



Lake Washburn Association NEWSLETTER

Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environment for Future Generations

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Mark Your Calendars:

*County Road 48 Pick Up
Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00 a.m.*

*General Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 10th at 9:00 a.m.*



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dan Schultz

I don't know about you, but the more I try and learn about the science of lakes and the quality measurements that science provides the more I feel unsure of what the data is telling me.

Take for instance the Secchi Disc Readings. How do you go from 3 years of consecutive improvements (2002-2004) on the average readings to last year (2005) being the worst year (only 9.3 ft)? What does that data really tell us? I mention this one because it is probably the one we are most familiar with. What about all the other scientific readings that need to be analyzed to determine lake quality trends and sensitivity to change?

When I asked both the Cass County Environmental Services Office and the Minnesota Control Agency about the readings and their significance year over year the answers added to my inability to decipher the data. Lake levels may influence the data, rain amounts influence the data, temperatures influence the data, and wind may influence the data among numerous other factors.

The good news is that there are scientists that are trained to analyze all this data and give us their best recommendations in laymen terms as to what the data means.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has done just that. In 2004 they did a detailed assessment of Washburn Lake and Lake George. During 2005 they studied and compiled the data and filed their findings. The detailed report can be found on their web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/reports/wq-lar11-0059.pdf>.

Their number one recommendation was: Both lakes are sensitive to a change in trophic status because they presently have relatively low total phosphorus and chlorophyll-*a* concentrations. Relatively minor increases in the nutrient loading rates from any watershed or in-lake source which would increase the in-lake total phosphorus concentrations could degrade the lakes. It is essential, therefore, that lake protection efforts be conveyed to the local government (zoning and land use authorities) as well as local property users.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (from the front page)

The scary part to me is the term "relatively minor increases...". It was especially relevant since it resonated back to an earlier meeting I had with the Cass County Environmental Agency this spring. It appears that Cass County now has its first 'impaired lake'. Lake Margaret reached its "tipping point". The scary part is how fast it went from having good data telling it everything was good to now having the "impaired lake" status. What were their *relatively minor changes* that made it reach its "tipping point"?

I don't have to be a scientist to know this - the data (PCA recommendations along with the Lake Margaret news) tells me that we have to continue to be vigilant in "Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environmental for Future Generations".

What can you do to help delay our 'tipping point'?

The top two things that every lake owner can do to slow down the 'tipping point':

- Maintain a buffer zone to filter out nutrients from reaching the lake
- Proper maintenance of your septic system to prevent nutrient overload

Note: If you do not have access to the internet to read the MN Pollution Control Agency 2004 Lake Assessment Program give me a call and I can have a hard copy sent to you (952) 423-3536.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for

**Saturday, June 10th,
9:00 AM.** Lake Washburn Association will be holding its first general membership meeting of 2006.



Eleanor Burkett,
Regional Extension

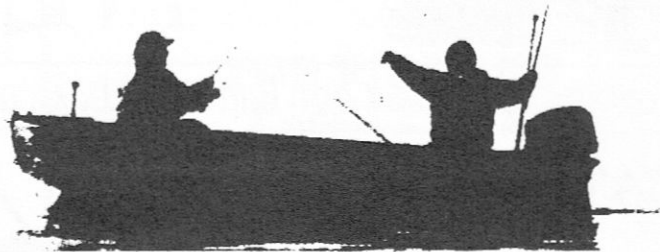
Educator, from the University of Minnesota Extension Service will be giving an excellent presentation on shoreline restoration.

Come and enjoy Eleanor's presentation, have some refreshments, and visit with friends and neighbors!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Did you know?

Fishing licenses became a requirement for Minnesotans in 1927. That year 386,000 anglers were licensed for a fee of 50 cents each.



CARING FOR WATERS TOGETHER

(Reprinted from the back cover of the 2006 Minnesota Fishing Regulations guidebook.)

As you read this, we at the Department of Natural Resources hope you are kicking back in a boat, drifting along a river or otherwise enjoying the great fishing Minnesota has to offer.

And as you fish, we also ask that you look around. What color is the water? How developed are the shorelines? What is different from a decade ago? How would you like things to be in the future?

If a youngster is with you, ask him or her to do the same. Learn from each other.

We ask this because fishing quality is dependent upon many things, including you. Truth is, the DNR employs about 350 men and women to manage, rear and research fish. This number pales in comparison to you, the 2 million anglers who spend some 57 million hours each year fishing Minnesota's inland lakes.

So we must work together. We must work together to protect our waters, conserve and enhance habitat and do the things that will result in good fishing in the future. That sounds like a lot. And maybe it is. But when each individual angler casts his or her effort in the same direction, the collective results can be amazing. And those results can begin with something as simple as voluntarily releasing a keeper-sized fish.

Nature blessed Minnesota with an abundance of lakes, rivers, streams and fish. Together, our state has worked to protect that blessing through sound fish management, pioneering research, aquatic education, and conservation enforcement. Today, Minnesota is one of the nation's top five fishing destinations. We're proud of that. We intend to keep it that way. And we welcome your help in achieving this goal.

So, be a conservationist. Be a mentor to a kid who does not yet know that the water works wonders for the spirit and soul. Be safe. And know that we wish you the best as you step outside and explore all that Minnesota has to offer. --Your DNR Staff

2006 BOARD MEMBERS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Listed below are the 2006 Lake Washburn Association board members as well as their general responsibilities. Please contact any of these members, or send an email to LWA@mnlakes.org with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

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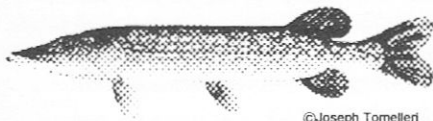
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HEAD STICKERS

Soon after they hatch, northern pike glue themselves to underwater plants with a sticky spot on their heads and hang out there for a week or two while their mouths and fins finish developing.



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SHORELINE QUESTIONS

Taken from the May-June 2006 issue of the DNR's Minnesota Conservation Volunteer

"Stay away from that shoreline" seems to be the message to lakeshore owners across the state lately. As the project coordinator for a watershed project in rural Minnesota, I've learned a lot and been to a lot of meetings regarding the protection of shorelines. It appears to be a common perception that well-manicured shorelines are a bad thing. Let me pose a question: If a lakeshore owner does not use turf fertilizer with phosphorus, does not blow lawn clippings into the lake, does not allow campfire ashes to wash into the lake, keeps pet waste from washing into the lake, is he still a poor steward and a polluter of public waters?

Jan Shaw Wolff of DNR Ecological Services responds: The stewardship practices you mention are good, but they do not provide many other ecosystem benefits offered by a natural shoreline buffer. Manicured lawns to the water's edge and the removal of aquatic vegetation near the shore reduces essential habitat for fish and other aquatic life as well as upland animals such as birds, butterflies, turtles, and frogs. In addition, upland plants anchor soil and filter runoff and sediment going into the lake, while aquatic plants absorb erosive wave energy, stabilize bottom sediments, and filter contaminants. A native plant buffer can also deter Canada geese.

BOAT LAUNCHING TIP:
To make the job of launching your boat much easier...
Remove tie-downs first!

RAIN BARRELS ARE COMING TO CROW WING COUNTY!!!!

The Northland Arboretum here in Brainerd is gathering the names of people that would like to order rain barrels. At this point we can not definitely say how much they will cost, but depending on how many people sign up the cost should be considerably less than if an individual buys them online.

If you would like to see what these 50-gallon terra cotta-colored rain barrels look like please stop by the Northland Arboretum, there is one currently on display in the lobby area.

To add your name to the list please call the Northland Arboretum at (218)829-8770.

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LAKE REFLECTIONS

My daughter, Elizabeth, wrote this short story about her memories of summer days on Lake Washburn. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Betty Bohrer, summer resident since 1952.

Sincerely, Carolyn Oldre

The Kitchen Table

The sun glistens through the window over the kitchen table. The lake is calm. Morning is here and we meet at the table. Grandma, Mom, sister and brother. For breakfast, cereal from tiny boxes and orange juice. We all stay at the table to chat. We play a quick game of cribbage because we know it makes Mom happy. Game over and there is always work to be done at the cabin.

The brush needs to be cleared, and we need the trailer to carry the brush. WAIT, the trailer is broken and we need different tools. A trip to town and maybe an ice cream cone. Forty-two flavors, two scoops, and a malted milk ball in the bottom. Mom could get me to do anything for those cones. I ate mine quickly, making sure the drips of melting ice cream didn't get on my hand. I miss a few, and the stick stays on for hours.

We grab some tools at the store to fix the trailer and it's back to work. Cutting brush isn't that bad, but I always have to be the gopher. I hate being the gopher. My older brother always gets to use the power tools we rent from town. Grandma goes in early to make lunch.

Once again we meet at the table. The lake is busy now, boats towing tubers and skiers. It looks like fun! We stuff our faces, the faster we eat, the sooner we get to play. Swimsuits on, its time to hit the lake. I say to my brother, "I'll race you." Before I can say, "On your mark, get set go," he is already running. Knee boarding, swimming, and maybe a little fishing off the dock. I like to catch the perch that swim in close. Once I caught a perch and named him Flippy. He was my pet for about a day.

Four o'clock and we head back to watch "Oprah." We only get one station, but I don't really mind. There is only a shadow of sun on the kitchen table as we gather for dinner. It doesn't take us long to eat. Mom wants to go fishing and sets the stakes. "A prize for the biggest fish." I slip on my Grandpa's old overalls. They smell a little like mothballs from being folded in the iron chest. Grandpa died before I was born, but I think he would like me wearing them. I grab the worms from the fridge. This time I beat my brother. We fish until dusk. Maybe we catch a few, but mostly we spend our time playing twenty questions. The sun is beginning to set and it's time to head in.

There is no sun now coming through the window. The darkness, like a black velvet cloth, covers the lake. We gather for one last time at the table. Cribbage, 500 or Chinese Checkers. Laughs and popcorn are shared while watching the news.

It is late and we leave the kitchen table. See you tomorrow.

ADOPT-A-LOON PROGRAM

By Richard Nelles

At last summers Lake Association meeting we asked for volunteers to adopt a loon platform. Many families came forward, more than we had platforms for. Because of territorial rights by nesting pairs we may be reaching capacity. Also they like to have their nests out of the prevailing winds. They like the backside of islands or points, or back in bays out of the wind. That could be another factor in putting out additional platforms.

Seven platforms were put out, one each by the following families: Jerry & Jackie Hagel, John & Kathleen Harris, Ron & Jane Gaskill, Dave & Linda Snesrud, Dick & Sandy Seelye, Todd & Cami Cartwright and Richard Nelles. Something special needs to be said about the Cartwright family.

Todd and Cami have three boys, Drake age 9, Brant age 7, and Brock age 3. All three boys expressed an interest in putting out a platform. They didn't want me to put it out and then adopt it. Todd and the boys made a special trip up here on Easter Sunday afternoon to my house. The boys raked up all the long grass needed for the nest. The grass came from my lakeshore buffer. Todd, the boys and myself got into the boat and went to the southeast side of the lake in a small bay and put the platform in. Now Drake and his family will follow the progress and Drake will be doing a school report on this project. Hats off to the Cartwright Family and the Lake Washburn Association for providing a special education for a young man and family. Let's hope a pair of loons adopt their platform.



THE HUNT FOR SPAWNING BEDS

By John Harris

"Look, Pa, those fools are out there again! This ice is barely off the lake, it's the middle of the night, it's cold and I think it's even beginning to rain. What do you suppose they are doing?"

If you saw strange lights on the lake near your cabin between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. shortly after the ice was off the lake, that might have been your reaction. In fact, chances are it was nothing more than a continuation of a project that started last year in coordination with DNR to understand and hopefully improve game fishing on our lake. Several dedicated association members were out nights on the lake, using bright lights to look for northern and then walleye spawning beds. The process began on the east basin and then continued on the north and west basins as the ice went off the various parts of the lake.

Important Note: It is illegal to "shine" for walleyes, just as it is for deer. The task force has been able to do this when looking for walleye spawning beds only because they have been working in coordination with the fisheries and the enforcement divisions of the DNR.

The walleye and northern phases of the project are now completed for 2006. While the report is still being drafted at the time this article was written, we are pleased to note that the results are somewhat more encouraging than they were in 2005.

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YOUR LAKES, OUR LAKES:

Lawn to Lake is Bad

By Paul Radomski and Russ Schultz

Many people like to look out across a beautiful lake or enjoy nature by fishing or boating. You can see the evidence of this on the highways heading north out of the cities on Friday afternoon. Visitor surveys note that the top reason people visit the area is to escape to natural areas.

Perhaps we should not put our best asset at risk. In a recent survey of Minnesotans, 85% cite development as a cause of decline in scenic quality. But, development does not have to harm scenic quality.

All of us, personally and as a community, can protect our lakes and shorelines, through individual acts and through shoreland development standards and ordinances that regulate development around our lakes.

Recent research has shown that current shoreland rules are not providing enough protection. There are approximately 225,000 residential lake lots in Minnesota. And, while most lakeshore owners leave or restore native vegetation along the shore, more than 25% have a mowed lawn down to the lake. The cumulative impact of those lawns is substantial.

Biologists have found that the trees, shrubs, and the forest understory near the shore declined over time on developed shoreline. This change in lakeshore habitat leads to different bird communities. Common suburban-style birds like chickadees, blue jays, and grackles replace the uncommon 'species of special concern' birds like warblers and vireos along developed shores.

The loss of trees along shore means less trees that fall into the water. Fallen trees provide habitat for fish. Biologists have determined that this loss of trees due to development will negatively affect fish for centuries.

Green frogs, which are often common along shore, disappeared where development exceeded 30 homes per mile (or where the average lot width is 180 feet). Male green frogs establish breeding territories within two feet of the lake's edge, and disturbance to the shoreline vegetation eliminates their habitat.

Jeff Reed, a biologist studying crappie nesting in three Alexandria area lakes, found only 24 of the 897 crappie nests near developed shoreline. Crappies were selecting undeveloped shorelines for their spawning and nesting activity at significantly higher rates. Why? Nearly 90% of the crappie nests were near bulrush, and this emergent plant is sensitive to recreational activity and often declines near developed shore.

Hydrologists and chemists have also found interesting differences with the 'lawn to lake' style of shoreline compared to a native vegetated shoreline. Rainwater runoff from 'lawn to lake' shoreline was measured to be 5 to 10 times higher than forested shorelines. The 'lawn to lake' shoreline allows 7 to 9 times more phosphorus to enter the lake than a more natural native vegetated shoreline. Phosphorus is plant nutrient, and more of it entering the lake means more algae resulting in lower water clarity.

A lawn down to the lake is bad. It diminishes fish and wildlife, reduces water quality, and degrades the scenic quality of the lake. Because of this, many people are seeking higher shoreline vegetation standards that local communities can add to their ordinances.

For example, new standards could require lakehome owners to preserve or establish a native forest buffer along the lake. The timber harvest industry and farmers must leave a vegetative buffer along lakes to protect water quality. To be fair, why not require the same of lakehome owners? Alternatively, some people suggest incentives are needed to promote good shoreline management. Burnett County in Wisconsin has an interesting incentive program. To protect forest buffers along lakes, Burnett County gives participants a one-time payment of \$250 and an annual \$50 property tax credit in exchange for the landowner's agreement to maintain a minimum 35-foot forested buffer next to the lake.

Your shoreline is a portrait of your values and ecological wisdom. A forested shoreline shows that you understand your duty to our lakes. Citizens working on the Shoreland Rules Update project understand their community responsibility, and they are encouraging both higher shoreline vegetation standards and local incentive programs to protect our lakes.

The Governor's Clean Water Initiative pilot project in the north central lakes area aims to bring people together to create an alternative set of shoreland development standards in the lakes area. Details of the Shoreland Rules Update project can be found at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters> [click on the Governor's Clean Water Initiative link], and comments can be emailed to shorelandupdate@dnr.state.mn.us

Paul Radomski, research scientist, and Russ Schultz, hydrologist, work for the DNR at the Brainerd area office. Paul Radomski can be reached at (218) 833-8643 and Russ Schultz at (218) 833-8688.

Details of the Shoreland Rules Update project are online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters. Click on the Governor's Clean Water Initiative link. E-mail comments to: shorelandupdate@dnr.state.mn.us

Note: This is one in a series of eleven articles written on the science behind shoreland management. Watch for other "Your Lakes, Our Lakes" articles in future Newsletters.



FISH POSSESSION LIMITS

WALLEYE: 6 - Not more than 1 walleye over 20" may be taken each day

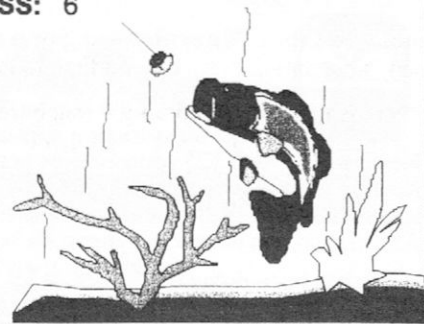
NORTHERN PIKE: 3 - Not more than 1 over 30" may be taken each day

LARGEMOUTH BASS: 6

CRAPPIE: 10

SUNFISH: 20

ROCK BASS: 30



FROM THE BOARD



Boat Monitoring 2006

By Bob Holman

LWA has scheduled our 2006 boat monitoring activities for the following weekends and times:

Opening Fishing Weekend:

(Already Completed)

Memorial Day Weekend:

May 26 - 4 pm to 6 pm

May 27 - 8 am to 6 pm

May 28 - 8 am to 6 pm

May 29 - 8 am to noon

July 4th Weekend:

June 30 - 4 pm to 6 pm

July 1 - 8 am to 4 pm

July 2 - 8 am to 4 pm

July 3 - 8 am to 4 pm

July 4 - 8 am to noon

All time slots are 2 hours in length. Be a volunteer; bring chairs, beverages (no alcohol), snacks and have the chance to meet new boaters; some will be residents of the lake, other boaters will be here just to enjoy Lake Washburn. It's easy and fun to do; the time passes quickly. A clipboard, instructions and handouts are provided. Please call Bob Holman at 651-454-7016 if you would like to volunteer. I will be calling others who have volunteered in the past to see if they would again offer their services for this valuable activity.

Let's keep Lake Washburn clean, clear and free of Eurasian watermilfoil.

Nominating Committee

By Dick Seelye



Lake Washburn Association requires qualified, engaged people who will support the Mission Statement which is "to work and make every effort to ensure that this beautiful lake and its environment will survive to be enjoyed by those generations which follow us."

The by-laws state the candidate requirements are that:

- Candidates must have been a member of the Association for at least one year prior to the election.
- Candidates, if at all possible, should be representative of the various geographical areas of the lake.

In addition there is a need to have a statement from each prospective board member of their background and interest so the membership can make an informed decision when voting. If you are interested in serving on the board or being part of the Nominating Committee, please contact Dick Seelye. My phone numbers are 218-792-5618 (cabin), 952-938-1387 (home), or email at dseelye@visi.com.

Newsletter Sponsors

By Dick Seelye



During the 2005 season, Rollie Hirman was able to get 16 more new sponsors for LWA's Newsletter. These \$25 sponsorships provide much needed funding for our Association and Rollie's efforts are greatly appreciated. Since these local companies are investing in our Association, we encourage you to do business with them.

Rollie has been doing this solely on his own and could certainly use your assistance on his team to actively recruit

sponsors or, at least, refer potential new sponsors to him for his follow-up. If you need to contact Rollie, his cabin phone is 218-792-5528 or email him at hirmanrollie@earthlink.net.

County Road 48 Cleanup

By John Leuthard

Lake Washburn Association

Annual County Road 48 Clean Up

Come join us Saturday June 3, 2006 at 9:00 AM

Bring along:

- Gloves
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Meet at County Road 48 (Washburn Lake Rd) and Longwood Point Road (Lake George Road)

Call: John Leuthard

218-792-5469



Fisheries Committee

By Harold Cazier



John Harris is again heading up this Spring's work on locating and recording spawning beds on the lake.

A separate article which discusses this work was written by John and is in this issue of the newsletter.

The fishing survey work that was started last year by the committee is continuing. Bonnie Johnson and Howard Dutton continue to lead this effort. Information collected and tabulated last year has been shared with the DNR and they are encouraging us to continue this work.

It is our hope that we can get more people to provide input to this effort. If you fish the lake (even occasionally) please get a hold of one of the pocket size fishing logs, record all your catches and turn the log into Howard or Bonnie in late Oct. 2006. The logs can be obtained from any member of the fisheries committee and at each of the Associations regular summer meetings.

In addition, later this summer there will be an information sign about the survey, as well as box to hold new and receive completed logs. This will be mounted at the boat landing at the campground.

Water Testing

By Don Gehrman



Water Testing plans are starting to take shape for our lake for this summer. We will be testing during the months of May - September. We will be testing for water clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll-a. The testing is being done at a lab in Detroit Lakes. We are looking for volunteers to drop the samples off at the lab on Sunday PM or Monday AM. Dave Snesrud has volunteered to deliver the May samples. If you are able to help, please contact me at 651-770-6782 or dgehrman@yahoo.com.

Spring is the time for fertilizing the yards. Remember to use phosphorus free fertilizer, and to make sure your septic system is working properly.

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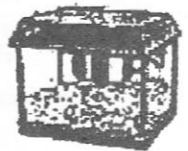
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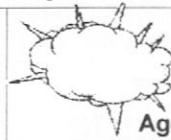
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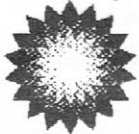
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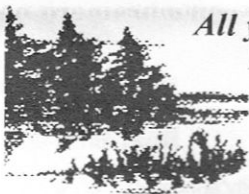
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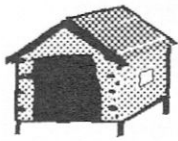


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NOTES FROM THE BOATHOUSE

By Kirk Smith

Land O' Lakes Marine

I just heard thunder! Man, is that a treat! Even after as easy a winter as we just had, spring is still a real blessing. The ice on area lakes is gone or very close to it. This inevitably brings about thoughts of fishing, docks, boats and the all important Outboard Motor.

Much has been made, in recent years, of the technology changes in outboards. So with spring here and boating on our collective minds, let's take a bit to consider what the turn of the millennium has brought us in the form of boat propulsion.

Since Ole Evinrude and the Johnson Brothers brought us (you guessed it) the portable outboard motor in the 1900's, we have seen very little substantial change in the basic technology that goes into outboard propulsion. The majority of the changes in the first 80 or so years since Ole hit the water with his 62 pound, \$62, 1.5 HP wonder, have been limited to modifications of the original concept and design.

Only in the last 25 years have real advancements been made into applying hi-tech engineering to outboards. Let's take a look at the original design and then consider what the motors have evolved into and what's available today.

Up until the late 1970's, most outboard motors were 2-cycle or 2-stroke. These 2 terms are used interchangeably to denote a lightweight internal combustion engine with a minimum of moving parts that produced a high power to weight ratio. These motors used a mixture of gasoline and oil that circulated through the moving internal parts of the motor to lubricate it before being drawn into the combustion chamber to burn for power. Because of their design, these motors are very inefficient, highly polluting, expensive to operate and tend to be very noisy. Refined versions of these motors were manufactured up until just this year. These are the motors that most of us have grown up with. I can still smell the smoke from my dad's old 7.5 hp Evinrude as we started up early to go fishing. Those were the days, huh?

Fast forward to the current era. Although some smaller manufacturers had made some attempts to market one, Honda outboards pioneered the 4-stroke or 4-cycle outboard. These two terms are used interchangeably to denote a heavier, internal combustion engine with a far greater number of moving parts that produces a generally lower power to weight ratio. 4-stroke motors are very similar to the engine in your automobile in that the internal moving parts are lubricated by a pressurized oil system. Of course you must change your car's oil regularly and the same goes for a 4-stroke outboard (generally once a year in the fall). What could possibly interest us in a less powerful, more complex, heavier motor? Many things, such as much greater fuel efficiency, very minimal pollution, extremely quiet operation, ease of starting and great reliability.

In the late 1990/early 2000's, the Environmental Protection Agency mandated that all new outboard motors manufactured starting in the 2006 model year, meet or exceed a new pollution control standard. How could the dirty, smelly, smoking 2-stroke outboards meet this challenge? Were they doomed to extinction? The industry met this challenge by

re-engineering the two stroke outboard with Direct Fuel Injection. This system, called E-Tec by Evinrude or OptiMax by Mercury, uses a computer to directly insert gasoline into the combustion chambers of the outboard with such precision of timing, that pollution is amazingly reduced! These new outboards share many of the characteristics of the four stroke outboards such as exceptional fuel efficiency, very quiet operation, no smoke and minimal expense for lubricating oil.

Electronic Fuel Injection has also been applied to the 4 stroke outboards in recent years giving them an extra measure of fuel economy and even further lowering their emissions. One manufacturer (Mercury) has even added a supercharger to it's 4-stroke, EFI motor to create a super clean, super powerful, high performance outboard called the Verado.

Perhaps at this point you are suffering from T.M.I. (Too Much Information). You may ask, "But what type of motor is best for my situation?". Many factors go into your decision on what type to purchase but, here are some rules of thumb: In general, the Direct Fuel Injected 2-strokes are somewhat "snappier" than their 4-stroke counterparts so in performance situations, the 2-stroke may be the best choice. The 4-stroke motors seem to have greater low end torque or "pulling power" under heavy loads and so may lend themselves to applications where large loads are encountered and a somewhat heavier motor are not an issue, such as pontoons. In the end, your very best resource for making this decision is probably the boat dealer that you do business with. These folks have seen many different applications and can advise you on what they have seen work the best.

We are blessed to live in a time when engineering advancements are being applied to this area of our recreational life. Who could have foreseen a time when your boat mechanic would work on your outboard with the use of a laptop computer or PDA? Who could have imagined a time when all major manufacturers of outboards would build a product so reliable that it almost never required repair? No more smoke, no more mixing oil & gas, no more choking the motors when cold. Just turn the key and enjoy!

Happy boating,
Kirk



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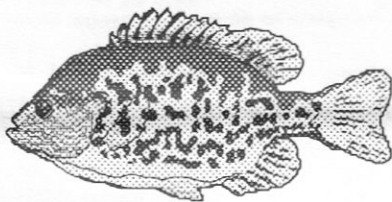
SPAWNING BEDS (from page 4)

We found a likely walleye spawning site on the east basin this year and a definite spot on north. In 2005, no spawning sites were located on either the east or north basins. The two primary walleye spawning sites located in 2005, Deadmans and Bear Paw points in the west basin, continue as the key locations in 2006 as well.

Next up, beginning in mid-late May and continuing into June, will be an effort to locate crappie and bass spawning sites. Crappie and bass beds are typically identified during the day with the best time being sunny, calm mornings. Last year, the task force failed in this attempt because of the generally windy, cloudy and/or rainy conditions that existed during the crappie/bass spawning season. Hopefully, this year will find the weather to be more cooperative.

We could use your help. Please, if you know (or think you might know) where crappies or bass have spawning beds, please call one of the members of this task force. We recognize that crappie beds in particular might be something about which you are reluctant to share information. That information will be provided the DNR but it is our intent to not generally publish crappie spawning sites as none of us would like to see increased fishing pressure on those sites.

Association members, Howard Dutton, Chuck Johnson, Greg Hosch, Richard Nelles, Rod Schlosser and John Harris, aka "those fools" are the 2006 task force dedicated to identifying the game fish spawning beds. Rod McKinley and Dave Snesrud also donned warm clothing and provided support during the walleye phase of the project.



DNR QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WEEDROLLERS

Q: Weedrollers have become a popular tool for eliminating unwanted vegetation along the shoreline, especially in the Brainerd Lakes area. What sort of problems do they cause for fish and water quality?

A: Mechanical devices, such as weedrollers, are commonly used to control aquatic vegetation in public waters and their use is regulated by the DNR through the issuing of permits. Not all sites are suitable for the operation of these devices, however. Although they can be an effective method of controlling vegetation, these machines can have a negative impact on lakes, which is an area of concern when it comes to lake management. The potentially harmful affects of the loss of aquatic plants are felt by a wide variety of species, including waterfowl, invertebrates, amphibians and fish. Specifically, weedrollers can decrease water clarity by displacing sediment and destroy fish spawning beds and nursery areas, and potentially impact recreational activities. Lakeshore owners should be aware of these tradeoffs when considering using such devices. A proper permit should be obtained before using any mechanical vegetation removal device.

--- Wayne Mueller, DNR Aquatic Plant Specialist

(Source: *MLA Lake Bulletin* - August 2005)

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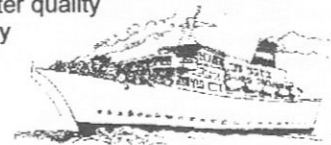
administers 29,770 acres; Cass County 11,520 acres, with the remaining 8,600 acres in private ownerships. Minnesota's 57 state forests were established to produce timber and other forest crops, to provide outdoor recreations, to protect watersheds, and to perpetuate rare and distinctive species of native flora and fauna. The Department of Natural Resources applies multiple use management principles to allocate state forest resources to meet the needs of Minnesota citizens. Management actions are planned to maximize the sustained yield of renewable resources, while maintaining or improving the forest's productive capacity. After the virgin pine was harvested, two-thirds of the forest regenerated naturally to the aspen-birch type. Pine was predominant on ten percent of the land. Northern and lowland hardwoods and some lowland conifers make up the balance. Timber in the Land O' Lakes State Forest is managed under a sustained yield system. Many areas regenerate naturally, however, others are replanted to insure future timber crops. The bulk of the forest lies to the north and east of Outing. Several major forest roads (Draper and Pikus) provide access to the interior for many types of outdoor activities.

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- Stanchfield, Vic & Bert
- Stepanek, Thomas & Rosemary
- Stevens, Thomas & Lisa
- Stubbs, Mark & Jan
- Stuhr, Stuart & Marilyn**
- Styrbicki, Tom & Dona
- Sullivan, Chris & Sue
- Swartfager, Marge**
- Sweazey, John & Connie
- Tennison, Philip & Kathleen
- Thielen, Ellen
- Thielen, James & Sue Henken
- Thomas, Jack & Gail
- Thomas, Matt & Judy
- ♦Thompson, Frank & Mary Ann
- ♦Toth, Dennis & Nancy
- Trummel, Gary & Geri
- Urness, Todd & Katherine
- VonBrugger, George & Dolores
- ♦Wahl, Al
- Wahl, Donald & Carol
- Wahl, Eric & Lynette**
- ♦Wahl, Tom & Barb
- Waters, Cliff & Marilyn
- Westman, Doris
- Wheeler, Jon
- Wheeler, Virginia
- Whiteley, Bill & Becca
- Whiteley, Margaret
- Whiteley, Terry & Diane
- Whitney, Kathryn**
- ♦Wilder, Mike & Sue
- ♦Williams, Larry & Sharon
- Wraalstad, Gregory & Wendy

♦ These members have made an additional donation along with their membership. Thank you for your generosity!



IT'S TIME... TO SEND IN YOUR 2006 DUES

Use the membership form below
and the return envelope you will find
included with your newsletter.

THANK YOU!!!

Reminder: Joint property owners may each be
members as well as other adult family members.

DON'T FORGET THE JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

The annual 4th of July boat parade will be held on
Saturday, July 1st at 1:00 p.m. --- meet in front of Jack &
Grace Schuller's. The parade takes about an hour as it
goes around Birch Bay and to the Narrows and back.

*Decorate your boat and join in the fun
or just come and watch!*

2006 CALENDAR

General Meetings

Saturday, June 10 9:00 AM
Saturday, August 12 9:00 AM
(Ice Cream Social to follow
meeting at 11:00 AM)

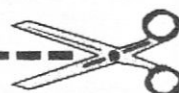
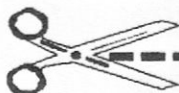
Board Meetings

Saturday, May 13 8:00 AM
Saturday, June 10 8:00 AM
Saturday, July 8 8:00 AM
Saturday, August 12 8:00 AM
Saturday, September 9 8:00 AM

Both General Meetings and Board Meetings
will be held at the Crooked Lake Town Hall in
Outing unless otherwise notified. Association
members are invited to attend any or all of the
above meetings.

LWA Website

www.mnlakes.org/LWA



Lake Washburn Association

2006 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please check your mailing label for your membership status.)

Annual Membership Dues: \$15.00* (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

New Renewal Contribution Only

Name _____

Permanent Address _____ Email Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Lake Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Winter Address (If different from above) _____ City _____

State/Zip _____ I will be at this address from _____ until _____

I am interested in participating as marked:

Board Position County Road 48 Cleanup Boat Monitoring Buoy Markers
 Fish Committee Water Quality Testing Shoreland Volunteer Water Patrol

I would like to make an additional donation* in the amount of \$ _____ to support:

Ecology Efforts Water Quality Testing General Fund

Mail completed form to: Lake Washburn Association, Box 26 Outing, MN 56662 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Memberships and additional donations are tax deductible. Any additional donations received will be treated as General Funds unless otherwise instructed.

LOCAL INFORMATION:

OUTING CANISTER STATION SCHEDULE

May 8th to Labor Day:
Saturday: 10 AM to Noon
Sunday: Noon to 4 PM
Monday: 10 AM to Noon
Wednesday: 4 PM to 6 PM

Garbage is accepted only in the prepaid orange
"Outing" bags which can be purchased at:
Unity Bank -Outing Branch
Owls N' Things • Roosevelt Station

Recycle bins for paper, glass, cans, and plastic are
open 24 hours. Cardboard recycle bins are also on
site.

*Fluorescent bulbs are accepted only
during open canister hours.*

OUTING U.S. POST OFFICE

Weekday Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Phone: 218-792-5214

OUTING EVENTS

FIREWORKS

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH

Saturday, July 1st at Dusk

*The Chamber will be presenting a full
30 minute display of fireworks this year.*

"FUN RUN" AND "FAMILY DAY"

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH LUSCHERS PARK

Fun Run Registration
begins at 8:30 a.m.

Run begins at 9:30 a. m.

VENDORS, CRAFTERS, ARTISTS IN THE PARK 9:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

*If you would like to have a booth
at the park
and would like more info
please contact Kathy at 218/792-5677.*

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