



# Lake Washburn Association Newsletter

Spring 2002

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## From the President

Many thoughts have been going through my mind this last winter. Thought I would convey some to you.

On April 7, at Camp Dodge north of Des Moines, Iowa, a group got together for the umpteenth time. The get-together was for friendship, welcoming back the snow birds, "unofficial" winter's end, delicious food, and concerns and opinions of Washburn Lake. The people of Iowa Camp on Peninsula Road, were well represented.

Gerald "Jetter" Ballard was there with a deep concern. He has, for years, gotten people to join the Association. Last year, on Peninsula Road, Gerald did NOT solicit, and membership from the road dropped by 41 people. Does it take a solicitor to get membership? We need the people back in the Association.

Other concerns expressed were:

1. Fishing, or the lack of.
2. Contaminates, especially mercury, in the fish.
3. What the winter has, or has not, done to Iowa Camp (Washburn).
4. The loss of a friend, Ronnie Bryan, to cancer.
5. Awareness of environment camp scholarships to children/young adults.

The potluck lasted some 2 1/2 hours, with an attendance of 57 people. In the past, we have had as few as 41 attend, and as many as 75 persons show up. We will also have a potluck on the 4th of July, or close to it, up at the Lake. Again, talk, good food, and the friendship that abides.

Douglas Johnson

### WISH LIST FOR THE FUTURE !!! from Doug J.

1. Catch limits modified to fit the actual fish population of any given lake.
2. Catch and release of larger fish.
  - A. Use barbless hooks. Survival rate of fish caught, and released, using barbless hooks is much greater.
3. A fish caught to keep, will be killed immediately. No more stringers, or live wells. Studies show that culling, for a bigger catch, the survival rate is very poor on the fish returned to the water. Plus a quick kill does not allow the fishes stomach acid to contaminate the flesh of the fish. A common occurrence when a fish dies.
4. Replacing lead sinkers. There were some 26 + dead loons taken to the DNR in Northern Minnesota, in the year 2000. Better than 1/2 of these had been lead poisoned. Let's figure out how to involve Outing, Emily, and 50 Lakes to help replace lead for something non-lethal, by the year 2003.

### A TROUBLED WHITEFISH CHAIN; ARE WE NEXT?

Phosphorous, an estimated 22,000 pounds, is suspended in the water of the Whitefish chain. One pound will support 500 pounds of weeds and algae. Thus, the chain has enough phosphorous to support growth of 110 MILLION pounds of weeds. The phosphorous sources break down like this: 75% from the tributaries that feed the chain, and 25% is from bad septic systems, rain, yard run-off, etc. from the chain itself. Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, along with Minnesota Environmental Partnership, are going to spend a lot of time and money tracking down the major source of phosphorous through the seven tributaries.

Phosphorous will eventually kill a lake. The water turns murky and weed-infested. Sediment from the weeds and dying weeds starts to choke the natural water flow.

#### THINGS EVERYBODY CAN DO ARE;

1. If you fertilize your lawn—make sure it's phosphorous free. Better yet—use none at all.
2. Check your laundry, dish, dishwasher, hand, body soaps, plus shampoos, for phosphorous. There's phosphorous free ones on the market. You may want to check some of your floor, tile, tub, sink cleaners too.
3. Restore all, or some, of your shore line plants. Plant native species. This acts as a filter, to improve water quality.
4. Fix, or replace, a faulty septic system. And don't have any "gray water" drainage that by-passes the septic system. And ends up dumping into the lake.

Basic information from 50 Lakes Foundation newsletter. Apr. 2002 issue



**County 48's first  
clean-up will be  
May 25. Meet at  
campground at 9  
a.m.**

### Lake Reflections

"Going up to the lake" has been a tradition in my family as long as I can remember. My grandfather built a rustic family cabin on George Lake near Spicer, MN in 1947. When I was very young, we didn't even have electricity or running water. The cabin did have a "two-seater biffy", though. I can remember carrying buckets of water up the hill (well, maybe not me, but someone did)! We had to sell the cabin after my grandfather died, but the lake tradition was in our blood, so we rented cabins for many summers.

Years later, after my father died, my mother remarried. I was delighted to learn that he had a cabin on Bone Lake, near Luck, WI. We spent many wonderful summers there, continuing our lake tradition. However, it had an outhouse too, so it was a really big deal when they put in an indoor bathroom!

Four years ago, we bought our first family cabin on Lake Washburn. We couldn't be more delighted! Washburn is such a beautiful lake! We love the abundant wildlife, gorgeous trees, sparkling clean water, and friendly people.




Now, we have our own lake traditions: campfires with s'mores, sunset pontoon cruises to check on the eagles, and always a puzzle table on the porch. We also feel very lucky to have indoor plumbing with hot and cold running water (even a dishwasher!).

What are your lake traditions? Let's share them through this column in the next newsletter. Write or e-mail me:

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Remer, MN 56672  
matherne@usfamily.net

## **This N That** By Ron Nichols, V.P.

### Important Dates for 2002

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|--------------|---|--|
| May 11       | Fishing Opener<br>Walleye, Northern, Crappie, Pan Fish                      |    |
| May 25       | Fishing Opener<br>Bass<br>MEMORIAL WEEKEND                                  |  |
| June 1       | Fishing Opener<br>Muskie  |    |
| July 4       | INDEPENDENCE DAY  |  |
| July 6       | Outing in Outing Days<br>Fireworks at Dusk                                  |  |
| July 20      | Emily Days (102nd Anniversary)  |  |
| July 27      | 19th Annual Village Inn "Run, Walk, Crawl or Stagger" 1 p.m. at Village Inn |  |
| August 3 & 4 | 23rd Annual Fishing Contest on Roosevelt                                    |  |
| August 17    | Free corn feed at Season's Bar & Grill                                      |  |
| August 22    | Bear hunting opener   |  |
| September 2  | LABOR DAY   |  |
| September 15 | Deer hunting opener (Archery)   |  |
| September 29 | Waterfowl opener  |  |
| November 11  | Deer hunting opener (Rifle)   |  |

### **Cannister Station Days and Hours**

May 1 to Labor Day	Labor Day to May 1
Sunday 10-12	Saturday 10-12
Monday 10-12	Sunday 2-4
Wednesday 4-6	Monday 10-12

\$3.00 Regular Bag

\$4.00 Large Bag

Recycling Facility open 24 hours daily.

### **Fishing Outlook**

We just completed our third year of the five year moratorium on stocking. I called Tim Bastrup of the DNR to gather results from the samplings taken last fall. But I haven't received the requested information that was promised in late March. He did say that we had an abundance of small northern pike in the lake.

### **Boat Parade**

There's a boat parade this year, as usual. Meet in front of Grace and Jack Schuller's cabin at 1 p.m. on July 6. Everyone is welcome.

## Dave's Electric of Outing

R e s i d e n t i a l  
C o m m e r c i a l

*David Olson*  
(218) 792-5232  
*Outing*



## ROOSEVELT STATION Downtown Outing

24 Hour Gasoline (No Ethanol)  
Convenience Store  
Bait - Ice - Propane - Grocery  
(218) 792-5332

## Outing Yarn Shop

Soft Yarns • Baby Yarn •  
Cotton Yarn • Embroidery Floss •  
Crochet Thread • Needles • Patterns  
• Craft Supplies •

In the "Green Building on City Rd 58!"  
(218) 792-5365 / (800) 792-5365  
Call to be sure we're here!

## *the* Season's Bar & Grill AND LAKESIDE LODGING

*Hours*  
Monday-Thursday: 7:00 am -11:00 pm  
Friday-Saturday: 7:00 am -1:00 am

(218) 792-5295  
*Outing*



## Owls 'N Things

32 Flavors Ice Cream  
Gifts - Souvenirs  
Minnetonka Moccasins  
Coffee & Cappuccino

*Open Weekends after Labor Day*  
(218) 792-5677 Downtown Outing  
[www.owlsnthings.com](http://www.owlsnthings.com)

## The Village Inn Dining/Saloon

*Great Food and Drink!*

*Open 7 Days a Week*  
Lunch 11:00 am -5:00 pm  
Dinners starting at 5:00 pm  
Saturday and Sunday: Breakfast 8:00am -Noon

(218) 792-5186  
*1/4 Mile East of Outing • County Road 58*

## Beauty In My Backyard

*Hair & Tanning Salon*



*Ellen Thielen*  
Owner/Operator



North Hwy. 6  
Outing, MN  
Mile Marker #40  
(218) 792-5982



## Gift Gallery



Shirley Johnson, Owner  
Unique Gifts for all Seasons

Gourmet Foods - Classic Sportswear

Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

(218) 792-5253  
*Highway 6 - 1 mile South Outing*

## Roosevelt Lake Service

Towing  
Retrieving  
Landscaping



(218) 792-5160 • (800) 575-4963  
*South of Outing on Highway 6*



## LAKE COUNTRY PROPERTIES

Open Every Day!!

Outing -- (218) 792-5200  
Emily -- (218) 763-3800

## The Waters Edge

Dave Snesrud has been reading, and taking time to collect articles, on the LACK of water quality in the majority of the lakes in Minnesota.

Many articles start with headlines like;

1. Ecological disaster
2. Lost vegetation means smaller fish, erosion of shorelines.
3. We are loving our lakes to death. We purchase property on a lake, and immediately attempt to make it look like a golfcourse.

As an association, we are purchasing some Minnesota DNR brochures. The title is; THE WATER'S EDGE. We are getting enough brochures for everyone around the lake. We will be getting these to you this summer.

# Boat Ramp Monitoring

Each year the Association monitors the boat ramp,at the campgrounds. Bill Herrick has done an outstanding job of organizing this. They mainly check for Eurasian Water Milfoil. People interested in helping should contact Bill Herrick at 218-792 5513.

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

We have two scholarships to fill for eligible children/young adults,from the Lake Washburn Association.Remember it is your camp of choice,and we will pay up to \$350 per scholarship. The camp must be connected to ecological study/enviromental study. We request correspondence from the person,after camp,with a few words on how they spent their time.

If we fail to fill the two,the scholarships are being offered to students in our school district #118. The school has been notified of this ,and are glad to have the opportunity to recieve the scholarship(s).

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Send completed form to: Douglas Johnson  
1611 Horse Tail Trail NE  
Outing  
Minnesota,56662

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_Camp interested in:\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Grandparents members?\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to camp before,thru the Association?\_\_\_\_\_

The sooner you have it in,the sooner we can get you your money for camp registration.

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