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Presidential Message | Round Lake



Round Lake Association

| Don Gunderson, MD | President |

It's spring again in Minnesota. After an unusually mild (record-setting) winter, it's time to enjoy the Brainerd lakes area. However, as spring arrives, it is necessary again to be conscious of the issue of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Unfortunately, it is no longer something about which we only "read about in the newspaper." Several of these AIS have already become a concern in several local area lakes, including Round Lake. The RLIA and RLID are actively involved in efforts at combatting the threat that these invasive species pose to Round Lake.

Most of you are aware of the on-going, annual treatment of curly leafy pondweed (CLP) in Round Lake. This spring the RLID contracted with Clarke Inc. to perform this treatment. Also, thanks to the effort of the RLID board we were able to obtain a grant from the DNR to assist with the cost of treatment this year. A more detailed review of the CLP program can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Of course, the threat of many other AIS continues as well. As many of you know, the most immediate of these is the zebra mussel. These have already been found in Gull Lake and other lakes in the area. So far, we believe that Round Lake has been spared. However, it will take a conscientious effort on everyone's part to keep the mussels out of Round Lake. Eurasian milfoil and flowering rush are equally threatening species of AIS that have been found in several Minnesota Lakes. Again, through the efforts of the RLID board we were able to obtain a grant from the DNR to assist with the costs of an effort to inspect boats before they enter the lake at the public access. Inspectors will be trained and authorized by the DNR to conduct inspections of boats and other water-related equipment. They will have the authority to prevent boats and other equipment from entering the lake if they suspect that they are contaminated or if an individual refuses an inspection. We should all support this effort and others like it.

As important as all of these efforts are, I ask all of us residents of the lake to be mindful of these things as well. Please familiarize yourself with what a zebra mussel looks like, what Eurasian milfoil and flowering rush look like, and be conscientious in examining your own boats for any of these species, particularly if you have been in other lakes with known

contamination. Pictures of these can be made available and there are frequent educational programs held for the public throughout the summer. Please avail yourself of these opportunities. It will be only with the efforts of all of us that any programs of this type will be successful.

I want to mention that there will be several openings on the Round Lake Association Board this summer with several people having completed their terms. I encourage each of you to consider service on the board. There are many on-going issues involving the lake and service on the board is an excellent way to have an impact.

I wish you all a fun and safe summer.

Introducing the Newsletter Co-Editors

Charles Jorgensen



Charles (Chuck) Jorgensen was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, married his high school sweetheart Marie, 50 years ago this October 27th. Chuck and Marie have three children, Kurt, Lori and Dana and three grandchildren, Gina, Logan, and Joseph. He and his family have been on Round Lake for 24 years, having purchased a cabin in '88, then building their retirement home in 1999 and retiring here in 2000. Chuck graduated from St. Paul Technical College with a degree in Design Engineering and Augsburg College with a degree in Physics. Chuck worked as a Mechanical Engineer for 3M Co., retiring after 32 years. Chuck has been a Round Lake Board Member for 6 years and Newsletter Co-editor for 2 years.

Willard Hartup



Willard (Bill) Hartup has lived on North Long Lake for 43 years. He and his family own the Fullerton cottage on Merrifield Bay, built in 1905 by David Fullerton who platted today's Fullerton Park. Bill was born in Ohio and has two degrees from Ohio State and one from Harvard. He was a faculty member at the University of Iowa for 8 years and at the University of Minnesota for 34 years holding the position of Regents' Professor of Child Psychology. For 6 years, he was Editor of *Child Development*, a widely-known research journal. Bill has been an NLLA Board Member for 5 years and Newsletter Co-editor for 4. He and his wife, Rosemary, have three children and seven grandchildren all of whom are North Long Lakers for life!

Presidential Message | North Long Lake



North Long Lake Association

| Kay Hondo | President |

I was going to open this message with some niceties about the mild winter and good wishes for a happy summer but my space is limited. I need to immediately get to the point. **In a nutshell: On your behalf, the NLLA Board has declared war on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).** Never again will we have this opportunity to stop AIS – next year may be too late. The Gull Lake Chain is infested, North Long is not yet.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

In the past, we had volunteers do some part-time watercraft inspection. Then we hired DNR Interns. Then we leased a closed circuit camera for 2 years. We treated Curly Leaf Pondweed and had good results. Last fall, the Board decided - if we must choose - that DNR interns may be the most effective way to monitor boaters when they access our lake. However, our grant application for 50% cost sharing for a watercraft inspector was turned down by the DNR.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

All around us we have many infested lakes. If we aren't able to take full scale preventive measures and the invasive species win, we **all** lose. Our property values go down even further than they are now. Our boats, motors, water irrigation, and all our water toys can be ruined by zebra mussels. We might not even be able to navigate around the lake.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We must use a combination of options available to us. The Board recently approved the following measures:

1. Pursue reinstatement of the camera for the Merrifield boat launch. 24/7 motion activated videos and the talking camera alert boaters to the necessity of having a clean boat upon entering/leaving our lake.
2. Utilize a county program for hiring watercraft inspectors. While the wages are the responsibility of our lake association, the county will provide administrative services (payroll, taxes, etc). We plan to hire 2 watercraft inspectors (we already have one good candidate) to monitor both the Merrifield launch and the 371 launch on the busiest days/hours of the week.

3. Explore placing a camera at the 371 access.
4. Recruit volunteer watercraft inspectors. We have received an initial favorable response from the Boy Scouts. While further approval is needed, they may occasionally be available. We also look to our members to volunteer for just a few hours of watercraft inspection duty at the boat landings. Board members will lead the way.

HOW CAN WE AFFORD ALL THIS?

We **can't** afford this program without you and your neighbors stepping up to the plate. We need almost **double** the donations that we received last year. So, that means that we need EVERY-ONE to do his or her part in protecting our asset. If you haven't supported your lake association's efforts please, please consider doing so now. If you have already sent your dues for 2011, consider an additional tax deductible donation to your association's Invasive Species Fund! Any and all donations will be gratefully received. For example, this year we received a few memorial donations for the late Phyllis Ormsby for which we are grateful. What a nice way to remember someone who loved our lake!

HOW DO YOU STAY INFORMED?

If you haven't provided your email address, please do so to: kayhondonlla@yahoo.com. Check out our Facebook account: "Our North Long Lake" or go to our web site: www.northlong.com. We will put out updates via these avenues.

Thank you for your financial commitment and also your time! Don't forget about the summer annual meeting/picnic on July 21 at Legionville. We hope to see you there.



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A ROUND LAKE Fish Story

| by Michael Niebur |



was in my blood, but more for food than the monster to hang on the wall.

When I was a little boy, about 60 years ago, I first came to the Brainerd lakes area with my family. My father, who before he passed many years ago, was always in pursuit of the giant predators that swam in the Brainerd lakes. We stayed at many of the small family resorts on North Long, Round, and Gladstone Lakes. Dad would tell stories to us kids about the big fish that were in these lakes. Us kids (5) were busy catching sunfish and frogs (for the legs) so grandma had something to cook for supper. In the short time we had on vacation back in the 40s and 50s dad would usually catch one or two fish in the 15 to 20 pound range. He was always hunting for the monster he knew was lurking in these lakes.

As I grew older, the stories about the big fish were always in my mind. In 1969 I moved to the area from Minneapolis. Fishing

As the years went by, dad's stories faded until one day awhile ago. Two of my neighbors and I were sitting on shore looking at the lake when I noticed a large fin going parallel to the beach in 2 ft. of water. We walked over to the neighbors dock and, as the fin kept moving as we stood on the dock, we realized what a monster it was. As it approached the dock it stopped under the dock and we thought it was sick. My neighbor reached down and attempted to pick it up. He had it out of the water about 2 ft. (half of the fish) when it gave one big kick and was gone. By measuring dock boards we later determined that the fish was between 4-1/2 to 5 ft. long, 6 inches wide across the back. It was the biggest MUSKIE any of us had ever seen.

As we stood there thinking about what had just happened we noticed a brood of mallard ducks had taken the same path as the monster. One of the stories my dad use to tell was how the old timers would use live bait in a harness, such as ducks, mice, and rats and let them swim back to shore. I now have more respect for the fish stories that my dad told us kids when we were little. I think when I go hunting for monsters in the future I will use a bigger pole and heavier line.

Status of Sugar Bush Creek | By Chuck Jorgensen |

Last year a dam at the inlet to Sugar Bush Creek on North Long Lake was removed. The rush of water, from the removal of the dam, caused considerable damage to the equipment that was installed by the RLID to control the water levels in the wetlands between North Long and Round Lake. It was also discovered that the culverts under County Road 127 were not large enough to handle the volume of water that was released and probably are only marginally acceptable under regular circumstances. The beavers have also been busy. Instead of repairing their existing dams they decided to build a new

dam upstream of the existing ones. This new dam is making it difficult to control the water level in the wetlands between the lakes because the flow of the creek is being restricted farther upstream. This also causes the creek to flood the wetland area closer to CR 127 and restricts the flow of water from North Long Lake.

This spring the RLID, along with the property owners and the Thirty Lakes Watershed District, will inspect and reset the Clemson Levelers and try to repair the two existing Beaver dams. They will also start to gradually remove the new

dam located upstream to encourage the Beavers to move back downstream. The trick here is to remove enough of the dam to encourage the beavers to move and still limit the flow in the creek to prevent the water from taking out the existing dams. This is an expensive and time consuming project and one we hope we will not have to deal with again in the future.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter Crow Wing County will, among other things, be replacing the culverts in Sugar Bush Creek at CR 127.

Water Level Issues

Round Lake

As you all know, the water level of Round Lake is controlled by the dam on the Gull River. After an extensive study and comments by all concerned lake property owners, the Corps of Engineers set the level of the reservoir to be held between 1193.85 and 1194.15 feet, which is a 3.6 inch band. During the summer months, between opening of fishing and the 1st of September, the goal is to try to hold the reservoir at 1194.00 feet.

This winter there wasn't a lot of snow so the general feeling is that the lake level is lower than usual. The fact is that before the heavy rain on the weekend of April 7th the level of the reservoir was above the middle of the band at 1194.05 ft. with minimum flow over the dam. The heavy rain caused the reservoir to rise to 1194.30 ft. which is 3.6 inches above the desired set point. When this happens the dam is full open in an effort to bring the reservoir down to the appropriate level as fast as possible so as to be able to accommodate any additional rainfall.

This is a delicate balancing act trying to keep the reservoir

height at the mid-point of the band and still be prepared to handle a heavy rainfall to prevent flooding of adjacent property. Mary Kay Larson is the person responsible for maintaining the reservoir level. She does a great job. Next time you are in the area stop by, I'm sure she wouldn't mind showing you around.

North Long Lake

As most readers know, water levels in North Long Lake vary with the weather. One exception to this situation occurred in 2011 when someone illegally blocked the entrance to Sugar Bush Creek causing extensive damage to both lakes and the creek as well as considerable expense.





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2011-2012 Ice Ridge Damage Extensive

| By Marty Peisch |



North Long Lake

The restless ice and strong winds of early winter wreaked havoc with the shores of North Long Lake. Rip rap was moved, trees were broken, property stakes moved, and some shorelines were left with 4 ft. humps of earth.

The best choice for water quality would be to leave the shores as they are. Ice ridges are natural filters of rainwater runoff. Any trees or shrubs pushed into the water or hanging over it provide habitat for fish, turtles, birds, and other wildlife. But that may not be a realistic choice for many lakeshore owners.



The first step is to determine if there was a ridge last year with grass, weeds, or trees growing on it. If so, you need to contact DNR for a permit before you make any correction. Any type of ridge, large or small, that existed before September of 2010 is considered an "historic ice ridge" and is therefore under the jurisdiction of the DNR.



If your ice ridge is new, repairs can be made without a permit from Crow Wing County as long as the work is completed before July 16, 2012. Acknowledging the extent of the shoreline damage this year, the County Zoning Administrator waived the regular Shoreland Alteration Permit requirements for a short period of time. But this does not give us carte blanche to plow down the ridge. Topsoil and vegetative matter cannot be allowed to go in to the lake. Immediately after the modifications are made, the soil must be stabilized with sod or some type of seeding.



Any wood or brush removed during the restoration should be taken 75 ft. back from the lake before it is burned. If the fire exceeds a 36" radius, a Burning Permit will be required from the DNR.



Photos courtesy of Marty Peisch

Many property owners have already been approached by entrepreneurs offering their services to repair shoreline damage. As with any contractor, it is always wise to check their references. You may also want to check with Crow Wing County Soil & Water Conservation District for advice in designing a restoration plan.

If you have rip rap that was moved by the ice, you might want to consider reinforcing that rip

rap for future years once it has been moved back into place. Native grasses and other plants can be placed between the rocks where they will provide a network of roots that can secure the rocks. Another idea is to plant "live stakes" of trees such as Dogwood or Willow among the rocks. This will accomplish the same thing.

Since North Long Lake is within the boundaries of the Thirty Lakes Watershed District, it is possible that the grant funds they offer will be available to assist you with shoreline repair and replanting. They offer grants from \$2,500 to \$5,000 depending upon the criteria they have established.

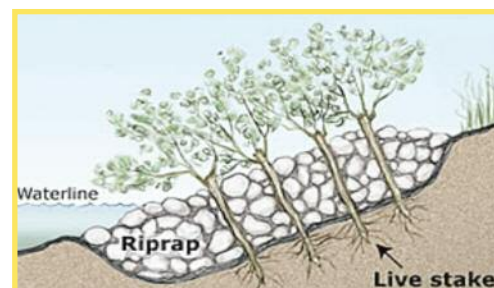
If you need help in deciding what should be done, and what should be planted, PLEASE contact us at northlonglakeassociation@gmail.com. If the Board of Directors can't help you, they can put you in touch with some who can.

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Round Lake

There is always some ice ridge damage every spring on the lake. Where it occurs each year is anybody's guess. Usually, most of the damage is on the northwest end of the lake the south wind being the culprit. This year it seems like the ice flow was an equal opportunity entity because the damage was spread out around the shoreline. Again, the north side of the lake took the biggest hit but there were areas along the south side that got hit pretty hard as well. The worst scenarios, of course, are those properties that have rip-rap along the shoreline. Removing all the rocks and rebuilding the shoreline can be quite a nightmare.





Curly Leaf Pondweed: An Enduring Challenge

Round Lake

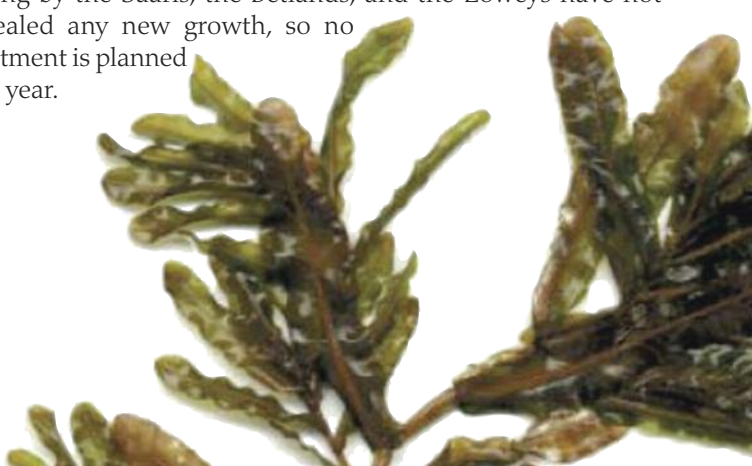
Last year the Round Lake Improvement District (RLID) treated approximately 50 acres for Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP). The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) surveyed the lake in June (2011) to document the results of the treatment. Their findings confirmed that most, if not all, of the CLP that was treated was destroyed. It appears

that the combination of treatment and high water temperatures last summer managed to kill most of the CLP.

This year our applicator surveyed the lake and found very little CLP. Where last year we had 50 acres, this year they could only find 3-5 acres. This is great news! By being proactive and getting on this early and being persistent, we have been able to get control of the CLP problem. However, the job is not over. We must keep vigilant and be ready to deal with any new challenges that threaten the quality of our lake.

North Long Lake

Although the acreage of curly leaf pondweed in North Long Lake that was treated in 2011 was much less than in Round Lake, treatment results were much the same. Surprising to everyone was the survey finding in October that the CLP in the 3 acres treated in the spring of 2011 was dead. Checking this spring by the Saaris, the Betlands, and the Loweys have not revealed any new growth, so no treatment is planned this year.



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Lake Service Provider AIS Training and Permits | By Minnesota Waters |

Lake service providers are required by law to attend in-person Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) training and obtain a service provider permit prior to working in waters of the state. Training sessions have been scheduled throughout the state. Lake service providers should act NOW and be sure to attend a training session and obtain a permit.

State invasive species laws passed in 2011 aim to help prevent the spread of AIS between waters in the state. They require service providers to apply for a permit, pay the \$50 application fee, attend training in person, and pass a test. Upon completion of all mentioned tasks a permit will be issued to the service provider.

Persons who work for a permitted service provider do not have to take the DNR training in person, but must take online training at any time before working in waters of the state. The online training will cover the same information as the training for permitted service providers. On completion a certificate will be

generated with the person's information and it will need to be printed and kept in the employee's possession at all times when working in waters of the state.

Through a partnership with the Minnesota DNR, Minnesota Waters is conducting statewide training for businesses that install and remove water recreation equipment. The training sessions provide the information needed to understand and pass the required test. In addition, service providers are taught how to integrate AIS prevention strategies into their businesses. The test will be administered at the training sessions.

Note to readers: Make sure your commercial lake service providers are certified!



Can Asian Carp be Stopped?

| By Willard Hartup |

No topic has consumed more pages in this Newsletter in recent years than Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Talk around the lakes about curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil acquired urgency nearly 10 years ago while the onslaught of zebra mussels has captured attention more recently. Millions of dollars are now being spent across Minnesota on eradicating these species or reducing them to sustainable levels. Meanwhile, a new and frightening specter has appeared on the southern horizon: Asian carp. So far, the regional and national responses to this threat have been chaotic: states are suing states; regional consortia are suing cities; Governor Dayton convenes special workshops; federal legislation is being launched but always with the caveat that we don't have good weaponry at the moment for dealing with this threat to aquatic habitat.

What are Asian carp? Many species of heavy-bodied cyprinid fish are known collectively as Asian carp. Most U.S. consultants do not refer to species from the Indian sub-continent by this name but as many as eight species from elsewhere in Asia have been introduced to waters outside their native range, including the common carp. But the species attracting the most attention as invasives are the **silver carp**, native to Vietnam, and the **bighead carp**, also native to southeast Asia. Both of these species are widely cultivated for food and traditional medicine in China and elsewhere in Southeast Asia. In fact, bighead and silver carp rank as the most important fish, worldwide, in terms of total aquaculture production.

Silver carp have become notorious for

being easily frightened by boats and personal watercraft, which causes them to leap high into the air, as much as 8 to 10 feet. Given that individual fish range up to 60 pounds, these jumping jacks are more than frightening – they are dangerous. Bighead carp ordinarily do not jump but are much the larger fish; they can weigh up to 110 pounds. The



main threat to the environment from these two species is the fact that they filter and eat plankton from the water in enormous quantities, some eating as much as 20% of their body weight in a single day. Owing to their enormous demands, Asian carp out-compete native fish for food and living space. Most observers fear large-scale decline in native fish populations wherever breeding populations of Asian carp become established.

Migration of these species. While the common carp was brought to the U.S. in 1831 and has been widespread for some time, these two large Asian carp species were brought into mostly Southern states in the 1970s to assist in cleaning commercial fish ponds. Both bighead and silver carp apparently escaped into the Mississippi River Basin sometime prior to 1990 (and not during the floods of 1990 as has sometimes been claimed). The rise of these populations in the Basin

since that time has been dramatic with populations of silver and bighead carp reaching extremely high abundances in the Mississippi River south of Minnesota and in the Ohio and Illinois river systems. The U.S. Department of the Interior has declared these fish to be invasive species since 2007.

Citizens as well as governmental agencies like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have been concerned since that time with the swift migration of these species. Perhaps the greatest attention thus far has been given to the possibility of Asian carp migrating into the Great Lakes, most immediately through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, the only navigable aquatic link between the Lakes and the Illinois River.

(There are, of course, other routes from the Mississippi River to the Great Lakes, including many through Minnesota.)

Electronic barriers have been installed in Chicago and have seemingly had some success, although in 2009, carp genetic material (eDNA) was detected beyond two barriers, leaving only a single lock-and-dam on the Calumet River between the detected presence and Lake Michigan. These events led to extensive litigation between the State of Michigan (primarily) and Illinois and neighboring states, the City of Chicago, and the U.S. Corps of Engineers concerning closure of the CSS Canal. That litigation has so far not succeeded in either the lower courts or the Supreme Court; instead, judgments have favored the view that the movement of billions of dollars worth of goods and thousands of jobs would be lost by such closure, losses that preventing the migration of the fish into Lake Michigan would not offset.



Silver, bighead carp caught by commercial fishermen in Mississippi River near Winona

Asian carp and Minnesota. Meanwhile, the spread of these species into Minnesota waters has been established. While no breeding populations have been detected in the Mississippi, the St. Croix, or the Minnesota Rivers, individual fish have been caught near the Twin Cities and in the St. Croix. Silver carp were caught near La Crosse between 2008 and 2011; bigheads were caught between 2003 and 2009 between Lake Pepin and the Iowa border. More recently, both silver and bighead carp were caught in seine nets by commercial fishermen on March 1 in the Mississippi near Winona.

At the same time, a growing body of evidence shows that environmental DNA has been present during the last year in both the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers in the Twin Cities area. eDNA comes from the mucus or excrement of the invasive species and all testing done so far has been positive for silver carp but not for the bighead. Results from last fall's sampling showed the following: St. Croix River south of St. Croix Falls – 22 out of 50 samples contained silver carp eDNA; Mississippi River below Hastings Dam – 19 out of 62 samples; Mississippi River below Ford Dam – 14 out of 52 samples; Mississippi River below Coon

Rapids Dam – 16 out of 29 samples; Mississippi River above Coon Rapids Dam – 3 out of 19 samples. Perhaps most disturbing among these data are the results of sampling above the Coon Rapids Dam, long thought to be the best existing barrier to carp migration at the Twin Cities. Since upgrading in the 1970s, the dam has been a reasonably effective barrier for other native fish attempting to migrate northward. While the presence of eDNA in these waters is cause for concern, the data should not be overinterpreted. Populations of fish have not been sighted in these waters and DNA residue can be distributed widely by birds and other predators as well as by boaters. Nevertheless, such evidence is seen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an important correlate of migration by these species.

What is being done? Public clamor over Asian carp has increased to a high pitch since the discoveries mentioned above. In addition, policy-makers are finally moving toward an attempt (albeit expensive) to block the further migration of these fish to the north. Governor Dayton held three meetings over the past winter looking toward legislative action that would support barrier efforts and also relevant research. So far, legislative action is not complete although

something more may emerge as this Newsletter goes to press. Meanwhile, Senator Amy Klobuchar, together with Representative Keith Ellison (co-sponsored by Senator Franken and Representatives Paulsen and Walz), introduced congressional legislation on March 6 that would mandate a 6-month study of closure of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam in Minneapolis (the least used dam on the Mississippi) and that would authorize its immediate closure should Asian carp be found; the legislation would also support study of various barriers at locks and dams lower on the river. The Minnesota Legislature earlier approved funds for upgrading the Coon Rapids Dam as a barrier to these fish. Legislation is not yet complete on funding of research and other studies concerning how best to create effective barriers, including barriers in the Minnesota River and in the St. Croix. (Both of these rivers present difficult situations but, considering their watersheds, are very relevant to stakeholders throughout northern Minnesota).

Regarding the Asian carp outlook for lakes like Round Lake (which is part of the Upper Mississippi Watershed) and North Long Lake (which lies only three miles to the west of the river), the crystal ball is cloudy. American biologists and policy-makers have had considerable success with some AIS such as the sea lamprey and the common carp. Targeted toxins for Asian carp are being studied. But the necessity of establishing barriers to the spread of these fish is also great. Thankfully, Asian carp may have reached the sensibilities of our policy-makers in sufficient time to prevent an invasion of Northern Minnesota. All of us would rather be doing other things than worrying about 60-pound jumping fish invading our lakes; we'd all rather be spending our money elsewhere. But the plague is on us and we have no choice but to fight it even though we already have zebra mussels to hassle with and *hydrilla* is right behind (look that one up on the internet)!

Inspection and Treatment of AIS: Lakes Declare War

| By Chuck Jorgensen |

Round Lake

This year the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offered several grant opportunities for both Watercraft Access Inspections and Aquatic Invasive Species Control. In the past the RLID either did not qualify for them or the programs were not to our advantage. This year, however, the RLID has qualified for two grants which the Board of Directors feel will both improve and maintain the quality of our lake environment.

The first grant is a Watercraft Access Inspection Grant which provides additional hours of DNR Watercraft Inspectors working at our lake access. The grant is for the DNR to split the cost (\$15.50/hour) with cooperators (RLID) up to a maximum of 1000 hours. The RLID Board of Directors voted to submit a request of 500 hours of additional inspection and received 480 hours at a cost of \$3720.00.

The obvious question is why would you want to do this when the Gull Lake Reservoir is already infested with Zebra Mussels? The answer, of course, is to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels to other lakes in the area and

to prevent the introduction of other AIS into Round Lake. Our lake is under attack and there are concerns about other invasive species, such as Eurasian Water milfoil, Spiny Water Fleas, Yellow Floating Heart Flowers, Brittle Naiad, Brazilian Waterweed, Hydrilla, and Asian Carp to name but a few. It behooves us to keep a close eye on what's being brought into our lake.

The second grant is an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects Grant. This grant is intended to help fund the control of curly-leaf pondweed (CLP), Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM), and flowering rush (FR). In past years the grant required that 25% of a lakes area be infested with CLP, EWM, or FR. This is the first year that Round Lake has been eligible for this grant because the DNR has lifted the restriction on the size of the affected area in a lake. This is great news for us. Initially the grant was to provide funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 or \$175.00/acre treated, whichever is larger, up to a maximum of \$35,000.00.

The RLID applied for and received a grant for \$2,000.00 or \$150.00/acre treated, whichever is higher, up to a maximum of \$35,000.00.

We're excited about this turn of events, but our applicator just finished surveying the lake for CLP and discovered only 3-5 acres of CLP. This is good news in that it shows we have been quite successful in treating the CLP, but it's disappointing because the RLID has had to do all the heavy lifting to get to this point.

North Long Lake

The North Long Lake Board also applied for a Watercraft Access Inspection grant but it was not approved. The DNR priorities extended to lakes already infested with Aquatic Invasive Species and, since this lake is not yet infested, no assistance was given to fund inspections at the various public accesses on the lake. President Hondo, however, is leading an all-out preventive war on AIS with a multi-faceted effort to supervise our public accesses with a Crow Wing county supervisor (paid by the Association), closed circuit cameras, Boy Scout volunteers, and increased signage. All this COSTS MONEY. Please be sure you have read Kay's Presidential Message and be generous with your contributions when paying your dues (see the form later in this issue).



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A photograph of the Minnesota State Capitol building, a large, ornate, light-colored stone structure with a prominent central dome topped by a golden statue. The building is set against a clear blue sky. The title "Making Headway with New State Legislation" is overlaid on the lower half of the image in a large, black, serif font.

Making Headway with New State Legislation

| By Jeff Forester, Executive Officer, Minnesota Seasonal and Recreational Property Owners Coalition |

On May 3, 2012, Governor Mark Dayton signed the Environmental Policies Act (HF 2164) into law. While this act does not represent a comprehensive statewide plan for dealing with aquatic invasive species (AIS), it nevertheless represents important progress.

The Legislation:

- Doubles fines for noncompliance of AIS laws, including failure to pull the boat plug when transporting a boat.
- Broadens the definition of Lake Service Provider, including persons moving boats or other water related equipment, to the AIS training and permit requirements passed last session (see separate article in this issue).
- Expands the prohibition on placing a watercraft or trailer with AIS on it to all water related equipment.
- Prohibits a boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed from the water from being placed into another water body for at least 21 days.
- Allows the commissioner of natural resources to delegate inspection authority for watercraft and related equipment to tribal and local government, but also transfers liability and responsibility for inspection programs on public waters within their jurisdiction and requires a plan, reporting, and certain standards to be met.
- Allows conservation officers and other peace officers to require water-related equipment be removed from a water body if necessary to implement invasive species control measures.
- Allows the commissioner to require mandatory inspections before a person places water-related equipment into a water body.
- Allows inspection stations to be established and establishes location, staffing, and other requirements for the stations.
- Requires the commissioner of natural resources to establish a statewide course for preventing the spread of AIS and best management practices. The DNR will issue an AIS trailer

decal to those who complete the course. A person may not transport watercraft or any water related equipment without an AIS decal. Violation of this section carries no penalty. It becomes effective July 1, 2015.

Funding. There is still no reliable, ongoing funding source for a comprehensive statewide AIS plan. Last year's doubling of AIS spending was only a two-year appropriation of one-time money from the Minnesota Lottery Account.

Governor Dayton proposed increasing the AIS surcharge by \$5 for a three-year boat registration, which MSPRO surveys showed over 80% of boaters supported. Both the Senate and House rejected this proposal. Governor Dayton also proposed \$12 million in bonding to fund the design and construction of an Asian carp barrier, and pilot three decontamination stations to control the spread of zebra mussels. The legislature also rejected this proposal. The final bill, instead, increased non-resident fishing licenses which projects to about \$600,000 per year for a DNR AIS Account. In the end, to make up this difference the legislature transferred \$500,000 from the game and fish fund to the invasive species account. When combined with the new funding from fishing licenses, funds for AIS work for this year remains essentially unchanged.

Research Center at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Peter Sorenson has proposed an AIS research center at the University. The Legislature approved redirecting \$1 million from AIS funds appropriated last year to this project. The remaining funds needed for this center were not appropriated through bonding, as the Governor had suggested, but from Legacy fund transfers of \$3.8 million. Another \$8.5 million from the Legacy Fund was also approved to build structural deterrents for Asian carp in Minnesota's rivers.

The Path to The Lake

| by Judy DuBois | University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener CWC

*"Oh singing birds and calling loons,
you're what I'm looking for..."*

This is a line from a song I just listened to called the "*Shoreline Song*" which can be found on a link from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website called "Restore Your Shore." As many of you probably already know, this website — www.dnr.state.mn.us — is chock full of information for Minnesota residents ranging from buying fishing licenses, to military benefits, to lake ice-out dates, and much more. If you haven't checked it out already, I would highly recommend it.

But...back to the "Restore Your Shore" link... Its credits state that it expands on the information and activities offered in the CD-Rom of the same title, the book "*Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality*" by Carrol Henderson, a series of 14 one-day workshops, and the establishment of a number of shoreland restoration demonstration projects. A lot of information is encapsulated for easy reference and research! To get to it, go to the DNR website mentioned above and click on the "a - z list," go to "R" and look for "Restore Your Shore." The site is divided into 5 sections:

- >Introduction
- >Shore Lore
- >Steps & Techniques
- >Plant Guide
- >References and Resources

Each section is divided into chapters containing more specific information.

The introduction helps you navigate the site so that you can get a better understanding of shoreland ecosystems. Short audio files are distributed throughout so you can listen to Carrol Henderson and others. This section will also show you how to balance your lifestyle with the needs of the natural communities.

Five examples of different approaches to protecting and/or restoring your shoreline are included in the "Shore Lore" segment. Check them out. Listen to the audio segments of private lakeshore owners regarding what their neighbors thought. Then, do the little exercise on what you see. It's interesting. If you had a problem this year with an ice heave (as so many of us did) or, if your rip-rap ended up in a pile on your shore, look at the "Common Problems" chapter. There are lists of native plants to help repair ice ridges and hold rip-rap. For those of you whom I've heard are having trouble with geese, go to the "Nuisance Species" chapter.

Should you decide to try your own shoreline project, the Steps and Techniques section will walk you through it. There's a site assessment worksheet you can print out, as well as an owner's objectives form, and a measure and locate form. If you're not into doing it yourself, this section will help you organize your thoughts and have information at the ready when you contact someone to help you with the work.

The Plant Guide has information about native plants which grow well in Crow Wing County, and also invasive non-natives. There are photographs and descriptions. A search function enables you to create a customized list. If you have something growing and you don't know what it is, punch in a description. You'll get a list of suggested plants that you can look at for identification.

Try it... I think you'll like it! The photos of the Black-Eyed Susan and the Rough Blazing star are from the plant description in the Plant Encyclopedia of the Guide...just two of the plantings recommended for our shoreland.

Note.— Photographs No. 6 and 7 (p. 7) in the Fall Newsletter were misidentified; they show the Sapetal restoration project rather than the DuBois project.



Black Eyed Susan



Rough Blazing Star Bloom

NOTICE

Minnesota Waters Infested with Zebra Mussels



All readers should familiarize themselves with this DNR list of lakes infested with zebra mussels. Boaters must act in accordance with the law: Carry no water from lake to lake anywhere in your vessels; make sure that if you enter contaminated water that you either de-contaminate your boat or let it sit for two weeks before you enter any other body of water. Be especially careful in entering waters in which zebra mussels have not yet been found. You are only doing yourself a good turn. But thanks also from all your friends and neighbors.

BENTON COUNTY

Little Rock Lake

CASS COUNTY

Bass Lake
Green's Lake
Gull Lake
Margaret Lake
Spider Lake
Upper Gull Lake

CROW WING COUNTY

Black Bear Lake
Boom Lake
Half-Moon Lake
Little Rabbit Lake
Love Lake
Miller Lake
Nisswa Lake
Ossawinnamakee Lake
Pickerel Lake
Rice Lake
Round Lake
Roy Lake

DAKOTA COUNTY

Lake Rebecca

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Lake Alvin
Brophy Lake
Lake Carlos
Lake Cowdry
Lake Darling
Lake Geneva
Lake Jesse
Lake Le Homme Dieu
Lottie (Taylor) Lake
North Union Lake
Lake Stoney
Lake Victoria

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Edina Mill Pond
Gray's Bay Outlet
Lake Hiawatha
Meadowbrook Lake
Lake Minnetonka
Lake Nokomis

MILLE LACS COUNTY

Lake Mille Lacs
Ogechie Lake
Onamia Lake
Shakopee Lake

OLMSTED COUNTY

Lake Zumbro

OTTER TAIL COUNTY

Bass Lake
Crystal Lake
Fish Lake
Little Pelican Lake
Lake Lizzie
Pelican Lake
Prairie Lake
Rose Lake

RAMSEY COUNTY

Charley Lake
Pleasant Lake
Sucker Lake
Lake Vadnais

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Pike Lake
Mud Lake

SCOTT COUNTY

Lower Prior Lake
Upper Prior Lake

WRIGHT COUNTY

Fish Lake

OTHER:

Pine River from Pelican Brook
to the Mississippi
Mississippi River from Crow Wing
County to the Iowa border
Rum River
Zumbro River
Crow Wing River from the Long
Prairie River to the Mississippi
Lake Superior
St. Louis River from the White Pine
River to Lake Superior
Bishop's Creek between Gull and
Round Lakes



NEWS & NOTES

Round Lake

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATION

Annual Summer Meeting, Picnic and Pig Roast

Bring the family – Bring your grandchildren. Meet your Neighbors, Great Bar-B-Que.
Please bring a dish to pass around! Bring your lawn chair.

Saturday, June 30 • Starting at 12:00 noon

At the home of Bernice Slupe
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Sweatshirts and jackets will be for sale!



NEWS & NOTES

Round Lake

SALE AROUND ROUND

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Everyone living on County Road 115 is invited to participate!

Garage sale shoppers look forward to this BIG sale! Clean out that basement, garage, and closet and sell your treasures to someone else. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it along with your check for \$10.00 payable to the Round Lake Association (RLIA). A garage sale sign will be delivered to you which will identify you as a paid participant in this event. The money we collect is used to pay for advertising and signs. This is meant to be a break even event for us. If you have any questions, call Linda Esser, 963-2752.

Please mail your check for \$10.00 with this form by Friday, May 25, 2012 to:
RLIA, PO Box 378, Nisswa, MN 56468

Name _____

Lake Address _____

Lake Phone _____ Cell Phone _____



Round Lake BOARD VACANCIES

This year the Round Lake Improvement Association/District has four board openings: Don Gunderson, Eric Klang, Carol Friesen, and Janell Kramer will be leaving. The RLIA/RLID would like to thank each of them for their commitment to the organization, all of their hard work and hope they would consider returning to serve on the board again in the future.

It should be pointed out that the Annual Picnic/Meeting on June 30, 2012 is for

both the RLIA and the RLID. In accordance with Minnesota statutes, Lake Improvement Districts must open their board elections and annual meetings to all property owners. In addition, provisions must be made for the casting of ballots for those not able to attend the annual meeting. Candidates who have agreed to accept nominations are listed on the ballot, and we will accept write-in candidates. The current board members thank those on the ballot for offering

their services to our association/district.

MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 22nd. Please remember, it is one vote per property, not one vote per person. Be sure to include your address so we can validate your ballot. Additional nominations for board positions will be accepted from Round Lake property owners at the annual meeting. However, please obtain prior approval from the nominee if they will not be in attendance.

ROUND LAKE BOARD MEMBER BALLOT (vote for 4)

Eric Klang • David Leary • Steve Clough • Eric Davidge

Voter's Name _____

Lake Address _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

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Round Lake Ballot
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Nisswa, MN 56468

NEWS & NOTES

Round Lake

ATTENTION RLIA MEMBERS

The insurance underwriter for the Round Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) has requested that a dissolution clause be added to the association's Articles of Incorporation.

A dissolution clause is a statement of how the assets of a corporation are to be disposed of in the event the corporation is dissolved. In order to make this change to the RLIA's Articles of Incorporation it requires the approval of the membership. The

Board of Directors, therefore, is putting forth the following motion to be voted on at our next annual meeting.

"To approve the addition of the following dissolution clause to the RLIA's Articles of Incorporation."

The Board of Directors recommends that the membership vote to approve the addition of the dissolution clause.

DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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NEWS & NOTES

Round Lake

ROUND LAKE SPORTSWEAR!

Sweatshirts & Windbreakers | By Janell Kramer |

Round Lake sportswear is now available in a variety of styles and sizes. We have hooded sweatshirts, both pullover and zip up, and windbreakers for both men and women. Colors include pink, chocolate, blue, and green to name a few. The windbreaker and sweatshirts are priced at \$35.00 each.

Show your Round Lake pride by getting your sweatshirt or windbreaker today! They will be available at the Annual Round Lake Picnic - or if you can't make the picnic you can get your sportswear at D.H. Docks in Nisswa. Please have your cash or check ready. Checks should be made out to Round Lake Improvement Assn. (RLIA). Please remember D.H. Docks is doing this as a courtesy to us and receives no compensation, so please don't tie up a salesperson any longer than necessary.

If we are out of your size or color please leave your information with the salesperson or contact one of the board members and we will contact you when the next shipment arrives.

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Round Lake

Round Lake Improvement Assn. Annual Membership Donation

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and it's time to consider membership in the Round Lake Association again. The members of the Board of Directors wish to thank all of you for your generous contributions and participation in the various projects throughout the last year.

Remember, the Round Lake Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This means that whatever sum you choose to contribute to the work of the association becomes a tax deductible charitable contribution. The following are some suggested levels of participation that have been developed realizing that some members may want to contribute at a level higher than the minimum. All contributors will be acknowledged in the fall newsletter. The membership categories are as follows:

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|-----------|-------------------|
| 1) Owl | \$25.00-\$49.99 |
| 2) Hawk | \$50.00-\$74.99 |
| 3) Osprey | \$75.00-\$99.99 |
| 5) Eagle | \$100.00 or more. |

Remember, membership renewal is either in June at the picnic or at the end of the year. If you don't remember when you last renewed your membership you can contact Linda Esser at 218-963-2732.

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Steve & Joanne Carfrae
Brain Kelly
Michael & Tanya McDermott
Russ & Muriel Pritchett
Charles & Virginia Wilcox
Clark & Kathy Zard

NEWS & NOTES

Round Lake

Round Lake Improvement Association INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011

1/1/2011 Balance

Income

Expenditures

Paid To:

AWResearch

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Lakes Restoration Inc.

Total expenditures

12/31/2011 Ending Balance

Purpose:

Edits to septic reports

Aerial Survey-Sugarbush Creek

Summer TSI

Mass Balance Analysis

Insurance required by County

Curly leaf pondweed treatment

-\$151.22

-\$375.00

-\$200.00

-\$944.80

-\$2,024.00

-\$31,564.43

\$37,377.55

\$35,159.44

-\$35,259.45

\$37,277.54



Round Lake Improvement Association

Income & Expense Statement 7/1/2011 through 4/20/2012

INCOME

Clothing \$205.00

Interest Inc:

Dredging Funds \$349.41

Other Interest Inc \$7.96

TOTAL Interest Inc \$357.37

Membership Dues \$2,658.00

TOTAL INCOME \$3,220.37

EXPENSES

Buoys \$163.21

Insurance \$450.00

mailbox fee \$42.00

Misc \$25.00

Professional Fees \$220.00

Stamps \$5.99

TOTAL EXPENSES \$906.20

OVERALL TOTAL \$2,314.17

Round Lake Improvement Association NET WORTH

As of 4/20/2012

	Balance 6/30/2011	Balance 4/20/2012
ASSETS		
CD Designated Funds Dredging	28,688.59	29,038.00
Checking	5,626.97	7,356.29
Savings	5,272.38	5,507.82
Savngs Dredging Funds	50.52	50.52
TOTAL ASSETS	39,638.46	41,952.63
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	39,638.46	41,952.63

NEWS & NOTES

North Long Lake

North Long Lake Annual Pic-a-nic

SATURDAY, JULY 21st

Guest speaker: Jeff Forester, Executive Officer, Minnesota
Seasonal and Recreational Property Owners Coalition
Drinks, door prizes, lake clothing sale, brats, hot dogs, fixin's
Legionville on Merrifield Bay

Business Meeting and Board Elections: 10:30 a.m.

(Board elections will be announced by mail)

Eats: 12:00 noon



North Long Lake

Loon Nest Project

| by Gary Villwock |

The North Long Lake Association has five loon nesting platforms located throughout the lake. Three have some type of uprights attached to prevent predators from swooping into the nest. Based on the interests of individual members who have overseen these platforms for some time, the 371 Bay contains three platforms, the west end of the Big Lake has one, and the Merrifield Bay has one. At present, four pairs of loons have shown interest in using the platforms this year. They are THERE—they swim around, they get on, they get off, they dive under, but NO EGGS YET! The lake also has other pairs of loons that build their own nests. Meanwhile, the NLLA is hoping for an excellent hatching season.



NORTH LONG LAKE 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT



NOW IS THE TIME for lakeshore residents and friends of the lake to continue their memberships in the North Long Lake Association (NLLA). Our goal is to convince everyone who was a member in 2011 to renew and a substantial number of residents who are not members currently to join us. Our success in securing the funds necessary for our War on AIS, our search for grants, and other support depends on the number of members we have and their generosity. Please note that the mailing label on this Newsletter should show the latest year for which you have paid dues.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM and send it with your 2012 dues and AIS contribution to the address indicated.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Lake address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Lake Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

2012 Dues: \$25.00

Please make checks payable to:

+ Invasive Species Fund _____

North Long Lake Association
Box 54
Merrifield, MN 56465

= Total Contribution: _____

North Long Lake

North Long Lake MEMBERSHIP REPORT

| by Kay Hondo |

By the end of 2011, 294 individuals had become members for the year, contributing dues and donations to the invasive species fund of \$12,361. This is the highest number of members reported for the Association over the years – close to 50% of property owners on our mailing list! We were able to meet our commitment to pay for curly leaf pondweed treatment in Merrifield Bay and for our closed circuit camera at the Merrifield Public Access.

As of late April, 2012, dues and invasive species donations were received from 52 members for 2012, adding up to \$4,045. Year after year, our numbers climb but we need much more support than ever before. Please read my presidential message for the full picture but NOW is the time for ALL of our property

owners and friends of the lake to step up their contributions. It is all out **war against invasive species** this year.

To those of you who have already sent in your 2012 dues, we appreciate your continued support! If you *haven't* paid this year's dues or made an invasive species contribution, it is a good time to mail them in. Not sure if you've already paid? Please check your address label on this Newsletter; if you don't see "2012" in the upper right hand corner, it indicates that you haven't yet paid your dues. Or, if you have not regularly been an Association member, now is the time to join your neighbors in our uphill battle to protect *your* lake. Please use the membership form on the previous page to send with your contribution or you can download a form from www.northlong.com. Thank you!!

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NEWS & NOTES

North Long Lake



Enjoying our lake in "North Long Lake Style"

It's that time of year again, when all of us are looking forward to a great season on North Long Lake. Once again this year we want to be able to offer great choices to those who wish to purchase items from the NLL apparel line. This year, we want members to enjoy the picnic in "North Long Lake Style." We are happy to invite you to pre-order apparel that can be shipped or delivered so you can wear it to the annual picnic in July. You can also pre-order items and pick them up when you arrive at the picnic. Please see our website for details. www.northlong.com/apparel/index.html

It has become difficult for us to anticipate what items our members might want. When we purchase apparel items on speculation we tend to end up with the wrong assortment of colors and sizes in our inventory. Therefore, this year we will have fewer items available for purchase at the picnic and we will be on call for pre-orders. Of course you can still order at the picnic and we will continue to deliver them to you when they are ready.

One of the nicest things about our clothing line is that it is excellent quality and variety. Also, our vendor works with us on individual orders. Our vendor also tries to get the colors and items that people really want. That way there is more choice available. We think having the apparel line available is a wonderful opportunity to encourage community spirit among members of our Lake Association. We are happy to serve the lake in this way, and hope that you will visit the clothing website. We also hope that you will support us by wearing "North Long Lake Style." Please call or email us with what you would like to be wearing at the picnic!

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Two Friends of the Lake

While the Newsletter does not publish an obituary page, two special friends of North Long Lake died during the winter – James Halloran and Phyllis Ormsby.



James Halloran

| By Bruce Sandberg |

Jim Halloran passed away on February 2, 2012 at Good Samaritan Society Woodland in Brainerd at the age of 89. He was raised as a farm lad in Browerville, Minnesota. During WWII he served in the U.S. Merchant Marine as chef aboard a cargo vessel. These unarmed ships sailed in fleets across the North Atlantic to England and Russia loaded with war materiel in support of our Allies. Jim told of the fear and heartbreak of these fleets coming under attack at night by the German U-boat wolf packs as they torpedoed and sank ships at will.

Jim was Vice President of Red Owl Stores in charge of produce. His special skills were in the growing, harvesting, handling, packaging, warehousing, distribution, and retail presentation of fruits and vegetables. He established his own consulting business and helped companies in his area of knowledge as well as foreign governments, particularly India and Argentina.

Jim and his wife, Lucille (Lindee), built their summer home on Merrifield Bay, North Long Lake, in 1957. Jim was an avid outdoorsman, taking special joy in fishing and water activities. He was a founder of the Minnesota Lakes Association and served in various capacities for more than 20 years. He worked with the Minnesota Legislature on issues relating to our water resources and was a long-time consultant to the Board of Directors, North Long Lake Association. Jim, a person of many talents and interests, is missed by Lindee, his wife of 64 years; his children, Michael, Patty, and Kathy; his grandchildren, his sister, Betty Alderman; and by his many loving friends and neighbors.



Phyllis Ormsby

| By Patti Pluth |

Our mother, Phyllis Ormsby, first came to North Long Lake in the summer of 1947 as a young bride. Upon arriving at her new father-in-law's cabin, she looked at her husband, George, and announced: "I love this lake. I'd like to live here."

That wish came true when Dad retired in 1977 and they moved from their Maplewood home to live permanently at their property on Birchdale Road on the "Little Lake," now called 371 Bay.

Mom and Dad lived a long and very happy retirement. Dad passed away in 2006 and Mom this past February at the age of 89. Mom's passing brought an end to an era for us on Birchdale Road as she was one, if not the last, of the "old timers" on the Lake. Our parents' legacy lives on, however, since two of their daughters and one granddaughter all bought properties close by, bringing along new generations to enjoy this wonderful lake life. Phyllis's great-grandchildren are now the 5th generation of descendants to hunt for frogs, catch turtles, and practice loon calls on beautiful North Long Lake. What a wonderful legacy. Thanks Mom and Dad!

— Patti Pluth (daughter, Generation No. 3)

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North Long Lake Association FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1/1/11-12/31/2011

I. <u>Total beginning balance</u>	\$20,701.73	Water Testing	650.00
		Website	603.25
II. <u>Checking Account</u>		Total	14,262.12
Beginning balance	\$987.30	Ending Balance	\$6,076.42
Revenue			
Membership Dues	8,910.00	III. <u>Savings Account/Certificate of Deposit*</u>	
Donations for Invasive Species	5,971.00	Beginning balance	\$19,714.43
Transfer from Savings	2,700.00	Revenue	
Clothing Sales	1,768.64		
Interest Earnings	1.60	Interest	33.01
Total	19,351.24	Disbursements	
Disbursements/Expenses		Transfer to Checking Acct.	2,700.00
Sentry Camera at Access	3,459.93	Ending balance	\$17,047.44
Curly Leaf Pondweed Control	5,978.65	*CD closed 9/11	
Invasive Species Training	271.86	IV. <u>Total ending balance</u>	\$23,123.86
Operating Supplies	96.49		
Annual Picnic	1,142.80		
Real Estate Taxes	30.46		
Newsletter	240.40		
NLLA Clothing	1,089.32		
Loon Nests	698.96		

Crow Wing County To Resurface County Road (CR) 127

Tri-City Paving has been awarded a construction contract for the resurfacing of CR 127 which includes bituminous surfacing from CR 115 to CR 137. Paradise Road near the Parker Boy Scout Reservation will also be resurfaced. Construction operations are anticipated to begin after Memorial Day and be completed by June 30, 2012. The project involves surface leveling and a bituminous overlay. In addition, there will be subgrade repair and culvert replacement at Sugar Bush Creek. As a result, CR 127 will be closed to all through traffic at the culvert site for approximately one week.

Through traffic will need to utilize an alternate route during this closure period; no specific detour route had been established. The Crow Wing County Emergency Manager will be kept up-

dated as to the progress of the project to ensure emergency responders are familiar with conditions. In addition to the culvert and paving work, all existing mailboxes will be upgraded to "Swing Away Type" supports that are more snow plow friendly and crash test approved. The entire project will be funded through the existing county levy, with no special assessments.

Please contact Steve Stroschein (Project Manager) via phone or email as listed below if additional information is needed (Ref. Project No. CP 18-127-004).

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