



Lake Washburn Association Newsletter

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

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County Road 48 Clean Up
Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting
Saturday, June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I must apologize for my failure to follow up which resulted in your not receiving a Fall Newsletter. I want to express a deep thanks to our past President, Ted Johnson, who is leading the battle against AIS, and has also served as Editor of our Newsletter. My thanks to Ted again for all his service to our Association (past, present, & future). Last Fall it was assumed that Ted would be continuing as Newsletter Editor however after discussions with him this spring I now realize, based on his work and travel schedule, he would like to be relieved of this responsibility. My deep thanks go out to Linda Snesrud for picking up the ball this Spring and putting together this newsletter. Linda has also agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor. However in this capacity Linda needs your support to write/submit articles of interest to be included in future issues.

You will notice this issue contains two messages from the President. At first I thought of rewriting my Fall 2012 article completely but after rereading it I believe it covers those topics quite adequately, but not very timely! So for that I again apologize and direct your attention to read it for coverage of other issues not included with this Spring message. As I am writing this Spring 2013 Report the sun shining on the snow in my Bloomington front yard gives me some expectation that the snow may be gone in less than 10 days by May 1. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the ice has left Lake Washburn. Speaking of water brings me to the first topic, Boat Inspections.

Boat Inspections

Last fall the association applied for a DNR Boat Inspections Grant. Unfortunately in February when the awards were announced we did not receive a grant. However, as you may have read in the Northland Press (*Editor's note: See the press release on page 15.*), the Township AIS committee did receive a grant for boat inspections. They have offered to share the grant with LWA so Bob Holman and Les Raisch have been busy putting together a plan to utilize approximately 500 hours of the township Grant for Lake Washburn boat inspections. The cost of this plan for LWA to hire trained DNR authorized inspectors is around \$4500, after considering the reduction provided by

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the grant. The specifics of the proposal will be presented at the June 8th General Membership Meeting for your approval. However, since the Lake Washburn access needs to be staffed for fishing opener and Memorial Day in advance of the meeting, your Board has voted to authorize the first month of the plan for an amount not to exceed \$750. Hopefully you, the membership, will authorize the remaining funds at the meeting so that we can complete the program for the rest of the summer. Although the plan calls for hiring of trained inspectors LWA needs volunteer coordinators to oversee and support the effort. Hopefully you will respond in the affirmative when approached by Les or Bob to volunteer in this capacity. We all need to get behind this program to continue this important program to protect our lake from AIS.

Fehr's Road Issue

Last spring following the heavy rain an issue was detected concerning drainage into the lake across the property on Fehr's Road owned by Steve & Joyce McQuillan. The association has been working with the McQuillan's and the Township to develop a solution to the lake pollution problem. As of this time I can only report we are waiting to be added to a future Township Meeting agenda. Hopefully I will be able to report more at the meeting.

County Road 48 Cleanup

Please take note of the announcement and request for help with the County Road 48 roadside cleanup, which is scheduled for June 1st. If you are at the lake on that weekend I urge you to consider spending a few hours on Saturday morning to help with this effort. Please call Keith Ahlquist so he can make adequate plans and assignments to complete the task.

June General Membership Meeting

At our June Membership meeting we plan to continue the discussion of Shoreland Restoration, which Dan Schultz started at our Annual Meeting last August. Karna Kurtz will be making a presentation comparing and contrasting rip-rap to natural restoration. Also to support our Lake History project (refer to my Fall 2012 article on page 7) bring those old photos, family scrapbooks, newspaper articles, journals, etc. to display on our "show & tell" table. Following a brief meeting you will be treated to our

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SPAWNING WATERS SPARED

(Reprinted from the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, July-August 2011 issue.)

The walleye fishing on Washburn Lake north of Brainerd should continue to be good, thanks to a family's generous donation of land that became an Aquatic Management Area. The new AMA is at Bear Paw Point. In 2005 and 2006, Washburn Lake Association members identified the point as key walleye habitat in nighttime searches for spawning walleyes.

At the time the land on shore was platted for development. After learning of the point's importance as walleye habitat, David Harrington and his wife



Kristine Kolar purchased the land from family members and held it, waiting for a conservation plan to be put in place. In 2010 the family signed a deal with the DNR to sell 20 acres of the prime lakeshore at a significant discount to become an aquatic management area.

Money for the land purchase came mostly from the

Outdoor Heritage Fund, which was instituted by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008. "Selling property to the DNR at a deep discount is not the best thing for your pocketbook," said Harrington. "But there is no place on the balance sheet to list the value of knowing the place—where, as a kid, I caught hundreds of frogs—will remain preserved for kids for generations to come."

AMAs are preserved shorelands that protect near-shore fish habitat from the impacts of development.

Minnesota AIS Laws

- *All water-related equipment must be drained before leaving any water body.*
- *This includes portable bait containers!*
- *Drain plug must be removed from water-related equipment when on any roads.*
- *Service providers **MUST** obtain a permit from DNR before providing any services.*
- *Service providers are individuals or businesses hired to install or remove water-related equipment or structures from waters of the state.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries Report

By John N Harris, DNR Liaison

What a difference a year makes. Last year, the lake was clear of ice at perhaps the earliest date ever. This year, it nearly was (or is) a new record for the latest date ever. So, how was your opener? Were you successful or just out there drowning minnows? Did you have to use the ice auger to access the fish? I'd like to hear how it went, good, bad or ugly.



Early last year there was an initial flurry of reports of anglers doing relatively well catching the elusive walleye but then it all seemed to die back to "ho-hum, as usual there are no walleyes." Even the little northern seemed to shut down. At least, that's what happened in my case and I heard no one with bragging rights. So what happened? My guess is that it had a lot to do with the very high water levels during early to mid-summer. The no-wake advisory and the inability of many to access their boat had to impact results – no fishing, no success.

That was last year and this is a new year. The late ice-out date will likely have an impact on fishing. Walleyes are expected to be spawning somewhat late and that puts the female fish at risk of being caught before they have an opportunity to deposit their eggs. Walleye spawn over rock, rubble, gravel and similar substrate windswept shallows in water 1 to 6 feet deep, where current clears away fine sediment and will cleanse and aerate eggs. Male walleye move into spawning areas in early spring when the water temperature may be only a few degrees above freezing. The larger females arrive later. Spawning reaches its peak when water temperature ranges from 42 to 50 degrees.

Our hope is that the wakes created by those boaters who chose to ignore or who forgot the advisory during the high water last year did not negatively impact the walleye spawning sites by

washing shoreline soil into and over the spawning beds. It's up to us to not do anything to cause more sediment than what can/will be cleared away by nature. It appears that high water is likely to be an issue again this spring. If so, please try to keep boat wakes small. As you know, high water wakes may create at least two problems. One is possible costly damage to boats, docks, etc. that are secured along the shoreline. The other is damage to the shoreline itself which is, as the commercial says, "priceless."

Walleye Stocking: The DNR stocked 57,005 walleye frylings in Washburn last June. There were roughly 900 frylings/lb. The DNR handled the entire project without assistance from the Association. They launched at the public landing and distributed the fryling to all three major basins. We continue to be optimistic that the repeated bi-annual stocking along with catch and release of those 2.5+ lb. walleye females will result in a much better angling experience in the future. For example, each 5 lb. walleye will deposit more than 100,000 eggs during the spawning season. And that brings a plea...
PLEASE, PLEASE release any big walleyes caught this spring. They are almost certainly females that because of the expected late

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County Road 48 Cleanup

Thanks to the following for their help with the cleanup in 2012:

Don & Diane DuBay
Pat & Lana Johnson
Ken & Sue Estvold
Jerry & Jackie Hagel
Pat & Mary Pat Fitzpatrick



The first cleanup of the year is planned for Saturday, June 1st. Please meet at the public access at 9:00 am. Contact Keith Ahlquist with questions (612-799-5787).

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spawn are 1) probably more susceptible to being caught, and 2) more likely to still be full of eggs. Females who have not yet spawned are likely to be feeding; they become more lethargic for a period of time after completing the spawn.

Electro-Fishing: The DNR conducted the 2012 electro-fishing test on Sept 28th. As you might recall, the results in 2011 were the best ever. The most recent test had mixed results but in toto, they were still quite good.

The 2012 test results are broken into two groups; the targeted "Young of Year (YOY)" walleye which is those walleye born during the year and, the incidental secondary group of walleye age 1 year or older. The test was also able to distinguish between YOY walleye that are the result of natural reproduction and those stocked by the DNR.

Interesting results include the fact that the catch rate of YOY walleye in 2012 was 33.19/hour versus 47.46/hour in 2011. Now, this sounds bad but the 2012 rate was still one of the best ever. The catch rate of the 1+ year old walleye was 26.03/hour in 2012 versus 7.68/hour in 2011, a significant increase in catch this time. Another interesting result is the size of the 1+ year walleye. In 2012, the length of the fish ranged from 12.7" to 23.0" (a 23" walleye weighs nearly 5 lbs.!). In 2011, the range was 8.2" to 12.3". The older fish were both more numerous and much larger in 2012 than those caught in 2011. This is possibly the result of water temp or levels at the time of the testing.

It was also interesting to learn that 63% of the fingerlings tested were from natural reproduction rather than from stocking. This could bode well for future angling success on our lake. Our hope is that the wakes created by those who chose to ignore or who forgot the advisory during the high water last summer did not negatively impact the walleye spawning sites by washing shoreline soil into and over the spawning beds.

Finally, as noted above, this past year, the DNR stocked 57,000 walleyes in Washburn. That is

great but releasing walleyes 2.5 lb. and larger can have a bigger positive impact on improving our fishery.

2013 DNR Plans: The DNR expects to be netting fish on Washburn in August this year. The netting will be another attempt to verify the success of the stocking and in general, the condition of our fishery. The next stocking of walleye by the DNR is planned for 2014.

Fisheries Volunteer Opportunity: There may be an opportunity this spring to check Daggett Brook to determine if walleye are spawning there. Daggett is not generally accessible by boat so we'd have to walk in to check. If you have accessed Daggett Brook by land or know how to access it, please let me know. If you both know and are willing to help, better yet. Two or three volunteers would be great. A little training is required to be able to distinguish walleye eggs from sucker and northern eggs. Remember, this'll be relatively early spring so the water levels are likely to be high and, perhaps it'll not even possible this year. Nevertheless, if you are willing to help, this year or next, please contact me at: jnhnj@yahoo.com or call 218.792.5 725 or 763.427.3938. Thanks.

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traditional spaghetti dinner prepared by Janis Judd, Pat Behning, and their crew. Hope to see you all June 8th at the Crooked Lake Township Hall for our General Membership meeting.

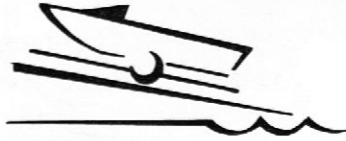
One final note, Lake Washburn Association is **your** association and as such we need **your** help to support all the activities and volunteer opportunities discussed in this newsletter in addition to becoming an officer or director. If you wish to volunteer for any activities or have any issues/questions please feel free to contact me as noted below.

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Boat Monitoring

By Les Raisch

July 4th (June 29th—July 4th): There were a total of 63 boats and 3 jet skis monitored during the July 4th holiday. All boaters knew about the Invasive Species problem but approximately 30% did not know about the bait bucket water needing to be dumped. One boater was stopped on the highway and fined for not having the boat's plug removed. A DNR Officer patrolled the lake on Tuesday July 3rd from 4 pm until later pm.



Labor Day (August 31st—September 3rd): A total of 50 boats and 5 jet skis were monitored.

I want to thank all volunteers for their time.

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LOONS IMPACTED BY INVASIVE SPECIES

Nearly 900 loons and probably more died while migrating south across Lake Michigan last fall. With the iconic birds of the North Country beginning their migration back from the Atlantic and Gulf coasts now in search of open water, scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) think a complex interplay of invasive species may be the cause of the massive die-off. The researchers suspect invasive zebra and quagga mussels create ideal conditions in Lake Michigan for the bacteria that produces botulism toxin. The mussels filter the water so it's incredibly clear, allowing an algae called *cladophora* to grow in huge amounts. Storms churn up the algae, which settle to the lake bottom and rot. That creates an environment without any oxygen, an ideal home for bacteria that produce botulism. The toxin is ingested by tiny worms and freshwater shrimp, which are eaten by fish, including the invasive round goby, which are then eaten by diving birds -- including loons. Kevin Kenow, a USGS wildlife biologist in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, tracks loons with radio transmitters. His work has shown that some Minnesota loons spend nearly a month on Lake Michigan fattening up before their long flight south. "They're diving up to 40, 45 meters in some of these areas," Kenow said, "and the pattern of dives suggests

that they aren't stopping in the water column anywhere, but they're continuing all the way down to the bottom, feeding on the bottom substrates and then returning to the surface." It's at the lake bottom where scientists believe fish such as the round gobies pick up botulism before they're eaten by loons.

So far the outbreaks don't seem to have affected Minnesota's loon population, said Carrol Henderson, Nongame Wildlife Program supervisor at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Henderson said the population appears stable at more than 10,000 adult loons, so it's still unclear how many of the loons dying in Lake Michigan spend their summers in Minnesota. Some scientists are worried if the die-off continues it could be a genuine concern for the long term viability of loons.

Reprinted from the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, Conservation Notes, Spring 2013



FOR THE LOVE OF LAKES

By Darby Nelson, author of the new book, *For Love of Lakes*

We love our lakes yet degrade them—what explains the paradox?

We love our lakes yet we not only allow but participate in their deterioration. What explains this paradox? I could not reconcile the inconsistency in my mind and set out on a lake journey to seek understanding. That journey led me to write the book *For Love of Lakes*.

I began my exploration believing that people do not purposely damage lakes, but may do so inadvertently because of lack of understanding of lake ecology. Paddling the shore of a Minnesota lake, my wife and I discovered a situation where that had apparently happened. A lot owner had massively removed Chara, an alga the size of a short wild blueberry bush, across his entire lot width. Had he know that Chara plays three extremely important roles in maintaining lake clarity and health, I expect he would have treated it differently. Chara provides protective habitat for game fish sac fry, aquatic invertebrates, micro-crustacea such as water fleas, and myriad others—all critical to the food chain. Chara also stabilizes bottom sediments, preventing wind and wave action from stirring sediment particles into the water column, reducing water clarity. It also keeps phosphorus in the sediments, preventing its release into the water column to feed blue-green algae, turning lakes into pea soup.



Chara

While you would not enjoy swimming in Chara, by removing just enough for boating and swimming

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FROM THE PRESIDENT—FALL 2012

As I am sitting here writing this it is hard to believe that summer 2012 is over. The other night at the cabin the temp was in the low 40's but the next day in the cities the temp was over 90 again. Those of you who attended the August Annual Meeting, I am sure will join me in sending another big Thank You to Dan Schultz for an educational and entertaining presentation of his shoreland improvement success story. Dan outlined the process, showed us before and after photos, and described how the association helped him with the planting back in 2005. If you missed the meeting and have questions on Shoreland Restoration please let us know. We intend to continue the focus on Shoreline Restoration next spring at our General Membership Meeting on June 8th.

I am pleased to announce the results of the election also held at the August Annual Meeting.

The following were elected:

President - Ron Reich
Vice President - Bob Holman
Secretary - Janis Judd
Treasurer - Linda Snesrud
Directors -
Karna Kurtz,
Dave Oleson
Scott Mark

I would also like to thank the outgoing Directors Sue Henken, Nancy Toth for their service on the Board over the last years. In addition I would also like to thank the continuing Officers and Directors for their service over the past years. The success of our organization is dependent on volunteers. I would urge everyone to get involved with any of the committees or Board just let us know.

Remember! Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something. ~Author Unknown

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purposes, leaving the rest alone, Chara can continue to produce the benefits of a healthy, clear water lake. One cannot claim to love a lake if he knowingly hauls away its Chara.

I also learned that we perceive lakes very differently than we perceive terrestrial systems. Walk through a woods and you will quickly see much about the diverse life forms and how it all is inter-connected. Go to a lake and what do you see? Emergent shore plants, shore birds, maybe a crayfish or frog, and also the lake surface. But we cannot see 99 percent of a lake. It lies beneath the waves. We are visual creatures. So our perception of lakes is incomplete. That matters! Perception is the mother of behavior.

I also learned we have innate habits of mind that prevent us from doing right by lakes. In my travels for the book, I came on a person clearing a lake shore of all fallen, partly submerged, woody tree limbs. A second person with soil and water conservation credentials acknowledged that removal of such material was against the DNR's advice to leave reasonable amounts of such material in the lake, given its extreme importance for lake creature habitat.

She then launched into a tirade about how stupid the DNR's ideas were on this issue, despite the fact that researchers have solid data that woody materials provide extremely important lake habitat. We have a tendency to see what we want to see and ignore factual evidence that conflicts with the "reality" we favor. Other examples of our innate habits of mind support this conclusion and are described in the book.

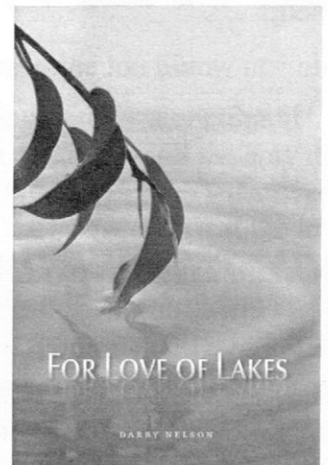
At the end of my lake journey, I think I understand the causes of our paradoxical relationship with lakes. Human nature itself plays a significant role in the human/lake paradox.

Reprinted from Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation newsletter, Spring/Summer 2012.

This book has the potential to change lake behavior because it speaks from the heart to the heart.

Darby Nelson is an aquatic biologist and professor emeritus of biology and environmental science to college students for 35 years, and he has a long history of conservation work. Currently, he is a board member of Conservation Minnesota and the Freshwater Society, he served three terms in the state legislature, and most recently two years on the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council that makes recommendations for appropriation of one-third of the state's Legacy fund.

Darby's book, *For Love of Lakes*, weaves a delightful tapestry of history, science, emotion, logic, and lake natural history for all who love lakes or enjoy nature writing. It is an affectionate account documenting our species' long relationship with lakes and their glacial origins. Darby draws his inspiration from Thoreau and has packed the new book with observations both emotional and scientific. This is a necessary and thoughtful book that addresses the stewardship void while providing improved understanding of our most treasured natural feature.



The book has received excellent reviews, many of which you can read on Darby's website, www.darbynelson.com as well as reading his lake blog. Information is also available on how to purchase the book through Michigan State University Press or the book is available on Amazon.com.

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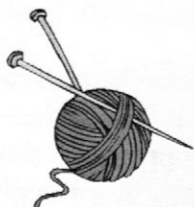
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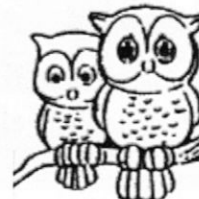
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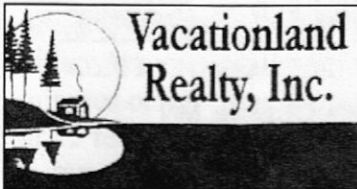
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LOST? *By Bob Holman*

A thick fog hung over the lake: old timers said it was "thick as pea soup" whatever that means. Rather similar to smoke from a fire hanging in the air with no wind to move it along. I will change the names of the characters to protect them from future questions like, "Why would you try that?" So now the story.

Four teenagers sitting on the dock talking after a great day on the lake. Let's get their names out front and center - meet Bob, Dick, John and Steve - remember not real names. All of our parents had cabins on Lake Washburn's north basin. One of us noticed the fog rolling in but at the time we weren't concerned. As minutes passed it became thicker and thicker. John lived on the north shore of the lake and wondered how he was going to get back to his cabin that night. We weren't concerned so kept talking for another 30 minutes or so. Now the fog was really thick with visibility 10 or 15 feet at most. Steve said it was an easy task to hop in our speedboat, point across the lake, keep the boat straight and he and John would land at John's dock - or certainly a dock near John's so he could walk from there. Dick and I thought it couldn't be done but the other two were certain it could. So off they went at trolling speed. Dick and I lost sight of the boat after 20 feet or so hearing only the sound of the outboard. Soon that faded away and the boat became a ghost lost in the night. So Dick and I remained on the dock waiting for Steve to return. After what seemed like an hour we heard the sound of an outboard motor. We turned our flashlight on and pointed it at the sound. No one else was on the water so we knew it had to be Steve. Sure enough it was but there were two people in the boat - Steve and John. While Steve tried to keep straight he just succeeded in going in a very, very large circle. Steve said he saw the light and he and John thought it was John's dad on his dock waiting for them to arrive. What a surprise. We all had a good laugh and vowed we wouldn't try that again. So we tied up the boat and drove John home by car. Today with GPS and smart phones, it just may be possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2013

1st: Over the Hills Gang
Pork 'n Ride

**1st: County Road 48
Cleanup, 9am
(Meet at the public access)**

**8th: Lake Washburn Ass'n
General Meeting
5:00 Meeting followed by
Spaghetti Dinner**

29th: Turtle Town Art Fair
9am—4pm
Salem Lutheran Church Grounds
Longville

JULY 2013

6th: Fireworks over
Lawrence Lake

20th: Emily Day

27th: Outing 5k Family Fun Run

FROG JUMPING

Thursdays

June 26th to August 16th at:
Land O'Lakes Marine, Outing
Registration: Noon
Jumping starts at: 1pm

AIS UPDATE *By Ted Johnson*

No Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was found last year! It is too early to say we have won our battle, but it is a very good start! Most experts I have spoken with have said that after two to three more years, we can be fairly confident that the infestation has been eliminated.

We had set a goal of being the first Minnesota lake to eliminate EWM. We have some competition and might get second prize. Schmidt Lake in Plymouth has been EWM free for two years now.

Also I spoke with the Department of Ecology in Washington State and they said they are still having success eliminating EWM in many lakes. They have however had cases in which EWM was eliminated and 5 or 6 years later EWM was reintroduced. They said it has reappeared right around the public access... So vigilance on boat inspections is critical!!!

2012 was an odd one for weeds (aquatic plants is the politically correct term!) on Washburn and in many lakes throughout Minnesota. I have heard many of you say that you have never seen weeds like we had this past summer. I would agree... Fortunately it looks like our local weeds out-competed EWM, and despite a bumper year for native Northern Water milfoil, EWM was not located anywhere.

So essentially we progressed from having **thousands** of EWM plants on over 6 acres in 2009 to five or six locations with **a couple hundred** plants in 2010, and in 2011 we found only **10-15 plants** in two locations. Now in 2012 we have found **no EWM**... Not bad control and progress.

We spent very little on AIS in 2012 and our restricted fund for dealing with AIS had \$18,557 as of September 10, 2012. We would encourage people to continue contributing to this restricted fund because if another species is introduced or we decide to do more boat monitoring, this fund, while significant, is by no stretch inexhaustible. These contributions are restricted so LWA can only use these funds for AIS efforts.

Thanks to all that helped scout for EWM. A specific thanks to those who helped scout for EWM last August. We can always use more help! These surveillance efforts are why we have been so successful. All lakes treat when they have EWM, but we are the first Minnesota lake to do surveillance like this... That is the difference. We owe thanks to the volunteers for all their work.

EWM TIMELINE REVIEW

July 2009

Eurasian Water Milfoil was found in East Lake north of the public access. Lake Washburn Association volunteers searched the east basin and found 5.7 acres which had some plants and two to three established patches of EWM.

August 2009

LWA contracted a professional chemical applicator to treat the entire 5.7 acre area.

Summer 2010

Scuba divers and other volunteers inspected the treated area found an extremely high kill rate from the treatment. Some individual plants and small patches were found, and the divers hand-picked them.

September 2010

LWA volunteers treated the locations where plants had been found (about a half an acre in total). No plants had reached the surface.

Summer 2011

Divers inspected all summer and found no plants until the final dive in August. A volunteer also found a couple of plants in early September.

August/September 2011

LWA volunteers spot treated again. More plants had been found and a 2 acre area was treated to be certain that no plants were missed.

August 2012

A group of volunteers searched the previously infested areas and most of the East Basin finding no EWM. Native northern milfoil wasn't found in the previously infested and treated areas either.

Emily-Outing Area Collaborating Against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Local citizens, in cooperation with their local lake associations, local committees, and local units of government are collaborating with the MN DNR this summer in a dedicated effort to keep Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) out of our local waters.

Buoyed by DNR matching grants to the City of Emily, Crooked Lake Township (Outing), and to the Roosevelt And Lawrence Area Lakes Association (RALALA), DNR-trained AIS Watercraft Inspectors will monitor public boat landings at Ruth Lake, Lake Emily, Lake Washburn, Leavitt Lake, Lawrence Lake, Smokey Hollow Lake, Lake Roosevelt and an array of the area's smaller lakes.

Inspectors will be hired by a DNR-approved independent contractor, DNR trained for the task, and earn \$10.00 per hour while keeping our lakes free of invasive species. Applicants must be dependable, outgoing, have a flexible schedule with the availability to work weekends and various holidays. Interested persons should apply TODAY online at www.ercstaffing.com or call 218-824-9675. DNR training is needed (and available, if you connect quickly). For more information, please contact your local Outing / Emily area lake association. Folks local to our Emily – Outing area are definitely urged to apply for these positions.

In addition, the public is urged to learn more about the horrific damage caused to property values, fisheries, boating, water-skiing, and even personal safety as a result of AIS infestations. Studies have shown drops of up to 30% - 35% in property values (and thus in local tax-share), with a lake's infestation.

An eye-popping video about zebra mussels (ZMs) (by the national "DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL" campaign, with collaboration of many – including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Lakes and the State of Michigan, etc.) is viewable on area websites. One such site is: <http://www.ralalalakes.org/>. Navigate there, then use the tabs, "ENVIRONMENTAL" and then "INVASIVE SPECIES" and finally click on the words for the video. All fishermen, boaters, water users and their families should see this recent information about the damage to fishery capacity in the Great Lakes (down 80%), and similar destruction elsewhere in our nearby states.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) continued their spread in MN during 2012. The most notable victim recently identified is Lake Winnibigoshish – about an hour North of Outing. As Minnesota's 4th largest fresh water lake (88.24 square miles), the lake now has been confirmed to have Zebra Mussels ZMs). The MN DNR found 'veligers', their microscopic offspring, in samples taken in August of 2012. Environmental science would suggest that ZMs have been in that lake for at least a couple of years to be spread into those deeper waters.

The infestation rate and risks have grown dramatically in the past few years as major metro waters, Gull Lake, Lake Mille Lacs and other area lakes have become infested. Scientists say that Great Lake fisheries are down 80% since the invasion of zebra mussels.

Key actions for all to heed:

Never move a boat lift, dock or water equipment directly into the water. The safest (and mandatory) procedure is to have it sit dry for at least 21 days. There are many places for water to collect, and ZMs to hide in these forms of apparatus.

ALWAYS – CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY your boat, motor, trailer, fishing gear, toys, etc. as various forms of AIS can cling, hide and travel along.



Talk to family, friends, guests, and neighbors about protecting our fresh water, and being careful. Support our all-out effort this summer to keep these little monsters out of local lakes.

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In Remembrance of Jim and Bobbie Hetland

Lake Washburn mourns the passing of two long-time residents, James and Barbara Hetland. Bobbie passed away at the age of 85 on March 22, 2011, and Jim followed her at the age of 86 on May 23, 2012. Jim and Bobbie first came to Lake Washburn with their four children back in the resort days of the 1960s, spending summers as guests at Pines-A-Plenty located at the sandy beach in West Bay. In 1964, they, along with good friends, purchased Pines-A-Plenty, and spent many summers fishing, waterskiing, playing tennis, picking blueberries and enjoying the beauty of the Lake. Later in life, the Lake became a summer "compound" where Jim and Bobbie made some of their happiest memories with their four children, ten grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and schnauzers. Ted Johnson, former Lake Washburn Association President and son of former Pines-a-Plenty co-owners Bob and Gerry Johnson, recalls, "Jim and Bobby loved the lake as much as anyone ever has. They enjoyed its simplicity and the Pines-a-Plenty remained virtually the same over the many years they were there..." Outside of life at Lake Washburn, Bobbie was active in her church, the Third Church of Christ Scientist, and P.E.O., and enjoyed family, bridge and dinner groups. Jim lived a busy life in the practice of law and civic matters, working at First National Bank (predecessor to U.S. Bancorp), teaching law at the University of Minnesota, serving as the first Chair of the Metropolitan Council and serving on organizations such as the Civic Caucus and the Downtown Council. Jim and Bobbie had wise, kind and loving spirits, and are sorely missed by their many friends and their family. Their children and grandchildren take comfort in Lake Washburn as a place that Jim and Bobbie treasured, and can still see them sitting on the deck at sunset, enjoying the call of the loon over the lake.



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As you will note from Ted's AIS article nobody won the \$100 award over Labor Day for locating Eurasian Water Milfoil. As a matter of fact we have been unable to find any Eurasian Water Milfoil this season. That's the good news! We would like to celebrate the accomplishment of Ted and his team in leading us to become the first (or second) lake in MN to completely eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil, however we need a few more years of observation before we can claim victory. So now the bad news, since we have not discovered a specific location we have not been able to apply for a permit or do any treatment this season. EWM may well exist somewhere in our lake, therefore we need the help of every lakeshore owner next season to be vigilant about searching for any sign of EWM and reporting it to us.

I am happy to report that our membership is 248 is for 2012. I would like to remind all members to keep the Association informed of address changes and especially email changes. Many of you do not have an email address on file, however you can help us improve communication by sharing your email address. This will allow us to communicate with you more rapidly and effectively, as we did on a number of occasions this season, no wake warning, boat parade cancellation, Eurasian Water Milfoil bounty, and County Road 48 cleanup.

Washburn Lake History

If you were not at the annual meeting you also missed the announcement of the Lake Washburn History Project. The objective of this multiyear effort is to capture and record the history, stories, and

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memories of our beautiful Lake Washburn with the envisioned outcome of a book of stories from Washburn Lake. I would like to thank the members of the Lake Washburn History Team listed below who volunteered to help with this project. We can always use more help on the History Project Team with one or all of the following tasks:

Writer – Contribute articles about your property or recollection

Reporter - Interview other owners and write their stories

Researcher – Minnesota Historical Society, County records, newspapers

Internet Research – DNR records of lake level, clarity, ice out

Editors – Organize and format articles, photographs

If you would like to join the Team please give me a call or send an email.

Talking to folks around the lake I find that I am a relative newbie, having only been on Washburn for 43 years. Many owners I speak with have grown up on the lake and also have parents who have grown up on the lake. Therefore the Board felt it is appropriate to begin capturing this historical information. So the first task for the History Project is to collect information. We have already collected and catalogued back issues of the newsletters and Sportsman's Club. Many of you know that Lake Washburn Association was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in October 1989. However our origins go back to a meeting at the residence of Paul Rees on Sept 4, 1962, where the Lake Washburn Sportsman Club was organized. The first project the club undertook was establishing a Walleye rearing pond for the purpose of stocking Lake Washburn, however that's a story that we will try to include a future newsletter.

As I mentioned our first task is to collect information, so we need your help with this task. While many of you may still be basking in the sun down south, think about those old photos,

family scrapbooks, newspaper articles, journals, and most of all your recollections of what it was like growing up on Washburn Lake. Therefore a challenge to every lakeshore owner - **locate those old photos, articles, artifacts, etc. and let us know.** If you have proclivity as a writer jot down your memories along with copies of those old photos and send or email them to us. If you are not gifted as a writer just send us copies of the documents along with the facts as you can recall them or, if you prefer, let us know and someone will contact you to assist in recording your memories.

While collecting this information I was made aware of the history of the Outing area that is available on the Land O' Lakes Marine website. It is quite interesting. If you are interested and would like to check it out, use the History Tab on their website: www.landolakesmarine.net.

Lake Washburn History Project Team:

Jan Judd	Linda Snestrud
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Finally once again I would like to encourage every owner to get involved with your lake association to help preserve Washburn Lake and the surrounding environment for our children and grandchildren. There are many opportunities to get involved that are included in this newsletter. Please feel free to call or email me with your suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns about LWA or our lake.

Ron

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JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

For years, Jack & Grace Schuller have organized the annual 4th of July boat parade. Last year would have been the 20th year, however due to the high water, the parade had to be cancelled. Jack & Grace will no longer be organizing the parade and hope someone will step forward to continue the tradition.

THANK YOU, JACK & GRACE!

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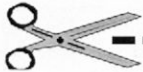
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Several properties changed hands over the last year. Please welcome the following new property owners and their families:

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- Lawrence & Judith Nicholas of Placida, FL—Sundew Trail
- Ronald & Jodi Standke of Owatonna, MN—Peninsula Road

We need your help to keep our database current. Please let us know if you move, or if you know of someone new to the lake. We also keep track of properties that are for sale to watch for new ownership. Please contact any of the board members listed on page 2 if you have information to help us. Thanks!

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New Renewal Contribution Only

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Email Address _____

Permanent 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:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Position	<input type="checkbox"/> County Road 48 Cleanup	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Buoy Markers	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Milfoil & Other Invasive Species Prevention & Treatment			

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

General Fund Milfoil and other Exotic Species Prevention and Treatment **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____**

Mail completed form to: **Lake Washburn Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56662**

*Memberships and additional donations are tax deductible. Additional donations will be treated as general funds unless otherwise instructed.

LOCAL INFORMATION:

OUTING CANISTER STATION SCHEDULE

Memorial Day to Labor Day:

Monday: 10 AM to Noon

Wednesday: 4 PM to 6 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM to Noon

Sunday: Noon to 4 PM

Garbage is accepted only in the prepaid orange Township bags. Cost is \$20 for a roll of 5 bags or \$5 per bag. The bags can be purchased at:

Lake Country Grocery • Outing Station

Owls N' Things • Roosevelt Station

Outing Hardware

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

Please do not leave bags when station is unattended.

OUTING U.S. POST OFFICE

Weekday Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Phone: 218-792-5214

OUTING VOLUNTEER LIBRARY

Located in the old Crooked Lake Township Fire Hall building is open each week:

Monday: 10 AM

Wednesday: 4 PM

Saturday: 10 AM

CHILDREN'S SUMMER STORY TIME

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Saturdays: 10 AM to 10:45 AM

Books for everyone: magazines, research, movies, large print, children's section! This is a community library and you may volunteer your time, donate books or help in any way that is needed.

Visit us soon - we have much to offer!

Carol Pierce, Librarian

Phone: 218-792-5438

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