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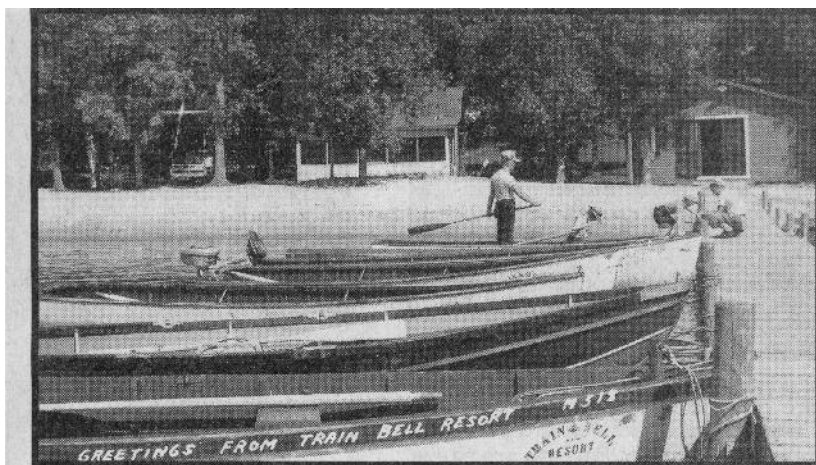
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Train Bell Resort on North Long Lake in Merrifield. The Minnesota and International Railway stopped at the Cameron Station near Merrifield twice a day. It was about 30 minutes from Brainerd. And in 1908, the Russells built a home and rented rooms, calling the place The Wigwam. They served meals and in 1911 they expanded the business. By the 1930s, the \$2.50 daily charge for a hotel room included meals. The resort lived through many owners and changes. In 1990, Harold and Rosemarie Kraft purchased the resort.

President's Message | Round Lake



Round Lake Association

| Mark Parrish | President

The storm of 2016 affected virtually every association member as it did last year. Once again, neighbors helped neighbors and some of us even met a

couple of con artists that attempted to take advantage of the situation. However, the cleanup continues. Even though there has been a dramatic change and I have heard time and again "it will never be the same", the natural beauty of the area still prevails. It might not be the same; however it's still a place of awesome beauty to live. I do have a hunch that we'll be seeing logging trucks and construction vehicles for months to come.

The business of the association was pretty uneventful this year. As in prior years, we treated for curly leaf pondweed. This time around there were 64 acres treated at a cost of \$29,267. A grant of \$5,000 was received from the DNR reducing the total paid by the LID to \$25,267. There is nothing to report on the zebra mussel infestation. We have heard of no remedies as of the date of this message.

Bishops Creek is going to get some attention. The brush along the creek needs to be cleaned up a little to improve visibility and a dredging permit has been applied for and received from the DNR. The dredging should help improve navigation. The exact wording of the permit is:

Excavate and remove silt and earthen materials in an area 800 feet long, 15 feet wide, with a depth not to exceed two feet below the present bed of Gull Lake, Round Lake, and Bishop's Creek. All work shall be within the boundary of the original channel.

We are in the process of procuring bids for the work. The permit is good for the period 9/19/2016 to 3/31/2018. Dredging isn't allowed between April 1 and June 30. The actual dredging will be done in late 2016 or in the fall of 2017. We won't know the actual timing until we hear back from the dredging company on pricing and logistics.

Please review the financials of both the association and the district in this edition of the newsletter. As you can see from the financial statements, we have healthy balances available in both organizations. Cash in the bank allows us to undertake projects like dredging without having to go to the membership for additional funds. Thanks for all of your support!

If there are any questions regarding association business or if you would like to get involved, please contact any board member either by phone or email.

Transporting lake equipment (other than to adjacent shoreline)? You need a permit from the DNR. See www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais_transport.html



President's Message | North Long Lake



North Long Lake Association

| Bill Schmidt | President

Greetings to all the property owners of North Long Lake. Fall is here and that means school has started. Football is here, docks are coming out, boats are going into storage, and the loons will soon be leaving. Speaking of leaving, we have had two very special board members step down this year and I want to acknowledge them.

Kay Hondo has served on the board for over 12 years and the last half of those years as your president. Under her leadership the association has grown in membership and established solid financial budgets. The association worked with the county and DNR protecting our lake from the then-new threat of AIS, and improved communications through newsletters and or e-mails or written. Kay has spent countless hours listening to your concerns, interacting with state and local government, and working on solutions. Her passion has always been for the lake and property owners. I want to give a special "thank you" to Kay for her time and dedication.

John Gordon has also decided to step down from the board and spend more time with his Train Bell Resort, and other activities. John served three years on the board and you could always rely on John for sound advice and willingness to take on a task. John managed the contracts for curly leaf control; coordinating with the state for grants and permits and with the company who conducts the inspections and chemical application. John also managed the contract with AW Research Labs for water testing. I also want to give John a big "thank you" for his service.

Last, but certainly not least, I also want to thank Lynn Hopkins, who served as Treasurer and Secretary for many years. While not a board member, Lynn volunteered her time and effort to providing good counsel and keeping us on track. Her contributions will be missed, but we look forward to her continuing help with our annual picnic.

I do want to acknowledge our three new board members as well: Tom Gerrety, Tom Peterson, and Jim Anderson. I welcome them to the board and look forward to working with them. You can read a bit more about them in this newsletter.

This summer has been another challenging time for us with yet another storm and excessive rainfall that left our lake with record high water. We have also had some great success stories; our membership continues to grow, the cameras we installed at the accesses have provided education for AIS and given us excellent feedback, our water clarity continues to improve, cormorants have decreased, we had a very enjoyable annual meeting and picnic, and we have improved communications with all of you.

Our objectives for the coming year continue as we work toward our vision; they are on our website northlong.com. But each year we develop new goals to achieve these objectives. In the next months the board will work on developing goals for the coming year.

I want to thank all of you for your support and feedback. I want to also thank the board for their continued support and dedication to making this the best lake in Minnesota. Enjoy the fall colors and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.



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Making Maple Syrup

You may have noticed, as you drive around the lake, the plastic bags or buckets hanging on trees in early spring. Maple sap is being collected to make maple syrup. That wonderful nectar – the “maple flavored” syrup in the grocery store is a very poor comparison – has been made in Minnesota for hundreds of years. There is written history of the Ojibwe producing maple syrup in Minnesota in the early 1800s when the first European settlers arrived in Minnesota. But it’s safe to assume it began earlier.

When the Ojibwe knew that the sap would soon start flowing, they moved their camps to the sugar bush. They cut wedges in the trees and used hollow or carved pieces of wood to funnel the sap into a birch bark container. The sap was cooked in a clay pot or another birch bark container. Some historical accounts say they pulled red-hot rocks from a fire and dropped them into a container to heat the sap. Often, the Ojibwe continued boiling the syrup until it became solid maple sugar, which was easier to store and transport.

Today, sap is collected in the early spring from taps drilled into the tree. Sugar maples are the most productive but other maples, box elder or even birch trees can be tapped. The amount of sap will vary greatly from year to year. Ideal weather is cold nights that reach below freezing and warm days. A quick warm-up in the spring does not bode well for the collection of maple sap. As it takes 40 gallons to sap to make one gallon of maple syrup, producers are dependent on that spring weather. There are typically only a few weeks to collect the sap.

Sap is collected every day or, if the weather isn’t cooperating, every 2 to 3 days. Sap is mostly water, so there is a long process of boiling down the sap until it’s concentrated into maple syrup. The heat applied by boiling develops the color and flavor. Sap is boiled for hours, releasing a lot of steam, so most of that is done outdoors. It may then be finished indoors, filtered, and bottled. A wide flat pan, with a high percentage of surface area, is typically used to aid evaporation.

But, like a lot of things, it’s not quite that simple. It turns out there’s a fine line between the maple syrup you want, and hard maple sugar. The difference is only a few degrees, or a few minutes, in boiling. You can do this by temperature – 7 degrees above the boiling point of water. Or a hydrometer may be used to measure the density (and therefore the sugar content) of the syrup. Finally, getting even more precise, a refractometer may be used to directly measure the sugar content. Of course these are fairly recent inventions, so in the past maple syrup producers had to evaluate sugar content by testing it’s sheeting action on a spoon.



Commercial operations, typically in New England, will often collect from hundreds of trees connected by tubing to a central location. High volume evaporators replace the outdoor boilers.

If you’ve seen the taps at the west end of County Road 127, then you’ve seen Hank Ebert’s operation. Hank taps about 160 trees each year and, in a typical year, produces about 45 gallons of syrup. Hank has two wood-fired stoves to evaporate the sap; one evaporator pan holds 60 gallons of sap and the other holds 120 gallons. He started producing maple syrup in 1985. What Hank doesn’t use or give away to friends, he sells out of his garage. Look for the small red barn on County Road 127.





treating everyone to a “Minnesota Sundae” (maple syrup over vanilla ice cream) at the end.

If you want to try making your own, you can get started without too much equipment. Taps and collection bags can be purchased online or at Fleet Farm. A large canning pot (or similar wide pot or pan) can be used for outdoor boiling and then transferred to an “indoor” pot for finishing. Add a sieve and some cheesecloth for filtering and you’re good to go.



Ral and Judy DuBois also produce maple syrup – although strictly for personal use. They got started about 30 years ago after reading an article about maple syrup making in Minnesota. Over time, with a bit of trial and error, Ral has perfected his technique. In a typical year, he’ll tap about 20 trees and produce about 3 gallons of maple syrup, boiling outside over a wood fire and finishing inside. Ral just uses temperature (and experience) to tell him when the syrup is ready. Ral and Judy will often have youth groups over to see how it’s done,


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Cabin Life

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This is a second marriage for both my husband and me. I had the good fortune of having a family cabin in my early years, but my husband had never had a “cabin experience” before. My dream has always been to retire on a lake somewhere, but the problem was that my husband was not convinced.

I set out on a mission to have him fall in love with the idea. Five years ago, we rented a beautiful summer home on Middle Cullen Lake. We had access to a pontoon and cruised the lake at both sunrise and sunset. The beauty and tranquility of the lake during those magical hours was captivating. Over time, he began to warm to the idea. The next summer, we rented a lovely place on the Upper White Fish Chain. There were scattered islands to view at sunset, and endless miles of open water to explore. We had campfires and ate s’mores, lounged in hammocks and read books, and gazed out at shooting stars darting across the evening sky. That experience clinched the deal for my husband. He was now officially onboard.

The following summer, we began our search for the perfect lake. We discovered that the most pristine waters are in the northeast quadrant of the state and so we honed in on that area. In October of 2014, we closed on a beautiful property on Round Lake near Nisswa. The only problem was that the old existing cabin was uninhabitable and would need to be torn down. Excitedly, I told my family all about it and explained that we could always pitch a tent or stay at a nearby hotel until were ready to build.

Of course, they all wanted to see it and so we made a trip Up North to view the property. They disagreed with my assessment and convinced me that with a few minor improvements, we could inhabit the old place for at least a few more summers. They began making a list of things that needed to be done and pitched in to help. We painted, dealt with the stinky well water, changed out the old porcelain sink and ugly blue shag carpeting. Before long, I had to admit that the old place actually looked cozy. We stayed overnight for the first time

during the weekend of July 4th. Our brand new pontoon was delivered July 3rd and we went out for our first tubing extravaganza that same day. Soren, our oldest grandchild, said, ‘this is the best day of my life!’ I looked over at my husband and he nodded and smiled. He finally got it.



On July 12,, 2015, a once-in-a-lifetime storm ripped through the area and devastated hundreds of properties. Downed trees and power lines were everywhere. A neighbor called to inform us that our pontoon was upside-down in the water. In fact, we had seen TV footage of the damage and didn’t realize that we were actually looking at our own boat!





After that traumatic event, we contemplated selling the property--but it was too late. I came to realize that my heart is already firmly attached to our particular view on this lake and when I turn into the

driveway after a marathon ride from the metro, a mystical calmness comes over me. Beauty is everywhere--the lake, the intoxicating smell of cedar, the constant rustling of pine trees, and the laughter of small children loving every minute of their time Up North. It's my dream. It's all here.

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Kay Hondo

After many years of service to our lake and our lake association, Kay Hondo is retiring from her formal association role. For a long time, Kay was the face of the association. No wonder – she first joined the board in 2004 and has held the position of membership chair, vice-president, and president for many years. But that doesn't fully describe the

time and effort she's put in over the years on behalf of North Long Lake and our North Long Lake Association.

She has presided over a substantial increase in association membership – the lifeblood of any organization. Kay also initiated our email contact with members and oversaw our website and newsletter development. Last, but not least, Kay was a driving force for our annual meetings.

Kay and her husband Lynn, who first came to North Long Lake 25 year ago, are still on the lake and enjoying all it has to offer. We'll still call on her for her insights and intuitional knowledge. And she's left the association board in good hands.

So we want to give a special thank you to Kay and hope that continues to enjoy the lake with us now that she has *really* retired.

2016 Lake Friendly Development Awards

Lake and River Stewardship
Round Lake Improvement District
Round Lake
Crow Wing County

Stormwater from the Highway 371 corridor on the northwest corner of Round Lake had eroded the ice ridge and was flowing directly into the lake without being filtered. Large amounts of sediment, roadway pollutants and winter salt entering the lake were decreasing the water quality of Round Lake. The Crow Wing SWCD would like to thank the MNDNR and LARA and the Initiative Foundation for the Grant funds and the City of Nisswa for allowing the project to occur on their land. However, without the generous donation from the Round Lake Improvement District the project would have not been completed.



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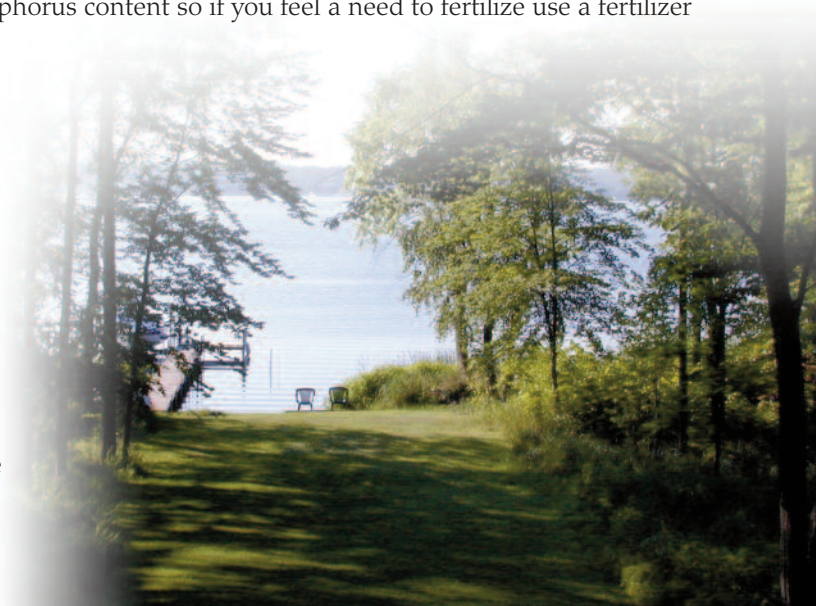
Friendly Reminder for Lakeshore Owners

| Courtesy of Jim Anderson

By law since 2005, Minnesota homeowners cannot use fertilizers containing phosphorus, except for new lawns or when a soil test indicates a need for phosphorus. In much of our area, soils are naturally high in phosphorus so lawns generally don't need extra phosphorus. Although the law prohibits phosphorus application, it did not prohibit selling fertilizer containing phosphorus. The middle number on the fertilizer bag is the phosphorus content so if you feel a need to fertilize use a fertilizer with a zero as a middle number.

Other cautions to follow:

- ♦ Water lightly after fertilizing to ensure absorption by the roots before a heavy rainfall
- ♦ Create a buffer near the lake where you do not apply fertilizer.
- ♦ Before you consider fertilizing your lawn, aerate it first and see if that improves its health.
- ♦ Sweep fertilizer that has spilled on hard surfaces back onto the lawn to prevent runoff.



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The Path to the Lake

| Courtesy of Judy DuBois

"Just living isn't enough, said the butterfly, one must also have freedom, sunshine, --and a little flower." Kahlil Gibran

Many have noticed a decrease in the number of Monarch butterflies being seen around their property in these past few years. This observation has been made in other parts of the country too and a lot of people are wondering "WHY?" A little research gave me a few reasons -- two of which stood out -- weather events (which we can do nothing about) and the reduction of native habitat for breeding and nourishment.

Monarchs cannot survive winter temperatures in most of North America so in the fall they fly south. The butterflies of eastern North America head for Mexico while those in the west overwinter in southern California. They are the only butterflies to make this journey of 3,000 miles plus! Pretty amazing, don't you think?

This past March, a major winter storm hit the sanctuaries in Mexico where the monarchs roost just before their migration north. It began with rain, followed by hail, snow, and temperatures below freezing. Strong winds toppled trees. Butterflies are more susceptible to freezing when wet. This, as well as all other components of the storm, decimated the monarch colonies. Only about 10% were thought to have survived. Very sad.

We can't do much about the weather but we can help in providing resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration from their summer breeding areas. (We are lucky enough to be just that!) Widespread use of weed killer, and loss of habitat due to land development, has greatly reduced the growth of the milkweed plant. Monarch caterpillars ONLY eat milkweed plants. While the sap in milkweed is toxic to humans and animals, in the grand design of all creatures great and small, this toxin protects the caterpillar from predation by making them very distasteful! The monarch caterpillar is an eating machine mowing through as many as 20 milkweed leaves to sustain the supply of nourishment it needs to transform into a butterfly.



munching away but we never found a chrysalis. The Monarch butterfly, as well as many other pollinators, are attracted to the purple flower that forms on the plant which has a wonderful aroma.

A couple of other plants to consider for the caterpillar to munch on is the Swamp Milk-weed (*Asclepias incarnata*) and Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). Each of these grow a little shorter in height than Common Milkweed which can grow to 4 - 5 feet. The blooms on these plants also attract butterflies as well as other pollinators including hummingbirds!



Some nectar plants to consider adding to your landscape to attract more butterflies (if you don't have them already) are:

- Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia puichella*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- Scarlet Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)
- Tithonia Torch, Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia*)
- ...and...
- Zinnia, Dahlia Mix (*Zinnia elegans*)

I have also found in my research that most milkweeds and possibly even Joe Pye weed are also deer resistant. I think it is just so great that some of these plants can serve more than one purpose.



I know one or more of the nurseries in our area carry many of these plants and will also give you great advice on planting and care. Online -- at a site called "Monarch Watch" -- there is information on creating "waystations" for

monarchs. You can order a kit with seeds for nectar and host plants and even certify your site. Might be a fun project for kids! Something to ponder over that warm cup of coffee, tea or cocoa when the snow is flying.

Keep warm!



So how can we lend a hand to this magnificent little creature? For a start, we can allow the Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) to grow in the native fringes of our land-scapes. It can be an invasive plant to a perennial garden so pull it out (garden gloves on) if you spot it growing there. This past summer my husband and I were delighted to see about 3 dozen milkweed plants thriving around my potting bench. We had at least one caterpillar

Sale around Round

| Courtesy of Linda Esser

The first Saturday in June - that is the day of the annual sale around round. When I stop at the Brainerd Dispatch to run an ad for this sale, they tell me that they get calls from out of state asking when the sale will take place.

The sale is open to anyone on either side of the roads around Round Lake - on Ojibwa, Nashway, Round Lake Rd, Peterson Rd and Hillcrest Dr. We ask for \$5 to defer our cost for the sale. We run ads and provide signs for those participating.

This year we had 23 paid participants. We have had up to 30 and as few as 14. In looking in boxes of Round Lake history, I found a newsletter in 1986 announcing the 1st Annual "Around Round Lake" garage sale on August 23, 1986. After 30 years, the sale continues!





ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Round Lake

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TOTAL REVENUES:\$	\$25,257.93				
EXPENDITURES:					
	250.00	2016 LID ANNUAL ADMIN FEE	CWC		1/1/2016
	29,267.21	CURLY LEAF TRMT ROUND LAKE	LAKE RESTORATION INC	5868	5/17/2016
	215.00	SUMMER TSI ANALYSIS ROUND LAKE	AW RESEARCH LABORATOR	6024	5/23/2016
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$29,732.21				
CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	\$70,548.98				

2016 TAX & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT DATES:
 JANUARY 23, 2016 (THE BALANCE OF PRIOR YEAR COLLECTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID)
 JULY 2, 2016 (1ST HALF TAXES)
 DECEMBER 2, 2016 (2ND HALF TAXES)
 Auditor-Treasurer's Office 8/4/2016

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BANKING SUMMARY | 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016

INCOME	
Interest Inc	77.14
Dredging Funds	134.62
TOTAL Interest Inc	211.76
Food From Picnic 2016	53.00
2015	1.00
TOTAL Meat From Picnic	54.00
Membership Dues	10,800.00
Other Inc	45.00
Rummage Sale Income	120.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,230.76

EXPENSES	
Buoys	749.97
Mailbox fee	50.00
Misc	25.00
Picnic	
Picnic: 2015	90.00
Picnic: 2016	951.78
TOTAL Picnic	1,041.78
Professional Fees	200.00
Sale Around Round Exp	46.00
Stamps	27.27
Sugar Bush Creek Expense	250.00
Trees To Plant Around Lake	280.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,670.02
OVERALL TOTAL	\$8,560.74

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NET WORTH | As of 6/30/2016

ASSETS	Balance as of 6/30/16
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD BlackRidge	15,180.94
CD Designated Funds Dredging	29,761.75
Checking	8,272.92
Savings	22,033.41
Svngs Dredging Funds	100.52
TOTAL ASSETS	75,349.54
LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0
OVERALL TOTAL	75,349.54

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AIS Update



Zebra Mussels

We continue the monitor the spread of zebra mussels. They have been spotted in all three bays of North Long. We expect the population of zebra mussels to continue to rise and then fall back as they stabilize. The

largely clear and sandy conditions in North Long are not the most favorable to zebra mussels, but they do adapt.

A recent pilot project to treat a relatively large area in Lake Minnewashta southwest of Minneapolis has, so far, been successful. An entire 29 acre bay was treated with a copper-based chemical, as opposed to smaller areas in prior tests. This pilot project cost \$30,000; so obviously treating very large areas are still not economically feasible.

The U's Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) participated in this effort. They are also conducting

test to determine how this treatment can be used to target the zebra mussel larvae in Lake Minnetonka, looking to effectively control – if not eliminate – zebra mussels.

Curly Leaf Pondweed

Curly leaf pondweed is prevalent in the north east corner of Merrifield Bay. This past spring, we treated a slightly larger area, extending

further west, than in prior years. Curly leaf benefits from less snow cover on the winter ice which lets more light reach the lake bottom. Therefore, it will vary a bit year to year due to weather.

Starry Stonewort

This highly invasive plant is relatively new to Minnesota but is a major concern in the few lakes where it has taken hold. Because of its cell structure, starry stonewort is more resistant to traditional algaecides. All the more reason for us to be vigilant with our boat access monitoring.



Cormorants

While not exactly an aquatic invasive species, we should mention that the cormorant population seems down from last year. These birds nested on Pelican Lake and came to North Long to feed. Efforts were undertaken to control the population on Pelican and seem to have had a positive effect. Because of the impact to the North Long fishery, the NLLA provided some financial assistance to this effort."



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*This is a final reminder for 2016 dues. A statement for 2017 dues will be mailed in January.
Dues and AIS fund contributions are on a calendar year basis.*

NORTH LONG LAKE 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

The NLLA Board of Directors trust that you find your contribution to the association a worthy investment. Our organization leads the effort to control and limit non-native species, we monitor lake water quality, and we represent you – the North Long Lake resident – with regulatory bodies that impact our lake. The more members we enroll, the better we can continue these efforts. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF NORTH LONG LAKE.

Please join us so the Association represents everyone on the lake. Dues are on a calendar year basis – January through December.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

2016 dues: \$35.00

+ Invasive Species Fund _____

= Total Contribution: _____

And please be as generous as you can with contributions to the Invasive Species Fund. This is the only resource we have for “in kind” support for boat inspections and invasive species treatment. Remember that we are a 501(3)c organization; your invasive species donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE (however dues are not)! *Thank you!!*

*2017 dues
statements
will be mailed
in January*

Lake address: _____

Lake Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to:

North Long Lake Association
P.O. Box 54
Merrifield, MN 56465



*Bill Stoppel at the Olsen Cabin
on Merrifield Bay, Summer 1935*



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North Long Lake Association Financial Report



Membership as of September 2016 has reached an all time high of 400 on the heels of the previous record high of 358 set in 2015. Membership income in 2016 through September totals \$13,930. Members also contributed just under \$10,000 designated to fight aquatic invasive species (AIS).

In 2015, the State, Crow Wing County and Thirty Lakes

Watershed District provided a combined \$8,000 in AIS funding. This outside funding was not available in 2016. Spending on the prevention and curtailment of AIS remains the

Association's largest category of expense, and it will remain as such for the foreseeable future. Water testing remains the second largest category.

With most of the fundraising activity behind us for the year but with expenses still coming in, net income for the full year will decline from the \$10,820 shown through September. Your Association remains in a solid financial position with just under \$59,000 in cash at September 30. But as noted, cash on hand will decline modestly by year end.

Remediation treatments are in development to curb or eliminate AIS. The Association's intent is to accumulate added funds.

NORTH LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD September, 2016 Income Statement

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 13,930
Aquatic Invasive Species Donations	9,996
NLLA Logo Merchandise Sales	1,091
All Other Income	498
Total Income	\$ 25,514

Expense

Aquatic Invasive Species Expense:	
Watercraft Inspection	\$ 3,330
Curly Leaf Weed Treatment	4,830
Water Testing	1,341
Postage & Mailing Costs	1,299
Donations	600
Cost of NLLA Logo Merchandise	838
Website	788
Annual Meeting/Picnic	786
Liability Insurance	450
Memberships	400
All Other Expense	32
Total Expense	14,694
Net Income	\$ 10,820

Comparative Balance Sheet

	12/31/15	09/30/16	Change Vs: 12/31/15
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 47,961	\$ 58,781	\$ 10,820
Other Assets	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 47,961	\$ 58,781	\$ 10,820
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity	\$ 47,961	\$ 58,781	\$ 10,820
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 47,961	\$ 58,781	\$ 10,820

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Lake Water Quality – How do we measure it and what does it mean?

| By Sarah Fogderud, A.W. Research Laboratories, Inc.

Lake water quality is typically measured by collecting water samples monthly throughout the summer and having those samples analyzed by a certified laboratory. The sample results can be compared to historical results to determine long term trends. The North Long Lake Association has monitored water quality using the Carlson Trophic State Index (TSI) for many years at several different locations on the lake. In 2015 and 2016, A.W. Research Laboratories collected water samples at three locations: Site 204 (West Bay), Site 210 (Main Lake), Site 101 (East Bay).

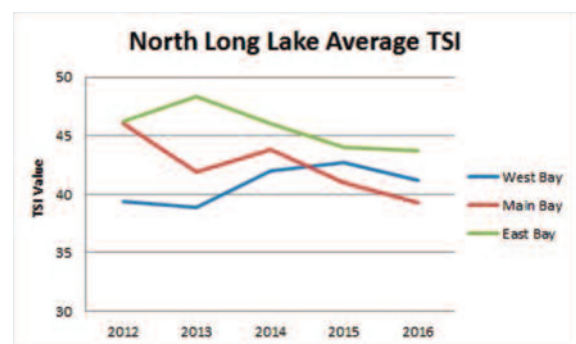


The Carlson Trophic State Index (TSI) is a tool used to summarize measurements of water quality into one index value from 0-100. In essence, the lower the number, the better the water quality. This value can be used to compare lakes in the same region or as a historical comparison of improvement or degradation within one lake over time.

TSI is calculated based on 3 measurements: phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and Secchi depth. Phosphorus and Chlorophyll a

are measured from the water samples in the laboratory, while the Secchi reading is measured in the field. Phosphorus is a requirement for plant growth. When phosphorus concentrations are high, large amounts of plants (including algae) can be supported. Phosphorus is most often the limiting nutrient in lakes, and therefore the most important nutrient to control in order to prevent overgrowth of plants and algae blooms. Chlorophyll a is one of the pigments contained in all green plants; therefore chlorophyll a concentrations are used as an estimate of overall plant and algae biomass. A Secchi disk is a white metal disk used to measure the clarity or transparency of the water. The depth at which the disk is no longer visible is the Secchi disk reading.

To date the 2016 water testing results on average show an improving trend in water quality in the main lake and the west bay (371) from 2015. The 2016 results for the east bay (Merrifield) are similar to the results from 2015. Over the past 5 years we have seen improving trends at both the west bay and in the main lake. Some of this "improvement" is likely due to the presence of zebra mussels. As zebra mussels filter the water, the clarity in many infested lakes will improve in the initial years of infestation. The graph below shows the average Trophic State Index (TSI) at each sampling site over the last 5 years. In general, North Long Lake has good water quality compared to similar lakes in this region of Minnesota.



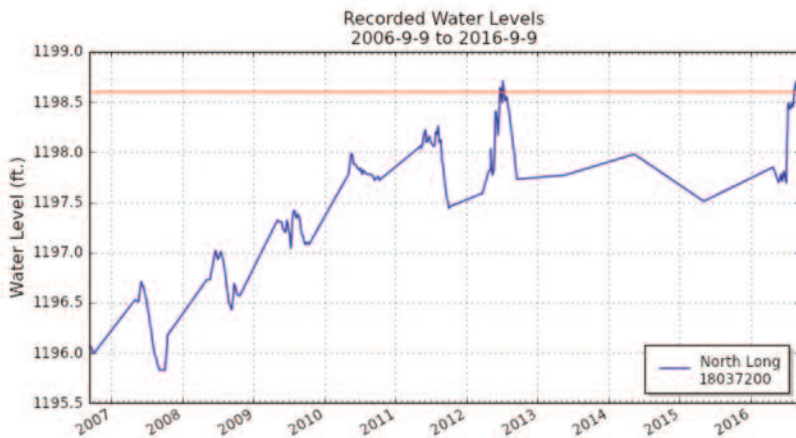
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North Long Lake Water Level

No doubt you've noticed the very high level of North Long Lake. In fact, our current lake level is essentially at an all time high. The DNR most recent lake elevation report – an August 28 reading – was 1198.58. The highest recorded level was 1198.71 in July 2012 and the Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) is 1198.6. The OHW level is the highest sustained level of water.

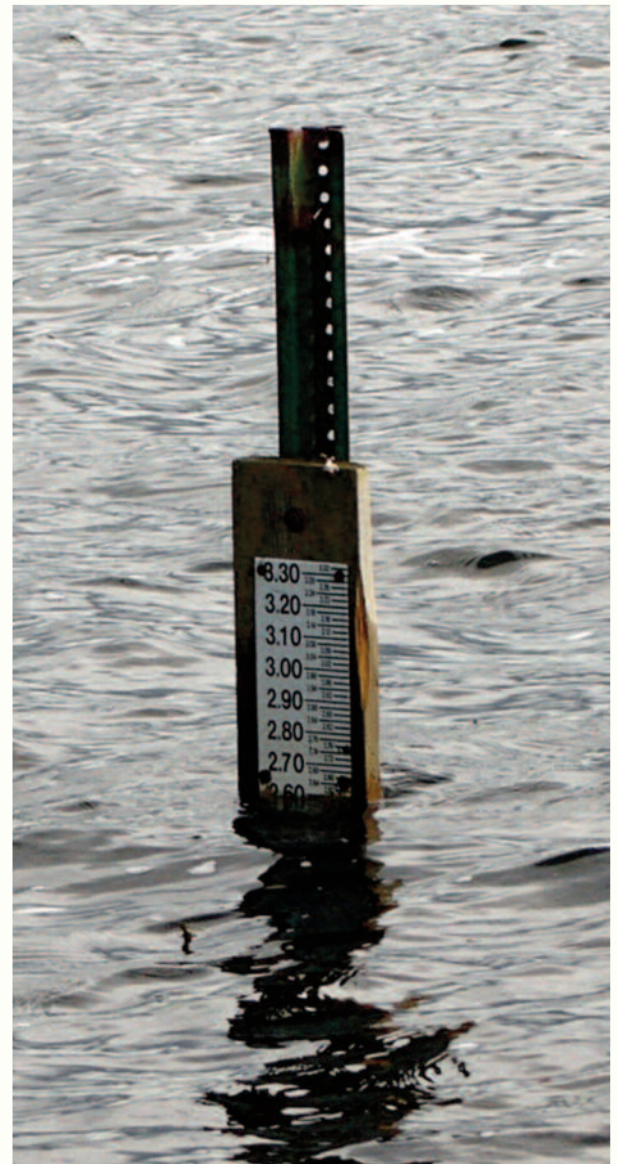
North Long is largely spring fed, with just Ditch 13 emptying into the lake. There is one outflow – Sugarbush Creek flowing into Round Lake.

normal level. And we can expect more than usual damage from ice dams, so keep that in mind when you place your lifts and docks on the shoreline.



The culprit? Rain!! In June, July, and August this year we received over 18 inches of rain. Just over 11 inches would have been normal. July and August were particularly high. I suppose it's better, at least for most of us, than 2007 when the lake was so low lifts had to be placed far from the end of many docks.

But it's just going to take some time for the water level to drop and we can expect to go into winter with a much higher than



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North Long Lake Association – New Directors

The North Long Lake Association Board has three new directors, filling both open and recently vacated positions. Jim Anderson, Tom Gerrety, and Tom Peterson share a commitment to keeping North Long Lake health and desirable. Here's a bit about each in their own words.



Jim Anderson

After a 3 year search for the right combination of water quality, fishing and the right house, my wife and I purchased a home on Merrifield Bay this year. I recently retired from Mayo Clinic in Rochester where I worked for 30 years in the IT department. Originally from Indiana - where

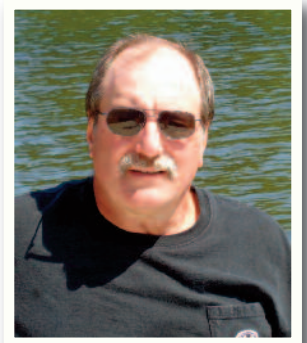
my grandfather purchased a lake home when I was 3 weeks old- the lake life was ingrained at an early age. I learned how to swim at age 2 when I rode my tricycle off the end of the dock. Our friends in Rochester didn't understand the mentality of moving north instead of south for retirement; they never lived on a lake. My wife and I have been married for 37 years and have 2 children.

I was immediately interested in joining the lake association board because of the many things I learned during the 3 year lake home search. We saw many beautiful lake homes that were not selling due to poor water quality and or less than quality fishing opportunities. Both were a must for me and I feel it is important to help maintain both of these features for short term pleasure and long term investment in the home we bought. We already feel welcomed to the area and I look forward to helping you and the other board members maintain a lake that we can enjoy for years.

Tom Gerrety

I have been a part-time, seasonal (summer) resident on North Long Lake all of my life. My wife Anita and I recently retired and permanently moved to our home on North Long Lake on

a full time basis. We're on the main lake. Prior to retirement I worked for Cummins Power Generation in Fridley, MN in the health, safety and environmental department. I was responsible for the proper handling, storage and disposal of all hazardous and non-hazardous wastes generated at the facility. I was also one of the people responsible for coordinating the Earth Day/Earth week activities at the facility. In addition, I retired after 24 plus years from the City of Fridley as a paid-on-call firefighter. The health and beauty of the lake have always been a concern of mine. I look forward to working with the Lake Association and the board to keep our lake healthy for many years to come.



Tom Peterson



My name is Tom Peterson and I live on Birchdale Road on the west shore of the main bay. We bought our home 2 summers ago. My wife is Le Ann Schoenle and we are currently doing a 4 month remodel of our home. I work in sales and service at an on line training company, Atomic Learning in Little Falls plus I work

mornings at FEDEX Ground. Previously, I spent 30 years in k-12 schools as a librarian and technology director. My wife has taught at CLC in the dental assisting program for 40 years. My interest in serving on the Board comes from being on the water most of my life and I want to have the lake be a better place to enjoy and pass on to my children and grandchildren. I enjoy being of service and being involved in public service as I have served on many non profit and professional boards. I want our association to improve our lake and fishing quality and to be an advocate for lake improvement.

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2016 NLLA Annual Meeting and Picnic

Our annual meeting and picnic was held on July 16th at Legionville. This was our second year holding the meeting indoors. There were 145 adults and 12 children present, representing 78 properties on our lake. This is up from last year but, as you probably remember all too well, last year's meeting was postponed due to the storm.

Once again we had special activities for the kids. The minnow races seemed to draw the most interest. Thanks to Train Bell resort for allowing us to use their games. We'll continue to emphasize activities for children to make this a family event.

Members could take advantage of tables set up for NLLA apparel, our logo bag fundraiser, and well water testing. Once

again we had great prizes and silent auction items.

Bill Schmidt and Doug Hohman were re-elected to 3-year terms. The resignations of Kay Hondo and Deb Johnson were announced - both will be sorely missed. During the meeting, we discussed association financials, membership, lake quality (including AIS), fish stocking, and our continued focus on family activities. The current situation with cormorants and Ditch 13 was also discussed.

We'll meet again at Legionville next year.



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2016 NLLA Silent Auction and Raffle

Each year, local business and organizations generously donate valuable merchandise for our silent auction and our raffle prize drawing. This year was no exception.

Silent auction items were donated by:

D.H. Docks and Tracks	Landsburg Nursery
Tom and Anita Gerrety	Mosquito Squad
Grandview Lodge	R.W. Jewelers

And raffle prizes were donated by:

Affordable Auto Repair	Jim Cook & Lynn Hopkins
AW Research	K and J Small Engine Repair
Black Bear Lodge	Lakeside Acres Resort
Blakeman Septic service	Loides Oils & Vinegars
Boulder Tap House	Nisswa Automotive
Carlson Hardware of Nisswa	Northland Kart Kountry
D.H. Docks and Tracks	Poncho and Lefty's
Green Porch	Train Bell Resort
Half Moon Saloon	Woodland Meadows, Jessica Johnson
Harpo's	

Our thanks to to all who donated.



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North Long Lake Apparel is always available throughout the year. You can purchase it by calling Fran Cronin at (763) 360-5734 or Deb Johnson (612)384-0895. Order forms are on northlong.com – click on “apparel”. All proceeds from the clothing sales go to our lake association’s fight against AIS.

All clothing can be ordered with any one of the three logos stitched on the item. The hats come in either the low or high rise style. There are many color and item choices available, even though we do not maintain an inventory of all items. We can provide you with the variety that you want however most items are special order. Allow two weeks to complete the order. Additionally for a fee of \$10 we can add a logo to an apparel item that you already own.

We encourage you to wear your NLL apparel to the annual picnic/meeting each summer. If you are a North Long Lake property owner, or even a frequent visitor, you can show your loyalty to your lake and the Association by wearing your logo hat or clothing item. For your convenience, apparel samples will always be available at the annual picnic/meeting each summer.




North Long Lake apparel makes great holiday and birthday gifts throughout the year. Please remember us at those times. Thank you and see you on the lake in “North Long Lake Style”

Deb Johnson
Fran Cronin



DATE:

NORTH LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION CUSTOMER ORDER FORM 2016

ITEM	LAKE		TREE			LOON		TOTAL ITEMS	PRICE/EACH	TOTAL COST
	LOGO	COLOR	S	M	L	XL	XXL			
Any logo can be added to <u>YOUR</u> existing clothing for only \$10.00!										
										
										
	POSSIBLE COLORS: WHITE, GREY, NAVY, MED BLUE, DK GREEN, RED OR INQUIRE									
CAP - HIGH BRIM		-	-	-	-	-	-		\$13	
CAP - LOW BRIM		-	-	-	-	-	-		\$13	
CAP - Mesh Back		-	-	-	-	-	-		\$13	
WILDLIFE CAP- Khaki/Walleye, Wheat/Mallard				-	-	-	-		\$20	
VISOR	LAKE logo ONLY		-	-	-	-	-		\$13	
DENIM SHIRT-Long sleeve		-							\$32(\$35-XXL)	
DENIM SHIRT-Short sleeve		-							\$32(\$35-XXL)	
JACKET-Weatherproof Nylon Hooded w. knt lining									\$52(\$57-XXL)	
JACKET-WINDBREAKER-brushed trico lining									\$32(\$37-XXL)	
POLO SHIRT-Mens									\$24(\$26-XXL)	
POLO SHIRT-Ladies									\$24(\$26-XXL)	
SWEATSHIRT-CREW NECK									\$24(\$25-XXL)	
SWEATSHIRT-Hooded Pullover									\$35(\$39-XXL)	
SWEATSHIRT-Men's Hooded Full Zip									\$44(\$47-XXL)	
SWEATSHIRT-Ladies Hooded Full Zip									\$35(\$39-XXL)	
T-SHIRT-Men's-Gildan-Short Sleeve									\$14(\$17-XXL)	
T-SHIRT-Ladies-Gildan Short Sleeve									\$14(\$17-XXL)	
LOGO ONLY									\$10	
GRAPHIC TEES FROM PAGE 2.										
TOTAL ITEMS										
NAME:(please print)_____									TOTAL ORDER	
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**email (optional):_____									Make check payable to :	
									North Long Lake Association	
									PO Box 54, Merrifield MN 56465	
Any questions, please contact:										
Fran Cronin (763-427-5636/763-360-5734) (pfc1964@gmail.com) or Deb Johnson: 612-384-0895 (dsj9956@gmail.com)										
CUSTOMER NOTIFIED:			ORDER PICKED UP:			Initials				

North Long Lake Membership Roster

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ADAMS, DANIEL & JULIA
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BOND, CYNTHIA (NORTH LONG RETREAT)
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PHILLIP
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