



Lake Washburn Association

NEWSLETTER

To Ensure that our Beautiful Lake and its Environment Will Survive to be Enjoyed by Those Generations that Follow Us

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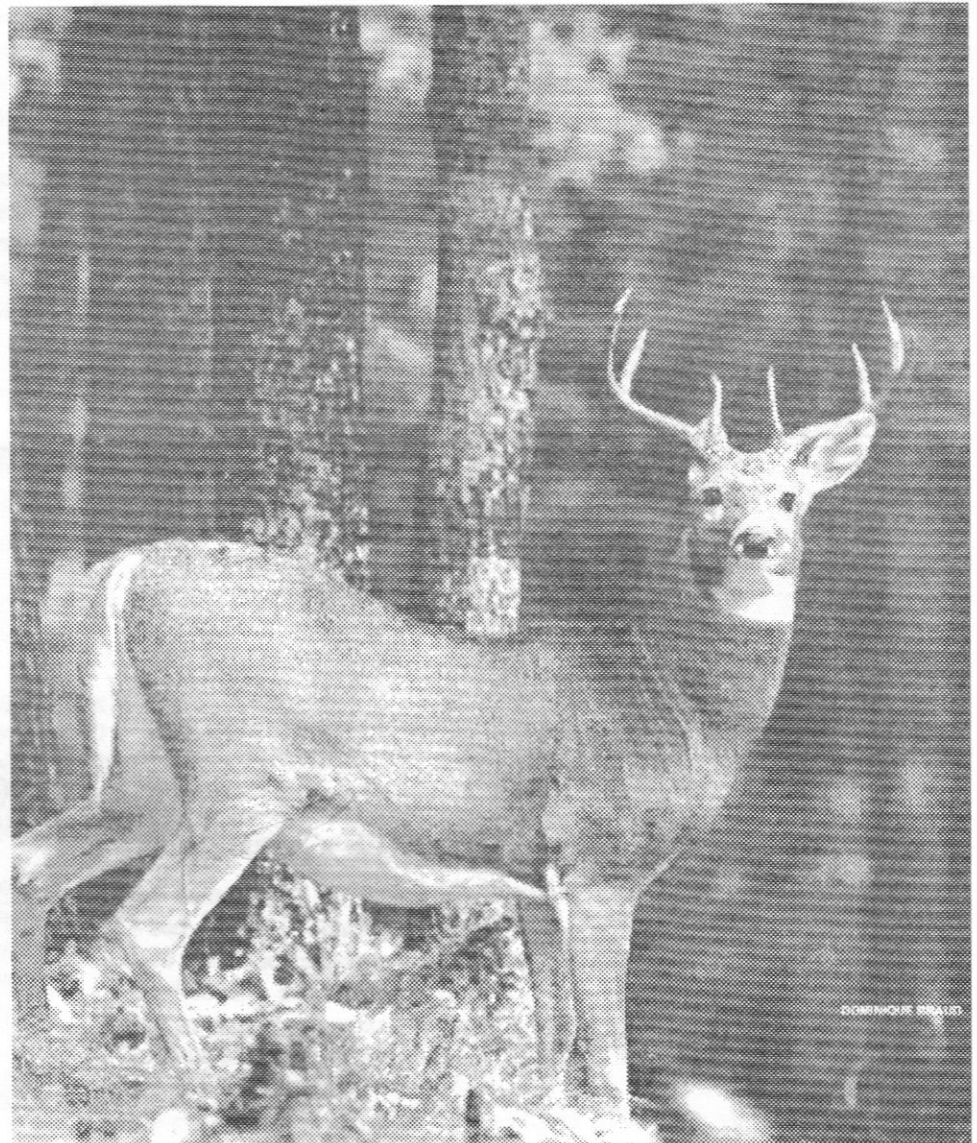
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Oh, Deer!



With a population of about 1 million, the white-tailed deer is Minnesota's most popular wildlife species. Adult female deer weigh about 145 pounds, males about 170. The largest one ever recorded in the United States was a 500-pound Minnesota buck!

Look for other deer facts scattered throughout the newsletter.

**FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**

By Dave Snesrud

As the newly elected president, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the Association. I am looking forward to working with you to maintain the quality of Lake Washburn.

Something about me. . . I was born and raised in Red Wing, MN where I spent my younger days exploring the hills and river valleys. I particularly enjoyed the great fishing the Mississippi River provided. After graduating from high school in 1968, I attended Hamline University in St. Paul, where I met my wife, Linda. This is my 31st year of teaching. I am currently teaching classroom Driver's Ed and coaching Cross Country Skiing and Track at Coon Rapids High School.

My 30 year history with Lake Washburn began when I met Linda. Her parents and grandparents both had cabins on Washburn. Linda has been "going up to the lake" since she was a small child. (Her mother also had been coming "up to the lake" since she was young and spent much time during the summers here.) I was fortunate to spend time with Linda's grandfather, Bill Petrowske, who taught me much about the lake. Then about 5 years ago we got the opportunity to buy her grandparents' cabin. We have been working on restoring it ever since.

For the past 3 years I have served on the Board of Directors, assigned to the Pine River Watershed Protection Foundation and the hydro-lab. Working with the hydro-lab has shown me how special Lake Washburn is and how important it is to protect the water quality and natural habitat for our lake and the wildlife to survive.

The by-laws of the Association state that our mission is to maintain a high water quality and the lake fishery, promote the aesthetic beauty of the shoreline, and promote a spirit of community. I am anxious to work with you to achieve these goals. We need everyone's support to have a strong voice that will be heard by the agencies we deal with in support of preserving Lake Washburn.

If you have any concerns or issues you feel need to be addressed, please contact me or a board member. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 3 of the newsletter.

10TH ANNUAL BOAT PARADE!



Thanks to all who participated in the 10th Annual Boat Parade. Your participation is great to have. We had 47 boats this year. We are happy to have boats from other parts of the lake and all are welcome! We are considering a small change in the route for next year. It appears that only those who live out of Birch Bay want to continue to the narrows. Suggestions have been made to make a circle just out of the bay so everyone has a better chance to see the others in the parade. May we please have your comments? Send your comments to:

Jack & Grace Schuller, 1534 Plummer Point Road NE, Outing, MN 56662.

TRIVIA

Did you know that, excluding Eastburn, there are 131 pontoons on the rest of Washburn?!

~Jack & Grace Schuller~

ELECTIONS HELD

The second general meeting of 2002 was held on August 10. Director reports were given and the election of board members was held.

New officers are:

President: Dave Snesrud
Treasurer: George Fortmeyer

New directors are:

Rollie Herman
Jim Lindahl
Cliff Waters

Our thanks to the officers and directors who have finished their terms. We appreciate all the time and energy they have given to the Association.

*****NEWS WANTED*****

Newsletters for 2003 will be under the direction of Dave Snesrud. If you have comments, suggestions, pictures, or articles, please contact Dave Snesrud at:

20880 Blackfoot St. NW
Anoka, MN 55303

e-mail at:

l&dsnes@usfamily.net

or call him at:

Home: 763-753-2790
Cabin: 218-792-5824



Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!!

A sincere thank you to all of those who volunteered to help with the boat monitoring, highway clean-up, and buoys. Your efforts are appreciated!

\$ More Deer Facts

Early American Indians hunted deer for meat and deerskins to make soft moccasins, pants and shirts. The valuable skins were called "bucks", a nickname we still use for money today. When was the last time you gave your son or daughter a couple of "bucks"?!

2003 LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The LWA Board Members are listed below, as well as their general responsibilities. Please contact any of these members with questions or concerns regarding our Association. Your input is valuable.

OFFICERS

(All one year terms)

President	Dave Snesrud	763-753-2790	218-792-5824	l&dsnes@usfamily.net
Vice President	Ron Nichols	515-278-4459	218-792-5386	
Secretary	Mark Hegman	952-920-2392	218-792-5499	hegmanmark@aol.com
Treasurer	George Fortmeyer	651-784-2113	218-792-5416	fortmeyergl@earthlink.com

DIRECTORS

(Remainder of 3 year term shown)

Rick Blackmon	1 yr	763-424-9154	218-792-5940	blackmon@citolink.com	By-laws, Articles of Inc., Website, Loons
Judy Matherne	1 yr	763-497-6679	218-792-5533	matherne@usfamily.net	Reservations, Meetings
Rod McKinley	1 yr	218-792-5228		mckinley@brainerd.net	Buoys
Paul Cartwright	2 yrs	952-835-1067	218-792-5428	cartw005@tc.umn.com	County Road 48 clean-up
Marv Hildreth	2 yrs	913-492-7525	218-792-5297	mrvhild@aol.com	Newsletter sponsors
Don Peterson	2 yrs	218-792-5368			Nominating Committee
Rollie Hirman	3 yrs	507-843-6366	218-792-5528	hirmanrollie@msn.com	Boat Monitoring
Jim Lindahl	3 yrs	218-792-5348			County Road 48 clean-up, Loons
Cliff Waters	3 yrs	218-792-5368		cmwaters@brainerd.net	Hydro lab, Pine River Watershed

MEETING DATES FOR 2003

The Lake Washburn Association holds four Board meetings and two General meetings a year. All Association members are invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Outing Town Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us! The 2003 meeting dates are as follows:



Board Meetings

Saturday, May 10	8:00 AM
Saturday, June 14	8:00 AM
Saturday, July 12	8:00 AM
Saturday, August 9	8:00 AM

General Meetings

Saturday, June 14	9:30 AM
(Coffee at 9:00 AM)	
Saturday, August 8	TBA
(Ice Cream Social)	



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Volunteers are needed from the following areas to assist with the 2003 Membership Drive:

- Birch Bay/Bear Paw
- Eastburn Road
- Fehr's Road
- Longwood Point Road
- Peninsula Road
- Plummer's Point Road

If you are willing to call on your neighbors to help promote our association, please contact: Marv Hildreth

1579 Horsetail Trail NE
Outing, MN 56662
Phone: 218-792-5297 or
913-492-7525

Oh Deer, What's That Smell?

Did you know that deer have a gland between its cloven hoof that produces an odor? Deer can smell this scent on the ground and tell if another deer has been there. Male deer use their hooves to scrape at the ground to mark their territory and tell other males to keep out.

Volunteers!



NEEDED!!!

Volunteers!



Shoreland Volunteer Position Description University of Minnesota Extension Service-Cass County

TITLE: Shoreland Volunteer

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The University of Minnesota Extension Service – Cass County coordinates instructional resources, training, and technical and administrative support for the Shoreland Volunteers. Shoreland Volunteers share the information gained by the program with interested community residents to develop good stewardship practices aimed at preserving, improving and enhancing water resources.

EXPECTATIONS:

- To attend all Shoreland Volunteer training sessions for learning.
- After the initial training, volunteer for a minimum of 20 hours targeted at improving surface water quality.

DUTIES:

- Be a continuous learner.
- Be a water quality educator in the community.
- Demonstrate best management practices.
- Answer questions and inquiries (by telephone, demonstrations, one to one visits, and/or workshops) from the public on water quality issues such as septic systems, lawn care, aquatic vegetation, monitoring, shoreline protection and related topics.
- Staff question/answer/display sessions at public locations (lake days, fairs, annual meetings).
- Cooperate with and assist the county and cluster staff.
- Assist in the preparation and production of specific educational resources.
- Keep appropriate records.
- Provide feedback and input to enhance the Shoreland Volunteer Program.

QUALIFICATIONS: Willingness to learn about surface water quality. Willingness to share approved resource materials and information with others in community. Ability to work with extension staff. Good communication skills.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Cass County Extension Educator, Natural Resources and Environment.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Associate Steward:

- 12 hours initial formal training
- 20 hours volunteering each year

Senior Steward:

- 30 hours (accumulated) continuing personal education
- 30 hours volunteering each year

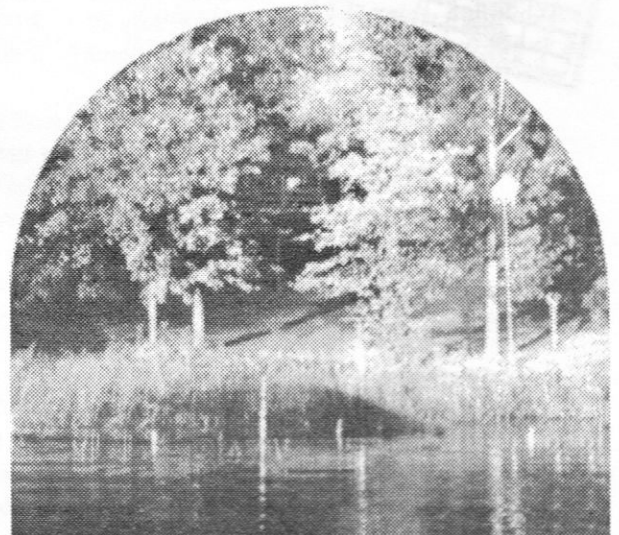
Master Steward:

- 48 hours (accumulated) continuing personal education
- 40 hours volunteering each year

If interested please contact Dave Snesrud at:

Phone: 763-753-2790 or

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2002 MEMBERSHIP

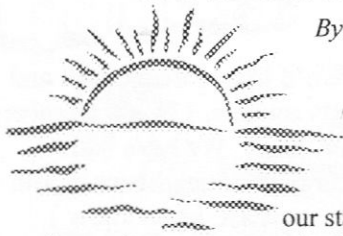
Following are the names of those who have joined Lake Washburn Association in 2002. We'd like to thank each and every one of you and hope you will continue your membership in 2003. Out of 344 property owners, 175 are members. That is 51%, which is down from last year. It's not too late to send in your membership for 2002! We have had membership as high as 74%. Let's try to get the 2003 membership even higher than that...urge your neighbors to join the Association!! We CAN do it! (We apologize if we have missed anyone in this listing. . . please let us know.)

Albers, Jim/Shirley	Estvold, Kendal/Sue	Kunkel, Ken/June	Radman, Richard/Diane
Anderson, Arland/Peggy	Filzen, Ronald/Dee	Laakso, Dan/Karen	Rask, Jon/Elaine
Anderson, Jerry/Karen	Fisch, Tom/Mary Jo	LaBounty, Charles	Rayman, Scott/Janet
Appel, Marty/Karen	Fortmeyer, George/Louise	Lakso, Wayne/Sue	Regal, Ron/Jean
Arf, Kevin/Jeffrey	Fox, Pauline	Lambertsen, Albert	Reich, Ron/Nancy
Ballard, Cecil/Carole	Gaskill, Ronald/Jane	Larson, Dale/Lucille	Ress, Ronald/Mary
Ballard, Gerald/Marie	Gehrman, Don/Mary	Larson, Robert	Riener, Dick/Cleone
Ballis, Paul/Sharon	Germundsen, Orville	Law, Jonathan/Mary Anne	Schaumberg, Bernie/Jill
Barfus, Karen	Gilbertson, Greg/Diana	Lawrence, Ted/Melba	Schlieff, Harry/Sandra
Barker, Jim/Jeanine	Gooley, Jerome/Diane	Lesperance, Peter/Betty	Schlosser, Rod/Pat
Barron, Edward/Paula	Gulbrandsen, Steve/Pat	Lindahl, James/Arlene	Schuller, Jack/Grace
Barron, Ruth	Hagel, Jerry/Jackie	Lindblad, Ralph/Nancy	Schultz, Dan/Marsha
Beard, Robert/Rita	Hannay, Edward/Barbara	Lindbom, Wayne/Lucy	Schwalbach, Dick/Marje
Behing, Ron/Pat	Harling, Fran	Lundberg, William	Schwengler, Dean/Carol
Bendt, Kyle/ April	Harris, John/Kathy	Lundeen, John/Janan	Schwinghammer, Ben/Pat
Berg, Dave/Kim	Havlik, Dave/Kristie	Lunneborg, Donald/Donna	Seelye, Richard
Betts, Dan/Julie	Hed, Dennis/Joanne	MacKenzie, Malcom/Donna	Sekeres, John
Blackmon, Rick/Michelle	Hegman, Mark/Jackie	Madigan, Jim/Judy	Simonson, Lee/Pattie
Blaisdell, Kim/Mary Jo	Heston, LaVon	Manthie, Gordon/Darla	Simpson, Vern/Shirley
Boblett, Lois	Hetland, James/Barbara	Maranda, Pat/Julie	Smith, Roy/Marlene
Borgwardt, Fred/Arlene	Hildreth, Mark	Martinsen, George/Jane	Snesrud, David/Linda
Branham, Tom/Diane	Hildreth, Marvin/Sara	Matherne, Bob/Judy	Solstad, Leo/Emily
Brinkman, Tom/Marlies	Hildreth, Mike	Mayer, Dave/Jane	Stanchfield, Vic/Bert
Broderson, Don/Barbara	Hillger, James/Eric	McKenzi, Jerry/Linda	Stephanek,
Bryan, Donald/Donna	Hirman, Rollie/Mary	McKinley, Rod/Jane	Thomas/RoseMarie
Bullis, Ruth	Hosch, Greg/Karen	Meyer, Paul/Mandy	Stubbs, Mark/Jan
Carlson, Lillian	Houston, John/Alvis	Michael, Bill/Theo	Stybiki, Thomas/Donna
Carlson, Steve/Denise	Huss, Richard/Diana	Mol, Thomas/Connie	Sweazey, Ben/Esther
Carlson, Terry/Fran	Johnson, Brad/Toni	Morreim, Ernie/Kathy	Thomas, Matt/Judy
Carr, Corey/Victoria	Johnson, Chuck/Bonnie	Morrow, James/Marilee	Thompson, Frank/MaryAnn
Carr, Ed/Nancy	Johnson, Dave/Jan	Nagle, Robert/Shannon	Toth, Dennis/Nancy
Cartwright, Paul/Elizabeth	Johnson, David	Nelles, Richard	Trummel, Gary/Geri
Cazier, Harold/Janice	Johnson, Douglas/Donna	Nesset, Mark/Susette	Urness, Todd/Katherine
Chapman, Bob/Laurene	Johnson, Fred	Nichols, Marvin/Janet	VonBrugger,
Chinquist, Fred	Johnson, Jack/Jean	Nielsen, Steve/Lisa	George/Delores
Coleman, George	Johnson, Lance/Pat	Oldre, Carolyn	Wahl, Al/Eleanor
Davis, Lawrence/Joy	Johnson, Paul	Olson, Ron/Mae	Wahl, Donald/Carol
Dawson, Keith/Donna	Johnson, Ted/Danella	Omites, Donald/Dixie	Wahl, Thomas
Deans, Ken/Mildred	Johnson, Tim/Peg	Opatz, Mark/Betsy	Waters, Cliff/Marilyn
Downey, Art/Joanne	Jubert, Richard/Helen	Page, Clayton	Westman, Doris
Dubois, George/Cindy	Judd, David/Janis	Pattock, Larry/Florence	Wheeler, Virginia
Duffney, Scott/Debra	Kafka, Florence	Perendy, Frank/Celjie	Whiteley, Bill/Becca
Dutton, Howard/Barb	Kasel, Doug	Peterson, Dean	Whiteley, Frank/Margaret
Edelbrook, Bob/Sandee	Kaske, Andrew/Kae	Peterson, Don/Jo	Whitely, Terry/Diane
Edwards, Jim/Marge	Knox, Barry/Nancy	Pfaff, Larry/Kathy	Witkus, Mae
Erdman, Sheldon	Kruse, Cy/Nancy	Pomerleau, Dennis/Clinette	

Thank you to the following, who have already paid their membership for 2003: Robert & Rita Beard, Pat & Ron Behning, Sheldon Erdman, Rollie & Mary Hirman, Clayton Page, Frank & Celjie Perendy, Jon & Elaine Rask, Ken & Mildred Deans, and Ruth Bullis.

LAKE REFLECTIONS

By Judy Matherne



Have you ever wondered how lakes were named? With 10,000+ in our state, people had to get quite creative, or in some cases quite basic - Woman, Child, Girl, Boy, etc. I've heard that Washburn was named for a lumber baron who lived/worked on the lake. True or not, I've also wondered why some lakes have "Lake" first. Why is it Lake Calhoun, Lake Minnetonka, Lake Mille Lacs; but Bay Lake, Leech Lake, Gull Lake, etc.? Now, Washburn, I've actually heard both ways, but usually Lake Washburn.

Have you ever wondered about some of the resorts on our lake? Bear Paw Lodge is a very interesting-looking place that seems to have a lot of character. Lisa Botts of Golden Valley (and Lake Washburn) wrote to me and shared her childhood memories of spending summers there.

"Around forty years ago, my mother and father started coming to Lake Washburn to stay at Bear Paw Lodge for our summer vacations. I have so many wonderful memories of our summers back then; swimming and fishing, water skiing, and horse-back riding at a stable on Roosevelt Lake. One summer we had such an incredible northern lights show, that newspapers reported it as far away as Michigan! We went there for many years. We were even there the day after that huge tornado in 1970 that ripped through the area. I remember seeing the devastation from a float plane. My riding stable was pretty wrecked up, too. Soon after that, my dear father passed away and we couldn't go back. No more Lake Washburn, no more Bear Paw Lodge, but I never forgot our good times on the lake. After marrying in 1979, I dragged my husband back up North to see if Bear Paw was still there. To my delight, nothing had changed! Many new memories were formed as I watched my children run, swim, fish, and play in the same spots as I did as a child. Then in 1991, we were able to buy a little cabin on Longwood Point, near where Dagget Brook enters from Lake George. Our family memories continue to grow and expand as we enjoy Lake Washburn from the northern shore. Bear Paw Lodge is still up and running, too, and sometimes we still spend a week there just for old times sake. I am so thrilled that my family legacy of 'going to Lake Washburn' can continue on for my kids, and that they can have the same kind of joy I had growing up."

Thanks, Lisa. What fabulous memories you have of Lake Washburn over the years! A footnote to this story: The owner of Bear Paw, Mae Witkus, passed away on August 5th, 2002.

These personal memories of Lake Washburn are great legacies. What are your fond, fun, nostalgic, etc., memories

of our lake? Please consider sharing them with our readers. Thanks! You can e-mail me: matherne@usfamily.net or write: 5603 Fehr's Drive NE, Remer, MN 56672.

Oh Deer, Bad Hair Day!

Male deer grow new antlers each year. They begin as soft bumps on the head in the spring. They grow quickly but stay soft and tender until late summer. Then the velvet dries, and the antler gets hard as bone. The male deer scrapes its hard antlers against trees to remove the velvet and expose the tines. Young male deer grow small antlers with two points. Older deer grow large antlers with six or more tines. In mid-winter the antlers fall off. Mice and squirrels often eat the "sheds" for the nutritious minerals. When walking in the woods have you ever found fallen antlers?



(Deer facts courtesy of "Oh Deer!" by Tom Dickinson, September-October 1996 issue of *The Minnesota Volunteer*)

GOOD BYE TO OUR LOONS FOR ANOTHER SEASON

As the loon population prepares to leave Minnesota for their southern wintering grounds, here is some information provided by the Loon Watch Program at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin.

- Loon chicks remain on lakes in the north after the adults leave. They need as long as possible to complete their growth and increase their strength. The longer they wait to migrate, the more experienced they will be in caring for themselves. If the lake freezes before they get off, the chicks will not survive because they need a "runway" of at least 1/4 mile to take off from the water.
- Loons migrate to the ocean instead of spending the winter on inland lakes that don't freeze. They don't go to inland lakes because a new set of dangers awaits: preying alligators, water that is too warm for loons, or too shallow and murky for diving and hunting. Loons need VERY clear, deep, open water for diving and catching fish. The ocean is the right place for loons in winter.
- Loons are equipped to expel the salt from their system taken in from eating salt water fish and drinking salt water. They have a pair of glands above their eyes which expel the salt taken in from seawater. These drip almost constantly during the winter season.
- Loons are silent in the winter in the south. Although loons have been heard giving yodels and tremolos on the wintering grounds, it is not common. It probably is because the hormone levels are not high enough.
- Loons typically eat what they catch while still underwater, but based on observations of food brought to the surface, during the winter loons eat flounder, crabs, lobster, gulf menhaden, bay anchovies, and silversides. During the summer, the loons favorite food is yellow perch, but they will eat whatever is available and what they can catch.

(Excerpted from the *Minnesota Lakes Association Reporter*)

**LAKE WASHBURN
ASSOCIATION MINUTES
General Meeting - August 10, 2002
Outing Town Hall - 5:00 PM**

Board members present: Doug Johnson, Ron Nichols, Rick Blackmon, Paul Cartwright, Don Peterson, David Snesrud, LaVon Heston, Marv Hildreth, Mark Hegman

Board members absent: Judy Matherne, Gary Ahlquist, Bill Herrick, Rod McKinley

The August general meeting was held on Saturday the 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Outing Town Hall. Approximately 55 members attended the Ice Cream Social. Owls & Things donated the ice cream, which was enjoyed by all participants. The membership expressed appreciation to Owls & Things.

The guest speaker for the evening was Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor with the DNR in Brainerd. Tim's talk centered on the fishing and stocking questions related to Lake Washburn. Starting in 1999 our lake has been participating in a 5 year no-stocking program. Each fall Tim's department "electrofishes" our lake to take a count, evaluate the varieties of fish taken, etc. Tim seems to believe that natural reproduction is taking place and that although our lake has an abundance of northern, the other fish such as walleye, perch, bass, etc. are also propagating. During the summer of 2003 the DNR will be taking a catch rate to determine if fry or fingerlings will be planted into our lake. Also, due to the predatory nature of the northern, Tim suggests that a sign should be put up at the boat landing (by the DNR) stating the certain lengths of northern to be released. It was suggested that we mention this matter in our newsletter. (We can obtain specific wording from the DNR office.) During the question and answer portion, matters related to retaining the bulrushes as a habitat for fish was encouraged. In fact, Tim noted that he felt LWA could enhance our lake's fish population more by developing a good bulrush retention program than by planting more fry! Related to the 3 islands, it was reported the BLM has turned over management of these islands to the Department of Fisheries...and Tim will be evaluating the 3 islands relating to public usage, etc. Finally, with respect to a question on loon nesting, Tim suggested that interested parties phone Pam, Perry, or Kevin in the Brainerd office (218-828-2228). The membership thanked Tim for his fine presentation.

The formal portion of the General Meeting was called to order by President Doug Johnson. The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. LaVon Heston gave the Treasurer's report. The total assets of LWA are \$19,345.34. Our membership stands at 168.

OLD BUSINESS:

County 48 Cleanup: Paul Cartwright reported that 18 members participated, and it took 1 hour. The Labor Day cleanup will be August 31 at 9:00 a.m.

LWA Website: Marv Hildreth reported that our website is

up and running. He gave the www. information and indicated that we are in the early stages of establishing this site. **Buoy markers:** It was noted that due to the "aging process" we need more and younger volunteers. LWA may need to a hire a person to put in/take out buoys if we cannot develop more volunteers. Another option would be if our association discontinues any involvement with buoys in/out. **Dry Well Motion:** Mark Hegman read this motion related to LWA contributing \$500 from our operating fund and an additional \$100 (from the "designated" fund) towards this project. We are inviting Len Lang or designee to address a general meeting in 2003 in order that the general LWA membership fully understand exactly where the dry well program is leading in so far as Lake Washburn is concerned. **Pine River Watershed Association:** Dave Snesrud reported that although LWA has agreed to pay dues of \$100, we are still only 1 of 6 lakes continuing to support this association. The concern related to our need for water testing was discussed. Dave also noted that our association must become more active in LIMNOLOGY and all matters related to water.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Johnson announced the following: Changes in canister pickup procedures, loon nest matters are being looked into, we need much volunteer help to produce our newsletter. **Nominations:** Don Peterson announced the slate of officers and directors being proposed. He asked for additional nominations from the floor. There being no other nominations, the following nominees were unanimously elected: President: Dave Snesrud, VP: Ron Nichols, Secretary: Mark Hegman, Treasurer: George Fortmeyer. Additional Directors elected: Rollie Hirman, Jim Lindahl, and Cliff Waters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Hegman, Secretary

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Have you checked out Lake Washburn's website? It's still "under construction", but let us know what you think.

www.lakewashburn.org

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INTERESTING WEBSITES

Check out these websites for interesting information & links:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

www.dnr.state.mn.us

Cass County, Minnesota

www.co.cass.mn.us

American Fisheries Society

www.fisheries.org

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov

Minnesota Lakes Association

www.mnlakes.org

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

It will soon be that time of year. Please drive your snowmobile safely and considerately.

BE SURE TO:

- Wear a helmet, eye protection, and proper clothing.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Let weather, lighting, and trail conditions determine a safe speed.
- Ride straight - no alcohol or drugs.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night to less than 40 MPH.
- Stay clear of thin ice and lake inlets - never cross open water.
- Never ride alone - use the buddy system.
- Stay on groomed area of trails.
- Obey speed limits - maximum speed in Minnesota is 50 MPH.
- Make sure any youth operating your snowmobile has a safety certificate.
- Check local ordinances on when and where you may ride.

Don't "overdrive" your snowmobile's headlight. When going too fast, it can take a much longer distance to stop than your headlight shines. Many fatal snowmobile accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the danger.

ALWAYS RESPECT PRIVATE LANDS - ASK FIRST!

Always ask first before entering private lands, even if it's not posted. Just because property isn't posted, that doesn't mean you have a right to enter someone else's private property. By respecting others' privacy, you will improve relationships between landowners and snowmobilers.

(Source: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 2001-2002 Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Laws, Rules & Regulations pamphlet)

DNR RELEASES RESULTS OF DEER & ELK CWD TESTING

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has received results from 25 Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) tests done on deer in the Aitkin area surrounding the elk farm where a male elk died of the disease. All have been negative. In addition, the DNR received results on 10 deer from around the state that were tested in the agency's on going surveillance program. Those results were also negative.

Elk from the Aitkin farm are continuing to be tested. So far 27 results have been received, all negative. As of October 10th no other elk on the Aitkin farm have shown symptoms of CWD. However, state animal health officials decided to euthanize the entire herd.

Meat from deer or elk should be safe to eat, according to officials at the Minnesota Department of Health, provided that

hunters take the following precautions:

- Don't eat meat from animals that look sick.
- Don't eat the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes.
- Dress the animal properly - minimize handling of brain and spinal tissues, wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses and wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is complete.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal brain and nervous system disease found in elk and deer in certain parts of North America. The Disease is believed to be caused by an abnormally shaped protein, which can damage the brain and nerve tissue. Animals infected with the CWD show chronic loss of weight, and become emaciated. Other symptoms include staggering, drinking large amounts of water, excessive urination, and drooling. Should you see an animal you suspect is sick, do not shoot it. Report it to the local conservation officer or area wildlife manager. The DNR will attempt to locate the animal and have it tested for CWD.

The DNR is releasing updated CWD test results weekly on Tuesdays. However, if a positive test is found, DNR officials will move quickly to notify the public.

More information can be found on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.state.mn.us.

PRWPF UPDATE

The Pine River Watershed Protection Foundation has been staffed by volunteers and donations. The task of protecting the watershed has increased and requires more time and effort. The PRWPF would like to have one full-time paid person oversee and run the program. They have proposed a joint powers agreement between Cass and Crow Wing Counties which would provide funding to do this project. It is in the Counties' best interests to protect the water quality of the lakes. When the water quality decreases, so do property values, which will then erode the tax base.

This fall there have been substantial differences in the Secchi disk readings between the North and West basins of Lake Washburn. Over the past 3 years the biggest difference has only been 1 foot. On September 16th of this year, the North basin's reading was 14' and the West basin's was 10-1/2'. On October 5th, the North was 17', the West 9'. According to Bob Becker, head of the PRWPF, the most likely reason is an algae bloom.

FACTS TO NOTE: Run-off from 1 acre of natural, undisturbed shoreline will add 0.13 pounds of phosphorus per year to a lake. Compare that to 1 acre of unfertilized sloping lawn, which will add 1.2 pounds of phosphorous. . . 9-1/2 times more! Each pound of phosphorous can generate 500 pounds of algae!

~Dave Snesrud~

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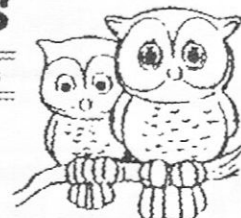
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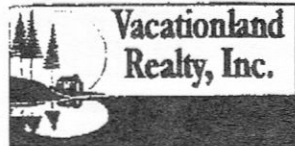
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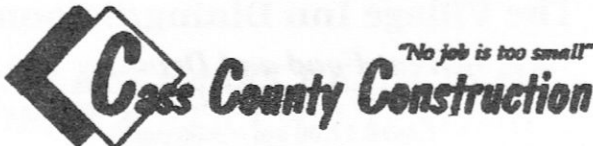
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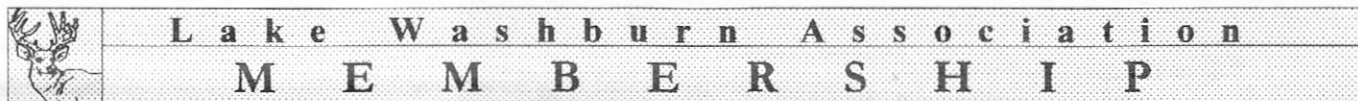
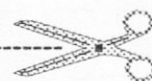
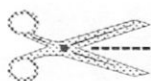
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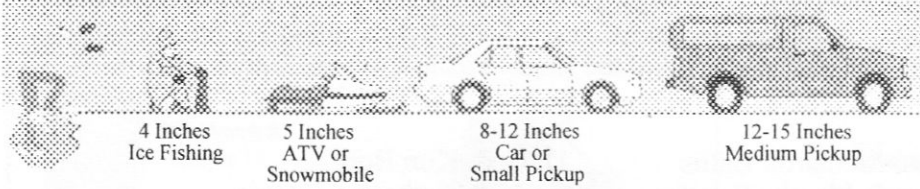
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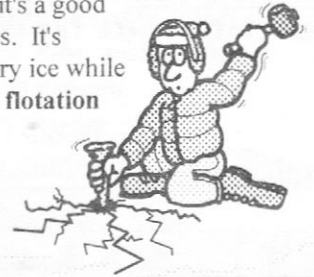
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Check for known thin ice areas with a local resort or bait shop. Test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit.

Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible. If you must drive a vehicle, be prepared to leave it in a hurry-keep windows down, unbuckle your seat belt and have a simple emergency plan of action you have discussed with your passengers.

Stay away from alcoholic beverages. Even "just a couple of beers" are enough to cause a careless error in judgment that could cost you your life. And contrary to common belief, alcohol actually makes you colder rather than warming you up.

Wear a life vest under you winter gear. Or wear one of the new flotation snowmobile suits. And it's a good idea to carry a pair of ice picks that may be home made or purchased from most sporting goods stores. It's amazing how difficult it can be to pull yourself back onto the surface of unbroken but wet and slippery ice while wearing a snowmobile suit weighted down with 60 pounds of water. **CAUTION: Do NOT wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle!**



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