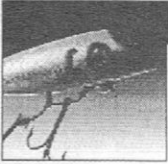




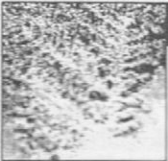
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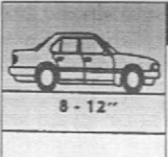
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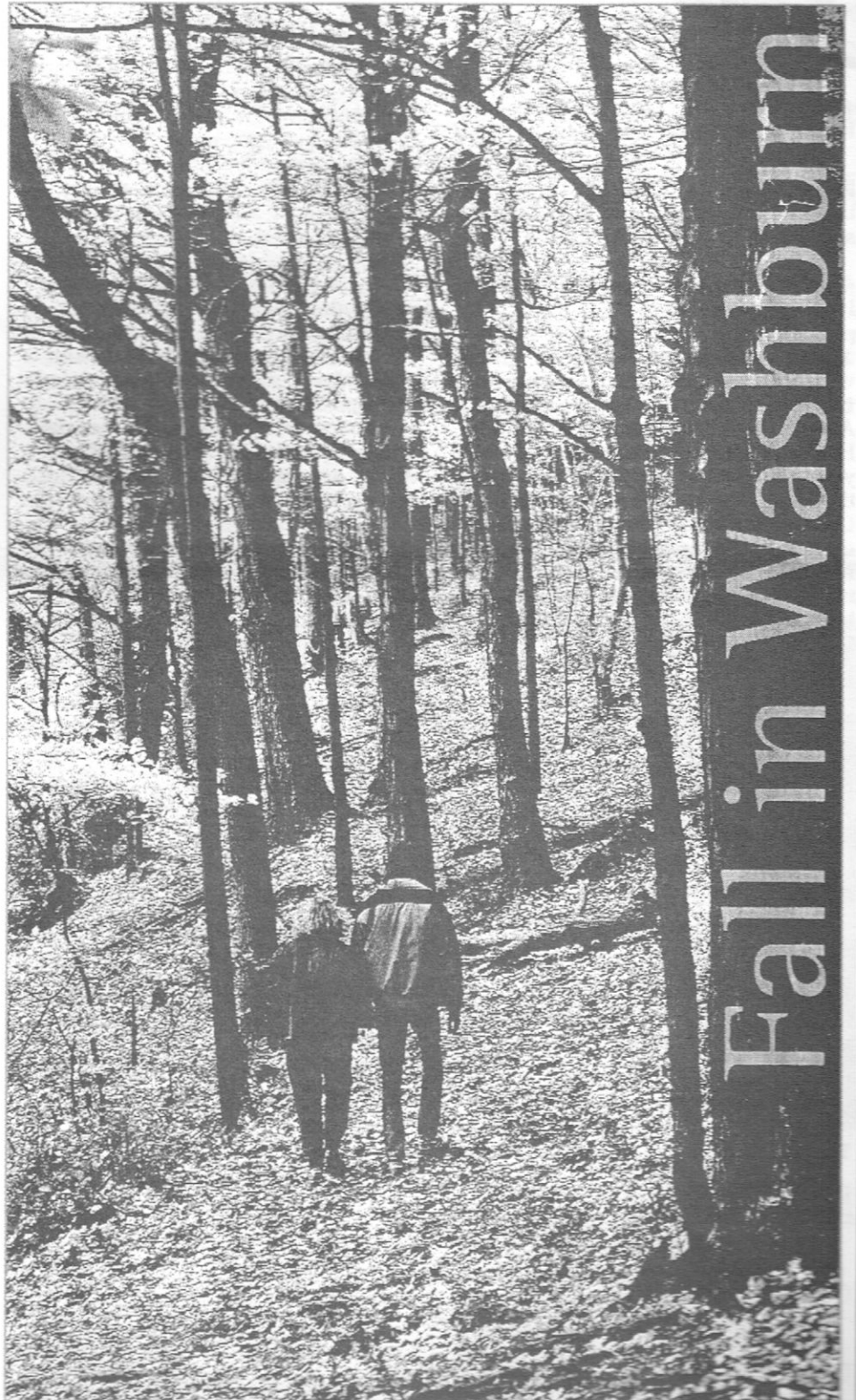
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By Barb Dutton

1998 LAKE LEVELS

Water levels on Lake Washburn have varied between a low of 1316.47 feet above sea level on May 17th to a high of 1317.05 on June 21st. It has since receded to a level of 1316.21 Feet on September 8th; lower than it had been earlier this spring. The reported level last fall on October 18th was 1316.15 feet.

Submitted by Jim Anderson





NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pat Behning



School has opened and the leisurely months of summer are behind us. I did not expect to be writing another letter to you as the President of LWA, but you know what is said about the best laid plans. I am, however, looking forward to another year with the Association and with your help I'm sure it will be a successful one.

To all of you who helped clean up Highway 48 and monitor boats at the public landing, I wish to express my appreciation. In this newsletter you will find a complete listing of the volunteers involved in these activities. Also, I thank Fred Borgwardt and Harold Hegman for completing three year terms on the Board of Directors of the Lake Washburn Association. Terry Carlson and Gary Ahlquist were elected to three year terms as Board members at the August 8 general meeting. Congratulations to them both. (See 1999 LWA OFFICERS / DIRECTORS).

A special and sincere acknowledgment to Kathy Evenson and Larry Pfaff of Owls 'n' Things for donating the ice cream at our Ice Cream Social, which was held on August 8, 1998 at the Outing Town Hall. If you missed the Social this year, we

all hope you'll join us in 1999. Gerald Ballard has been a contributing member of LWA for many years. He has served as a Board member, he has organized the highway clean-up, he has monitored boats at the public landing, he has been the "chef" at our spaghetti dinners, and has helped in many other ways. To him we all owe a debt of gratitude. THANK YOU, JERRY!

We also have volunteers that are involved with placing the buoys and testing the clarity of the water with the secchi disc. Any one interested in either of these activities should call a Board member.

There is still time. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a listing of those who have joined the Lake Washburn Association for the year 1998. Memberships will be accepted through October 30, 1998. Any memberships received after that date will be credited for the year 1999. Again, a great THANK YOU to all who have joined this year.

Address changes have been made in Cass County as the address system has been reorganized to provide more efficient and accurate response to emergencies. Due to this new Enhanced 911 Response System, everyone in Cass County received a new mailing address. As you can imagine, this does create a problem for our newsletter team. Your assistance will really help and be appreciated. Please include the Lake Washburn Association on your list of people and

places to whom you will be sending your new address. Our sincere thanks. In addition to new address changes, some of you may also have been assigned a new telephone area code, what with the division of 612. If you are one of those lucky people, please let us know.

Sometime during early spring you will receive your first 1999 newsletter. In that issue will be listed all meeting dates for the Board as well as the General Membership. Remember you may attend any and all meetings, and you are encouraged to do so.



Thirty-eight boats participated in the 6th Annual Birch Bay Boat Parade on the 4th of July this past summer. The parade organizers, Grace and Jack Schuller, would like even more participants as well as more music in 1999. They would also appreciate any suggestions you may have concerning the parade. Watch for more information in the summer newsletter.

Have a great time in our Winter Wonderland, whether you live here permanently or are a weekend visitor/

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 your concerns about Lake Washburn and the association.

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WALLEYE STOCKING

Many Minnesotans, including residents of Lake Washburn, have been voicing concerns about the quality of fishing in our lakes. The following article explains the DNR's position on fish stocking. Ron Sando, ST. Paul Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is the author and it appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on April 4, 1998. by Barb Dutton

STOCKING MORE WALLEYES DOESN'T MEAN ANGLERS WILL REEL THEM IN (Counterpoint)

The Star Tribune's March 21, 1998, editorial "Populism and Fish" missed the mark when it comes to fish stocking. The Senate bill to mandate higher walleye stocking levels may be Iron Range populism, and good gubernatorial politics, but it is bad science and it will not help the state's anglers catch more walleye.

Superficially, it may sound good - stock more walleye and there will be more to catch. But, the reductions in stocking to which the Star Tribune referred came about because field biologists' studies showed that some of our walleye stocking was not working. Walleye stocking is a great way to provide angling opportunity in lakes without natural reproduction. One the other hand, stocking on top of naturally reproducing populations seldom works. And stocking fish above a lake's carrying capacity is a waste of time and anglers' dollars.

The Department of Natural Resources acknowledges that walleye catch rates have declined, but the decline is due to increases in fishing pressure, not decreases in stocking. Anglers have had to share the available catch of walleye with more and more anglers, fishing for more hours annually with continually improving equipment. On the other hand, the total number and pounds of walleye taken by anglers have been stable since the 1950s, a good indication that our lakes are producing walleye at their carrying capacity.

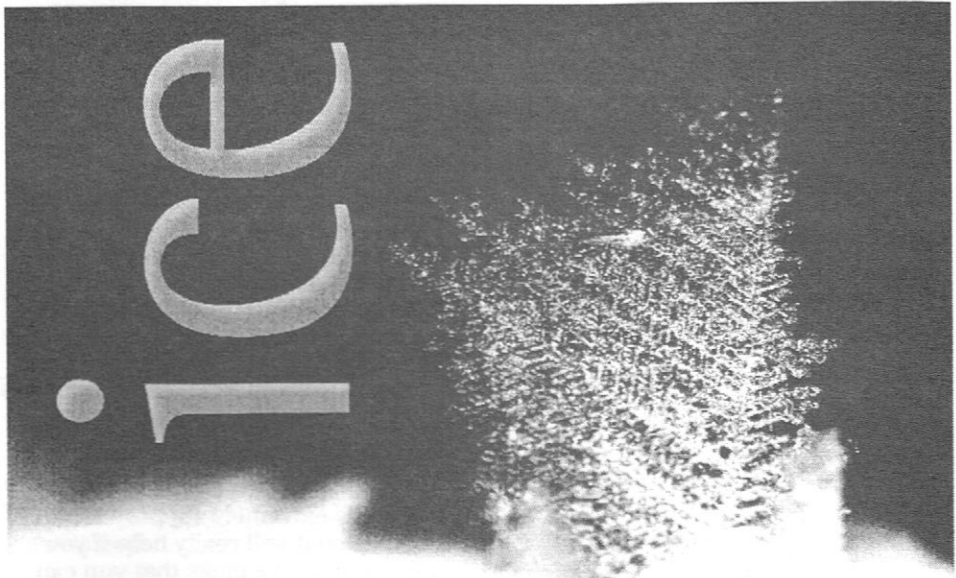
How do we know that declining catch rates are not due to stocking reductions? First, our data show that catch rates have been declining since

the 1950s, not since the 1980s as the Star Tribune asserted. Second, the high stocking levels in the 1980s did nothing to reverse the trend. Declining walleye catch rates occurred throughout the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, when fewer pounds of walleye fingerlings were stocked than today, and the 1980s when more fingerling were stocked.

The walleye stocking reductions that have occurred are a result of taking a science-based approach to fisheries management. This approach, where stocking is based on plans for individual lakes and streams and evaluated to determine if it is working, has been endorsed by our major constituent groups like the Minnesota Sportfishing Congress and Fishing Roundtable. It was also supported by a 1986 legislative auditor's report, which states: "DNR should take steps to ensure that fish production more closely follows stocking proposals." The senate's bill is in direct contradiction with the 1986 report - produce as many walleyes as possible and then find a home for them. Is it any wonder that bureaucracies sometimes spin their wheels?

Perhaps the biggest problem with the recent stocking controversy is that it focuses people away from the more pressing fisheries issues of protecting and improving fish habitat and regulating fish harvest. Our field biologists are very concerned about the recent flap over walleye stocking. They have been working hard to build support, within communities, for balanced fisheries programs that include stocking, habitat protection and improvement, monitoring the health of our lakes and streams, and aquatic education. We need to ensure that our field staff can continue their good work and not tie their hands with unnecessary mandates to stock more.

The Star Tribune stated that the House would be wise to give the experts at the DNR even more latitude in their version of the bill. I feel that the House would be wise not to follow the senate's lead at all on this one. DNR's fisheries field staff already have the flexibility they need to manage a balanced fisheries program - including the flexibility to increase stocking when needed. The senate's unfunded mandate to stock more walleyes is unprecedented, unwarranted and unnecessary.



ICE REMINDERS

It will soon be that time of the year again. Soon ice houses will spring up on the lakes and snowmobilers will anxiously wait for the lakes to freeze. It's time for those good old winter sports that we Minnesotans enjoy. It is also time to renew some of the safety and other rules of winter. It will be a

long winter, so we can afford to wait a little longer to get out there if the quality of the ice is questionable. We have all seen the Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness charts, but here is a reminder, just in case you're not sure.

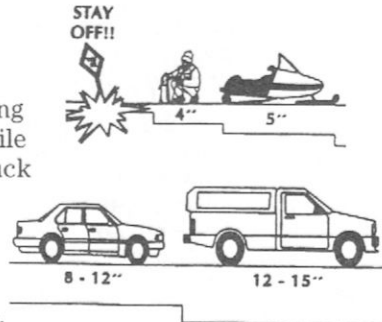
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RECOMMENDED MINIMUM ICE THICKNESS

Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only

- Less than four inches - STAY OFF
- Four inches - Safe for ice fishing
- Five inches - Safe for snowmobiling
- Eight to twelve inches - Safe for an automobile
- Twelve to fifteen inches - Safe for a pick-up truck



ICE SAFETY TIPS;

- Avoid alcoholic beverages.
- Don't drive on the ice at night.
- Avoid Pressure ridges and areas with current.
- Warn your children about the dangers of thin ice.
- Carry two large nails to use as ice picks if you fall through.

(Courtesy Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Boat and Water Safety Section).

Also, let's not forget the winter rules of common courtesy. Let's take pride in the appearance of our ice house and the area that surrounds it. Good (ice) housekeeping will make your fishing spot more pleasant and convenient and always remember that whatever you leave lying on the ice will contaminate the lake when the ice melts, the same as if it were tossed over the side of a boat. If you are on a snowmobile steer clear of the fishermen and away from private property. Watch your speed on the trails and remember the penalty for a DWI on a snowmobile is no different than that for driving an automobile. Be Careful! Don't be a snowmobile casualty.

(from CHILD, GIRL and WOMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER) November 1997 - No. 57

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TAKE THE DEEP PLUNGE?

(From a Minnesota DNR publication)

You're walking out on the ice, you hear a crack and you break through. Suddenly you find yourself immersed up to your neck in water so cold it takes your breath away. If you think that's no big deal, try holding your hands in a bucket of ice water for more than a couple of minutes.

Try not to panic. Of course that's easier said than done, but if you decide on a plan before you actually fall in, your chances of surviving are greater. Your heavy clothing, especially a snowmobile suit, will not drag you to the bottom. Instead, if you remain calm and don't splash around too much, air trapped in the suit will help keep you afloat. Act quickly, because the longer you remain in the freezing water, the less are your chances for self rescue.

The difficult part comes when you try to pull yourself back up onto the ice. Turn around to face the way you fell in. That is usually the strongest ice. Break as much of the weak ice as you can with your hands, and then slowly lift yourself up onto the ice with your forearms. Slowly, because you need to drain the 60 to 80 pound of water that has soaked into your clothing before you'll be able to pull yourself out.

The ice is extremely slippery around the hole, so it will really help if you have a pair of ice picks that you can dig into the ice. Put your hands and arms on the unbroken surface. Work yourself forward, while kicking (this is where the picks come in handy!) Pull yourself onto the ice and roll away from the hole. Rolling helps distribute your body weight over a larger area and lessens your chances of breaking through again.

What should you do if you see someone else fall through the ice? Resist the temptation to run up to the hole to pull them out. That tactic usually results in two victims needing rescue instead of just one. Rather, reassure them that they are going to be all right, and that you are going to help them. If possible try to talk them into self rescue. If other people are around yell for someone to call 911.

Then use a rope, a branch, a small boat or anything else you can find to extend out to the victim. The idea is to avoid hand-to-hand contact with the victim, in case they start to pull you in. You can let go of an extension, and try another way to effect a rescue.

The main point is to keep calm and think out a solution. It will do no good to endanger your life unnecessarily. Ice accident victims may require mouth to mouth rescue breathing, and CPR as well as treatment for hypothermia. Be sure to seek medical attention for the victim. People who have been immersed in cold water can suffer a condition after rescue called "after drop". That is a condition where cold blood that is pooled in extremities rushes back to the heart, causing cardiac fibrillation and even death.

Common sense is your greatest ally in preventing ice accidents. Before venturing out, assess ice conditions and prepare yourself to deal with an ice emergency and discuss the plans with your snowmobiling or fishing buddies, so they know what to do also. A few minutes of checking ice from shore, and talking to a local resorter or resident, as well as systematic checks while on the ice, can be the difference between an enjoyable experience and a tragedy.





ITEMS OF INTEREST

PARTY TIME

It is called a "Bay Party" and is similar to the concept of a block party. It is for all the people who have property in the neighborhood of Birch Bay.

This summer forty people attended the Bay Party on July 25th. Those who attended have lived on the Bay from one to forty-four years.

This is the third time the get-together has been held. This year it was hosted by Nancy and Cy Kruse, and Judy and Jerry Abts. Popluck supper was served and good conversation was enjoyed by all who attended.

Submitted by Judy Abts

NEWSLETTER

Would the membership be interested in a Questions and Concerns column for the newsletter? If you have any thoughts on this, please give me a call and I'll do my best to set up a form for members' questions and ideas and concerns, if an interest exists.

Pat Behning

LOON RESCUE

On Sunday, July 5th, my family and I noticed a loon flapping its wings in the middle of Lake Washburn. From my cabin it looked as if it were entangled in fish line. My two sons-in-law and I got a large, heavy duty landing net so we could attempt to

free the loon. The net was to insure that no harm came to the loon or to us while we were attempting to disentangle it.

Just at that time a rain squall came up and delayed our rescue attempt.

During the storm the loon continued to struggle and flap its wings. After the storm the three of us went to investigate the situation further, at closer range. As we approached, the loon swam away.

We then noticed a large baby loon floating in the water. After retrieving it into the boat, we could see that it was dead. I called the DNR and they said to bury it.

Two weeks later, on a televised loon special, it was stated that when a new male loon replaces an old male, any surviving offspring are killed. This would seem to explain the spectacle we saw out in the middle of the lake.

I have learned that large gatherings of loons, such as the one I recently witnessed of twenty-five or more birds, are in essence a wake for a dead member of the group. Such interesting facts about our beautiful state bird.

Submitted by Gary Ahlquist

LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS FOR 1998

BOAT MONITORING

Gary Ahlquist
Marje and Jim Anderson
Ron Baker
Gerald Ballard
"Tike" Ballard
Pat and Ron Behning
Tom Brinkman
Fred Chinquist Jr.
George Fortmeyer

Jim Goodin
Alan Hines
Greg Hosch
Alvis and John Houston
Jan and Rolie Hron
Clem Johnson
Douglas Johnson
Sue and Wayne Lakso

Wayne Lindbom
Rod McKinley
Eugene Olsen
Don Peterson
Jon Rask
Cleone Riener
Dean Schwengler
Terry Whitely
Mike Wilder

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Gary Ahlquist
Karen Ahlquist
Gerald Ballard
Susan Ballard
Tom Ballard

Cindy DuBois
George DuBois
Gary Gabel
Mark Hegman
Bob Hanson
John Houston

Diane Huss
Richard Huss
Jan Johnson
Ron Nichols
Clayton Page
Jeff Sakariason

BUOYS

Jim Anderson
Howard Dutton

Hubert Lindblad
Richard Nelles

Jack Schuller
Jim Zerwas

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Ron Behning
Howard Dutton
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of August 15, 1998, 218 property owners had joined the Lake Washburn Association. Following is a listing of the current members. If you paid your dues before August 15, and your name is not listed, please contact Marje Anderson, 218-792-5317 or write to the Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56662. *

Abts, Jerry/Judy
 Ahlquist, Gary/Karen
 Albers, Jim/Shirley
 Andersohn, Bruce/Wendi
 Anderson, Arland/Peggy
 Anderson, Don/Connie
 Anderson, Jerome/Karen
 Anderson, Jim/Marje
 Appel, Martin/Karen
 Arf, Kevin/Jeffrey
 Baker, Ron/Nancy
 Ballard, Cecil/Carole
 Ballard, Gerald/Marie
 Ballis, John/Marge
 Ballis, Paul/Sharon
 Barker, Jim/Mary, Alice Harris
 Barfuss, Karen
 Barron, Edward/Paula
 Beard, Bob/Rita
 Behning, Ron/Pat
 Bendt, Kyle/April
 Benzel, Norbert/Sharon
 Berg, Dave/Kim
 Betts, Dan/Julie
 Bierstedt, Robert/Judy
 Boblett, Lois
 Borgwardt, Fred/Arline
 Botts, Gerald/Lisa
 Bourke, Dell Jr.
 Brinkman, Tom/Marlies
 Brodersen, Don/Barb
 Brown, Russ/Rosanne
 Bryan, Donald/Donna
 Buck, Roger/Randy/Ramon
 Bullis, Ruth
 Burgoyne, Art/Ginna
 Callander, Harlow/Mary
 Carlson, Steve/Denise
 Carlsson, Terry/Fran
 Carlson, Tyrus/Lillian
 Carr, Ed/Nancy
 Cartwright, Paul/Elizabeth
 Cazier, Harold/Janice
 Chapmen, Bob/Laurene
 Chiquist, Fred
 Davis, Darwin/Laurie
 Davis, Laurence/Joy
 Deans, Ken/Mildred
 Doeblner, Bob/Dorine
 Downey, Art/Joanne
 Dubois, George/Cindy
 Duffney, Scott/Debra
 Edelbrock, Bob/Sandee
 Edwards, Jim/ Marge

Eisler, Jim/Shan
 Erdman, Sheldon
 Emanuel, Louis/Jill
 Erickson, Jim
 Evenson, Ron/Bonnie
 Filzen, Ronald/Dee
 Fisch, Tom/Mary Jo
 Fortmeyer, George/Louise
 Fox, Pauline
 Funk, Gregory
 Gabel, Gary/Sue
 Ganley, Dan
 Gaskill, Ronald/Jane
 Gehrman, Don/Mary
 Germundson/ Orville
 Geyer, Bob/Mary
 Gibis, Gary
 Goodin, James/Karen
 Gooley, Jerome
 Gouze, Steve/Candace
 Gryskiewicz, Ray/Mildred
 Gulbrandsen, Steve/Pat
 Hannay, Edward/Barbara
 Hagel, Jerry/Jackie
 Harris, John/Kate
 Hartz, Ron Debbie
 Healy, Tim/Kathy
 Hed, Dennis/Joanne
 Hegman, Harold/Dorothy
 Hegman, Mar/Jacqueline
 Heinen, John/Mary Anne
 Herrick, William/Pat
 Heston, LaVon
 Hetland, James/Barbara
 Hildreth, Marvin/Sara
 Hirman, Rollie/Mary
 Hoffman, Kurt/Donna
 Hoffman, Steve/Sue
 Holman, Bob/Marilyn
 Hoogland, Tim/Glenda
 Houston, John/Alvis
 Hovind, Dale/Colleen
 Hron, Rolie/Jan
 Huss, Richard/Diana
 Johnson, Dave/Jan
 Johnson, Doug/Donna
 Johnson, Gordon/Doris
 Johnson, Jack/Jean
 Johnson, Tim/Meg
 Johnston, Clem/Mary
 Jorgeson, Jerry/Ginny
 Jubert, Rick/Helen
 Kaske, Andrew/Kae

Kaup, Eric/Kathy
 Keefe, Pat,Theresa
 Kinsky, Patricia
 Kirchner, Hedwig
 Knox, Barry/Nancy
 Kroehnert, Paul
 Kruse, Cy/Nancy
 Kunkel, Ken/June
 Kurtz, Karna
 LaBounty, Charles
 Laakso, Dan/Karen
 Lakso, Wayne/Sue
 Lambertsen, Albert
 Larson, Dale/Lucille
 Larson, Norman/Dorothy
 Larson, Robert
 Law, Jonathan/Maryanne
 Lawrence, Ted/Melba
 Lesperance, Peter,Betty
 LeVoir, Ken/Elaine
 Lindblad, Hubert/Iris
 Lindblad, Ralph/Nancy
 Lindbom, Wayne/Lucy
 Lundeen, John/Janan
 Lundquist, Robert/Jacqueline
 MacKenzie, Malcom/Donna
 Manthie, Gordon/Darla
 Maranda, Patrick/Julie
 Mark, Scott/Kelly
 Martinsen, George/Dorla
 McKinley, Rod/Jane
 Mechelke, Glenn/Pat
 Michael, Bill
 Miels, Jeffrey/Mary
 Mol, Thomas/Connie
 Morreim, Ernest/Kathy
 Morrow, James/Marilee
 Moss, William/Dee
 Moynagh, Jack
 Nault, David/Linda
 Nechas, Dave/Mary
 Nelles, Richard
 Nelson, Richard
 Nelson, Ron
 Nettet, Mark/Susette
 Nichols, Marvin/Janet
 Nichols, Ron/Willa
 Nielsen, Stephen/Lisa
 Oleson, David/Pat
 Olson, Ron/Mae
 Omites, Donald/Dixie
 Opatz, Mark/Betsy
 Page, Clayton/Marie

Papenhausen, Elvin/Marianne
 Pattock, Lawrence,Florence
 Perendy, Frank/Celjie
 Peterson, Dean/Judy
 Peterson, Dennis/Kathy
 Peterson, Don/Jo
 Pfaff, Larry/Kathy Evenson
 Pietrowski, Ed
 Rask, Jon/Elaine
 Rayman, Scott/Janet
 Regal, Ron/Jean
 Ress, Ronald/Mary
 Reynolds, Ken
 Riener, Dick/Cleone
 Rodi, Donald/Marlys
 Scharberr, Virgil
 Schaumburg, Bernard/Jill
 Schlieff, Harry/Sandy
 Schuller, Jack/Grace
 Schwaback, Dick/Marjorie
 Schwengler, Dean/Carol
 Seelye, Richard/Pricilla
 Sekeres, John
 Simpson, Vern/Shirley
 Sims, Irving/Bernice/Jarry
 Smith, Dennis/Mary
 Smith, Helen
 Smith, Rou/Marlene
 Snersrud, David/Linda
 Solstad, Leo Sr.
 Stanchfield, Victor/Roberta
 Stephanek, Thomas/Rosemary
 Stevenson, Matt,Nancy
 Stidger, Grace
 Stushr, Jay/Brenda
 Stubbs, Mark/Jan
 Stuenkel, Omar/Pearl
 Sweazey, Ben/Esther
 Thielen, James/Sue Henken
 Thomas, Jack/Gail
 Thompson, Frank/MaryAnn
 Toth, Dennis/Nancy
 Wahl, Al/Eleanor
 Wahl Donald/Carol
 Wahl, Thomas
 Waters, Cliff/Marilyn
 Westman, Lloyd/Doris
 Wheeler, Charles/Virginia
 Whitely, Frank/Margaret
 Whitely, Terry/Diane
 Wilder, Don/Dorothy
 Wilder, Michael/Susan
 Witkus, Mae
 Zerwas, Jim/Mary
 Zilverberg, Larry/Susan
 Zimny, James/Penny

* After the compilation of this list an additional fifteen dues were received, bringing our current membership to 333. That is great - but, we still want you to join us if you have not done so. You may send your dues to Marje Anderson, Treasurer, Lake Washburn Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56662.



EARLY MEMORIES OF LAKE WASHBURN

by Barb Dutton

In 1934 my parents, Al and Ann Fehr, bought the resort that is now ours. At that time it was known as Washburn Point Lodge. Grandma and Grandpa moved up here with them, along with my brother and myself. We came in November, whereas Muchows came in June of that year.

Those were depression years and not an easy time. We arrived along with all our belongings, on a flatbed truck. This included 100 pound sacks of flour, sugar, and potatoes. Everything wasn't unloaded that night and some things froze. In those days staples were bought in large quantities, not knowing when we could travel out the road to town. The only cash was \$100 which had to last until spring.

My grandfather wrote a letter to my dad's brother telling about the first months. "The resort has 35 lots. Lakeshore lots are selling for \$5 to \$7 a front foot. There are eight cabins that rent from \$10 to \$18 per week. Deer season in November didn't net much - took in \$4 cash and about \$4 in shells and food. The weather was too mild. People parked their cars on the road and went into the woods from there, If it had been cold with lots of snow we would have made money."

The first winter seemed to be the worst. We fished a lot as that was our meat. We caught perch to use for bait to fish northern and walleye. In later

years Dad would shoot ducks in the fall with a .22 as he didn't have money for shotgun shells. Also, deer season provided us with venison. My Aunt Marie talks of shipping meat packed in ice by the railroad to give us some different kinds of meat. One summer we picked 200 quarts of blueberries to be canned and then traded with a grocer friend from North St. Paul for canned vegetables and fruit. Blueberries were very plentiful as the area had burned over in previous years.

The first few years we lived in one log cabin in the winter because it was warmer, and then moved to another in the summer because the ice house

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was underneath. In 1939 Grandpa and Dad built a log home for both families by cutting logs, peeling them and having some made into paneling. My brother and I helped with the peeling and we straightened old nails. Grandpa salvaged the nails from somewhere to save money. When I think today of how many nails are wasted by builders! This cabin, though not large, had a bedroom for Grandpa and Grandma and one for Mom and Dad, Jack and myself. Grandpa made bunk beds for us. In summer we used the porch area for extra sleeping space.

I remember playing a lot of cards and games as a youngster in the evenings and on cold winter days.

Some of our boats were made by Dad and Grandpa. They were flat-bottom boats and had to be fastened to posts in the lake so they would stay soaked up and not leak. When one was needed we brought it in. Each spring a big job was scraping old paint, caulking and repainting the boats. No motors in the early years; then Dad bought a three horsepower motor and we really thought that was great. It's amazing how many places Dad knew to fish without a locator.

My schooling began at Thunder Lake School. It was a one-room school which had eight grades. The teacher lived with a close-by family. There was a big wood stove in one corner which we all stood around on cold mornings to get warm. Some commodities were supplied the school such as fruit and cocoa. The superintendent of schools was at Walker at that time. My parents and neighbors petitioned to have Thunder Lake School closed and have us students bused to Remer. At that time students had to be at the highway to

catch the bus. Roads were sometimes snow-filled and drifted over. Often we walked out when the snow was deep and drifted. Mom walked with us when we were young and carried the .22. Wolves were most feared as there were very few bears at the time.

Those early years Grandpa had a radio that ran off a battery in order for us to keep abreast of world events. It was only used for news and a few special programs. Of course, lighting was by kerosene lamps. We finally got an Aladdin lamp which gave more light. Electricity came in 1950. Dad had cold running water in the cabins about 1951. No inside bathrooms until 1958

My mother was a nurse and handled most our of illnesses. However, one winter when I was about 10, I got very sick. My dad and Grandpa pulled me on a sled to the highway where Charlie Todd gave Mom and me a ride to Crosby. There we waited at the Koop Funeral Home until the train left for the Cities. Another time we'd had a bad snowstorm and couldn't drive out the road, when my grandmother had a gall bladder attack. Mr. Flata, who was a son of the Emily telephone operator, flew a plane from Brainerd and picked her up to take her to the hospital. He had to land with skis on the lake..

The snowstorm of 1940, during deer season, caught several hunters at our place. Dad helped drive some of the cars part way out our road, as he was

more used to driving in deep snow. We had an old skidding horse that I rode to help pull one car up a steep little hill. I was 10 at the time and this old horse really impressed me with how strong he was. I learned to harness him myself. The first time I put the collar on upside down and Grandpa had a good laugh. King was most patient with me.

In 1940 Grandpa began a cement foundation for a two family home which was finished in 1945. He worked on it as money was available for materials. This is the same home we live in today, with some remodeling.

During World War II, in 1944, Dad and Grandpa drove our Model A Ford to Idaho to help build a naval base at Coeur d'Alene. Many men from here left for the western states where there was more work. Since my brother was gone the summer Dad and Grandpa were also gone, I was issued a special driver's license so I could get groceries, etc. Mom, Grandma and I ran the resort that summer.

These are some of the memories I have of those early years. My mother kept a scrapbook from 1938 to 1944 of pictures and clipping two of our guest had given her. They worked for the St. Paul Dispatch. These pictures showed what the resort looked like, as well as photos of several large fish that had been caught.





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