson	Secretary
Terry Carlson	Nominating and Auditing Committees	JJon Rask	Buoys, Secchi Discs, Fish Committee
George Fortmeyer	Boat Monitoring	Cleone Riener	Boat Monitoring
Mark Hegman	Ice Cream Social, PRWPF Contact	Please contact any board member with your concerns and suggestions for the Lake Washburn Association. This is YOUR organization!	
LaVon Heston	Advertising		



HARMFUL EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES

Zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, ruffe, and other harmful exotics pose a threat to Minnesota waters and native aquatic plants and animals. These non-indigenous invaders also pose a threat to water-based recreation, including fishing.

Currently, these harmful exotics are living in relatively few Minnesota lakes and rivers. But, they could easily spread – and new species could enter from other states – if citizens who use state waters don't take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of harmful exotic species.

Eurasian watermilfoil: In shallow waters, this aquatic plant can interfere with water recreation, and its floating surface mats can crowd out important native plants. Fragments clinging to boats and trailers can spread the prolific plant from one water body to another.

Round goby: This bottom-dwelling fish from Europe can displace native bottom-dwelling fish and is a nuisance for anglers. It poses a threat to fisheries in the Great Lakes, where it has already entered, and in inland fisheries.

Ruffe: This small, perch-like fish, native to Europe, is very abundant in the Duluth harbor. It displaces several native fish species and is a nuisance for anglers. Ruffe can be accidentally transported in bait buckets and livewells.

Zebra mussel: This small mussel from Asia displaces native mussels, disrupts lake ecosystems, and clogs industrial equipment. Zebra mussels attach to boats, aquatic plants, and objects placed in the water. The tiny larvae can be accidentally transported in live wells and bait buckets.

EXOTIC SPECIES LAWS

Prohibition And Restrictions, Transportation, Launching, and Bait Harvest:

It is unlawful to:

Transport aquatic plants, ruffe, round goby, zebra mussels, or other prohibited Exotic species on public roads;

Transport water (including in livewells and bait containers) from infested waters;

Launch a watercraft with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited exotic species attached;

Harvest minnows, frogs, or any other wild animals from infested waters for bait.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

Nets and other equipment used in infested waters for commercial fishing must be dried for 10 days before using in non-infested waters;

Water from infested waters may not be used to transport live fish.

PROHIBITED EXOTIC SPECIES

Aquatic Plants in Minnesota Waters:

Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian milfoil, flowering rush, and purple loosestrife.

Aquatic Plant Not Known to be in Minnesota Waters:

African oxygen weed, aquarium watermoss, giant salvinia, Australian stoncrop, European frog-bit, hydrilla, Indian swampweed, water aloe or water soldiers, and water chestnut.

Fish in Minnesota Waters:

Grass carp, Round goby, ruffe, sea lamprey, white perch.

Fish Not Known to be in Minnesota Waters:

Bighead carp, black carp, rudd, silver carp, or zander.

LIMITED INFESTATION OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

Each year, lakes known to have less than 10 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil are designated as having "limited infestations". These lakes have signs posted at the public water access sites. The areas where control work is planned on these lakes are marked with yellow buoys. On these specific lakes, entry into the marked areas by boaters, anglers, or other water users is prohibited. (Exceptions: emergencies involving human life, milfoil control efforts, or by owners or lessees of land adjacent to the marked areas who do not have water access other than through the marked areas.)

HOW YOU CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF EXOTICS

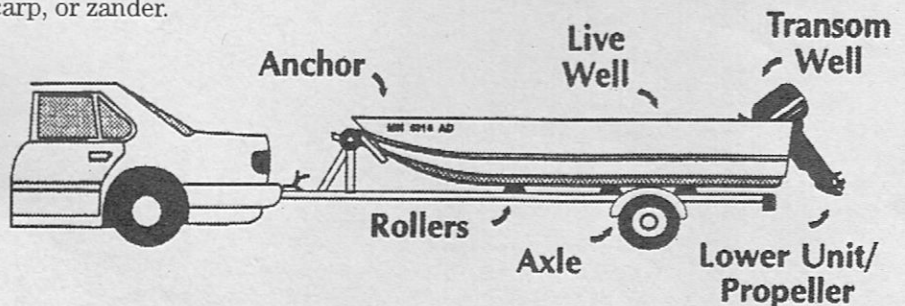
Remove any visible plants and animals from your boat, trailer, and other boating equipment before leaving any water body.

Drain water from the motor, livewell, bilge, and transom wells at the ramp or access before leaving any water body.

Dispose of unwanted live bait on land. Never release live bait into a water body, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another.

Wash/dry your boat and other boating equipment to kill harmful exotic animal species that were not visible at the boat launch. Before transporting to another water body either;

Rinse your boat and boating equipment that normally get wet with hot tap water; or





Spray your boat and trailer with high-pressure water at a carwash; or

Dry your boat and equipment for at least five days.

For more information, call the DNR Exotic Species Program at 1-651-296-2835 or 1-888-646-6367 (MINNDNR).

Reprinted from the Official BOAT SHOW Program, January 1999.

LUSCHERS PARK NEEDS NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Emily/Outing Jaycees are sponsoring a fund drive for professional, safe, and handicapped accessible playground equipment to be installed in Luschers Park.

Luschers Park, the only park in the Outing area, has become the focal point for community activities such as 4th of July fireworks and the annual Outing in Outing event. We feel our community's children will benefit greatly from the improvement to the park. There are other improvements being planned for the park as well. These could include a new landing, beach and permanent satellites.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

People often ask, "How can I give back to my community?" Here is a great way to do just that and a great time to do it. It is easy! Simply mail a donation to:

Pine River State Bank
Luschers Playground Equipment Fund (L.P.E.F.)
P.O. Box 97
Emily, MN 56447

Watch the indicator sign in Luschers Park to view our progress. Thank you! Your donation is making a difference in our community.

Project Co-chairs
Therese Kunz, I.D.V.P.
Brian Olds, P.R.V.P.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY;

We will be cleaning Lake Washburn Road (Highway 48) from State Highway 6 to the end of the paved road at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22; Saturday, July 3; and Saturday September 4, 1999. Be sure to wear gloves (and boots if rainy). Contact Ron Nichols at 218-792-5386 for more details.

BOAT MONITORING:

The public access ramp will be the location for monitoring boats entering and leaving Lake Washburn during the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends during 1999. To sign up as a volunteer and/or for more information contact Cleone Riener, 651-483-4497, or George Fortmeyer, 218-792-5416 or 612-631-0154.

GENERAL MEETINGS;

- June 5, 1999 Coffee - 9:00 a.m.
- Business Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- August 14, 1999 Ice Cream Social - 6:00 p.m.
- Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

- May 8, 1999 8:00 a.m.
- June 5, 1999 8:00 a.m.
- July 17, 1999 8:00 a.m.
- August 14, 1999 8:00 a.m.
- September 11, 1999 8:00 a.m..

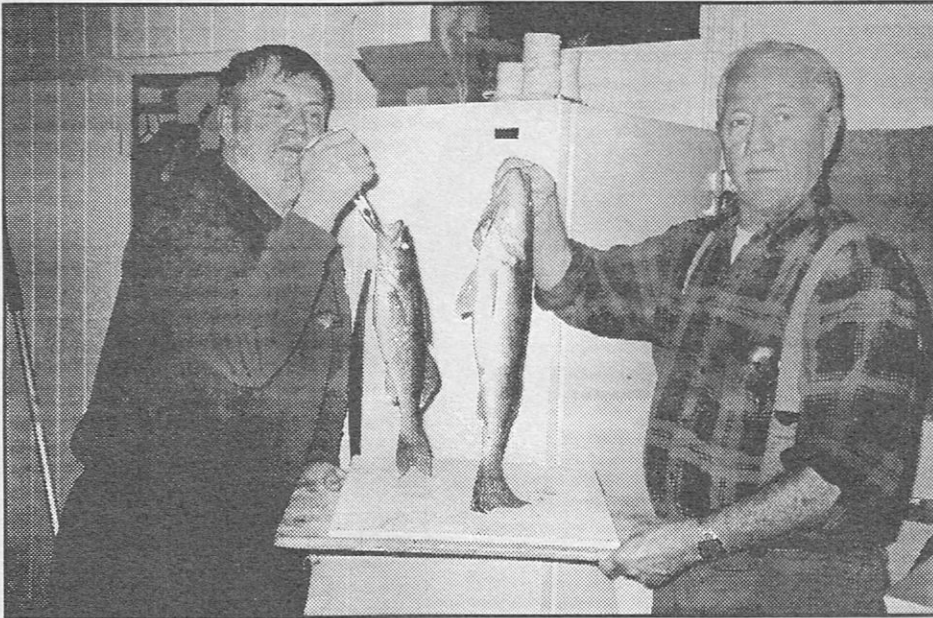
All Board Meetings are open to the general membership and are held at the Outing Town Hall

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

BY ROAD AREAS, AS OF AUGUST 19, 1998

Road	# on Road	# Paid	# Not Paid	% Members
Bear / 48 / Birch	27	15	12	56
Eastburn	38	25	13	66
Fehrs / Lois Lane	67	41	26	61
Longwood Point	46	31	15	67
Peninsula Road	105	75	30	71
Plummers Point	19	17	2	89
West Washburn / Patron Drive	24	15	9	62
Other	2	1	1	50
TOTALS	328	220	108	67
Newsletters Only	7			
TOTAL	335			

Because of the Enhanced 911 System, many road names have been changed. These changes will be reflected in the membership summaries for 1999.



WHO SAYS ?

Just after midnight, January 1, 1999, Alvin Wallin, of St. Louis Park, and Ron Behning, of Lake Washburn, caught several nice walleyes on Lake Washburn. Pictured are two of the fish caught. One was 3-plus pounds and the other was over a pound and a half.

During the next week to ten days, Behning caught several more of equal or larger sizes. SO - contrary to public opinion, they are in there!

FINANCIAL REPORT

During 1998 the Lake Washburn Association received \$4115.56 of income. Of the total income, \$2410.00 was from membership dues. We earned \$452.15 in interest on our investments. We received \$803.41 in extra donations from our members to our Ecology, Hydro-Lab, Fish, and General Funds. Local merchants paid a total of \$450 for advertisements in our newsletter.



Remember, all dues and donations to LWA are tax deductible.

Our expenditures for 1998 totaled \$2472.13. Duplicating costs for the newsletter, along with postage for mailing the same, came to a total of \$1704.88, our largest expense. Fees to the bank and post office amounted to \$36.25. Association dues (i.e. LWA membership in the Minnesota Lakes Association) and conferences totaled \$122.00. Our donations to local agencies were \$200.00, and we provided a \$200.00 scholarship to Camp Portage. We had miscellaneous expenses of \$209.00 for food and supplies. Our net income for the year was \$1643.43.

LWA began the year with invested cash of \$6604.48. An additional C.D. was purchased, and two C.D.s were combined to get a better interest rate, so we ended the year with \$8036.83 in investments. Two C.D.s are with the Crosby Bank and one is with the Pine River Bank. There is a total of \$2471.42 in our Checking and Money Market Account at the Crosby Bank.

The total Net Worth of the Association for the year 1998 is \$10,508.25. This is an increase of \$1643.43 over 1997

DNR UPDATE

(Gary Anderson - Forester)

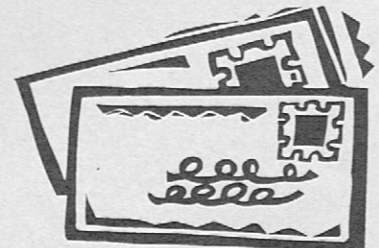
In a 1990 out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit regarding timber harvest on public lands in Crow Wing, Cass, and Aitkin counties, an agreement was reached that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, would supply a list of tracts planned for harvest to interested parties. A list of tracts located in parts of Cass and Crow Wing counties, which are administered by the Pequot Lakes Area Forestry Office, is available. Also, a list of sites scheduled for site preparation for reforestation purposes in the Pequot Lakes Area can be obtained.

Requests for these lists or questions concerning the information contained in the lists should be made to MN DNR FORESTRY, PO BOX 27, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, 218-568-4566.

1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OPENS

The 1999 session of the Minnesota Legislature opened on January 5, and is expected to run until the third week of May. However, with a new governor and a Republican controlled House and a Democratic Senate, there is a strong possibility that it may take considerably longer to complete the new budget, tax relief and other important legislation.

To keep abreast of legislation, order Session Weekly, a free weekly newsletter published by the House during the session. It contains a summary of bills pending and newly introduced, committee schedules, and other information. Call 612-296-2146 or 800-657-3550.





CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

General Legislative Contacts:

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100 Constitution Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota Senate

75 Constitution Ave.
St. Paul MN 55155

To Identify Your Legislators or To Contact Them:

Call 800-657-3550 or 612-296-2146

For Bill Identification or Status:

House - 612-296-6646
Senate - 612-2296-2887

For A Copy Of A Bill - Call:

House Bills - 612-296-2314
Senate Bills - 612-296-2343

Hearing And Committee Schedules:

House - 612-296-9283
Senate - 612-296-8088

Internet Contacts:

The General Form for Senate E-Mail is:
Sen.(first name).(last name).@senate.leg.state.mn.us
Check listings at:
<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/email.htm>

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M E M B E R S H I P

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Lake Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Fire#: _____

Yearly Membership Donation: \$10.00 (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) New Renewal

Additional Donation (amount): _____

Ecological Fund Hydro-lab General Fund Other (specify)

Mail completed form to:

*Lake Washburn Association
Box 26 • Outing, MN 56662*



Remember Earth Day, April 22, 1999



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