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Round Lake President's Message

Mark Parrish
President

Once again another summer has come and gone quickly.

I'm sure that all of you are aware that Bishops Creek was dredged this spring to increase depth and to make meeting and passing boats easier. There is an article in this publication which elaborates on how the dredging was accomplished and the cost. The money that funded this very important project came from the voluntary annual dues that members of the Round Lake Association pay on an annual basis. What you may not be aware of is that out of the 268 property owners on the lake, a total of only 153 actually contributed by payment of dues in the last 12 months. As we move forward and replenish funds for future major projects it would be terrific if we would see an increase in financial participation by those that haven't done so in the past.

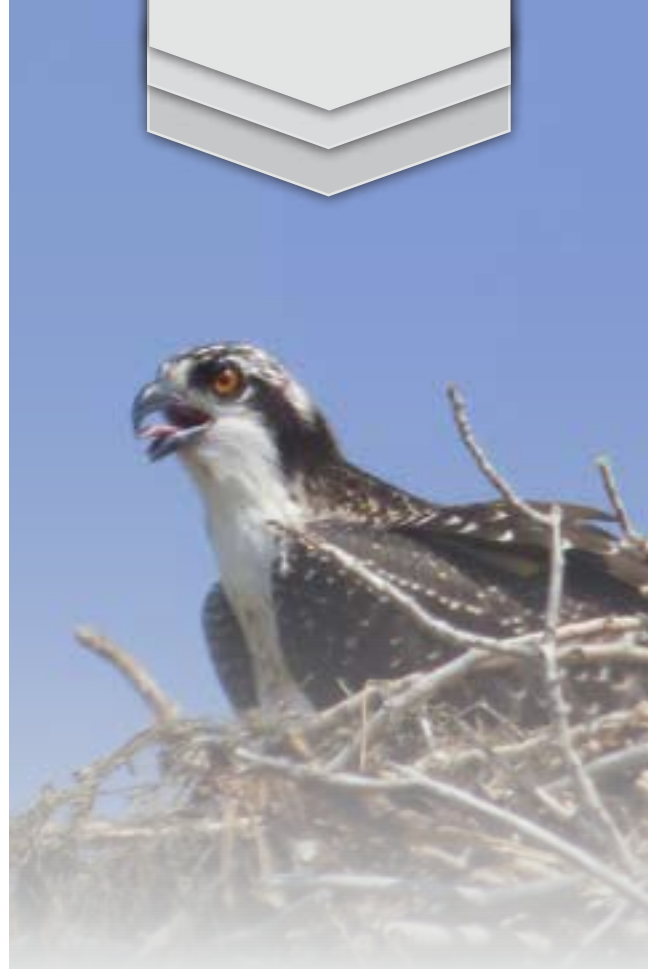
The Lake Improvement District is funded by all lakeshore owners through their property taxes. This district is required by the county to be renewed every five years. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the LID renewal and the report to the county requesting another five years is due by this November first. The board will be requesting that the LID be renewed. However, due to no curly leaf treatment in both 2018 and 2019, the fund balances of the LID have reached a point that we will be requesting that no new funds be assessed next year. The board will annually review the fund balance and only request additional funds when needed.

I am pleased to report that our website has been recently revamped by Dick Crail. It can be viewed at www.roundlakebrainerd.com. Thanks to Dick for all of the work and keeping the new site up to date.

In addition to thanking Dick it would be appropriate also to thank the others that silently help out with taking care of lake chores. John Just takes care of all the marker buoys. He puts them in each spring, removes them in the fall and also maintains them. Water samples, Secchi Disk readings, water temperature readings, and weather data are gathered by Chris Christensen and Ray Richter and submitted to AW Research. Thanks to them for their efforts.

In this publication you will see a notice that the Round Lake store is going to be open for business 10/15/19 through 11/10/19. The store is designed to be open during specific periods of time to gather orders and then closed in order to produce those orders and ship them.

I hope to see you all next year at the annual meeting and picnic in June at the Nisswa Community Center.



Injured Osprey Rescue

By Lori Zimmerman

On August 1st, while taking family members for a pontoon ride on North Long Lake, we came across an osprey that appeared to be struggling. As we approached the bird and got a closer look it was treading water and its head was occasionally tipping in the water.

We wedged the bird on two paddles, got it to shore, and placed the bird on the grass in a shady spot. We returned with a tote and leather gloves. My niece's boyfriend kept the bird distracted while my husband picked him up from behind and got it in the tote.

The bird was transported to the wild life animal hospital in Garrison. It had an injured leg and after resting in the hospital for a brief time it was released into the wild.

Somehow we felt the bird knew we were trying to help it. It was a privilege to get so up close to this beautiful creature.

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President's Message | North Long Lake

Bill Schmidt | President



Greetings to the North Long Lake Association Members, Property Owners and Friends.

As I write this I am reminded of the beauty of living on the lake, the sounds of the loons each night and day, the splashing of the waves against the shore line, seeing the ducks with all their little

ones, the gorgeous sun sets and sun rises, and people enjoying the water. Living on the lake can also have its challenges. This year we have been plagued with excess plant vegetation especially in the Merrifield Bay. I myself have never removed so much vegetation since I lived on the lake. We will address this further in the newsletter. We have also invited the DNR expert to be at our October meeting to share his knowledge with us as we look for options.

Doug Hohman will be leaving the board as he sold his lake shore property. I want to thank Doug for his many years of service to the association and to being a great steward of the lake. Doug has been a long time resident of the lake and has tremendous knowledge of the past as well as a passion for the quality of lake. He has spent a great deal of time researching the loon habitat and has managed the loon nests for the association. We will miss Doug on the board and wish him the very best in the future. We will also call upon Doug for his knowledge.

A very warm welcome to Karri Turcotte, the board's newest member. Karri and her family live on the lake in 371 Bay. Prior to being on the board Karri has volunteered on several occasions for lake activities. We look forward to working with Karri in the future.

I want to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting and picnic. It was another very successful event. We introduced our new clothing supplier, GLS Promotions, for North Long Lake logo apparel and we had several items for display. They are a local supplier and if you pick up at their store there is no shipping charge. All current orders and orders up to the first week in November will be processed at that time. Please follow our monthly communications for the exact dates for these orders.

Welcome to all of our new members, thank you for having an interest in the association and if you need any information please contact one of us on the board. The association is only as good as its members. As we have seen in recent years we can conquer even the largest tasks with all of us working together. If you are not a member and would like to become one please contact any of us on the board listed on the inside of the cover of this newsletter. As property owners of the lake we need to become one and all work together to resolve the challenges that we face each year.

Thank you for being that good neighbor and to those who volunteer their time and talents making this the great lake that it is. A special thank you to the board for all the hours and dedication you give each and every year.

Autumn is here so please enjoy the colors and for those staying the winter please enjoy the beauties of winter, and for those leaving for the winter please have safe travels and we will see you in the spring.

Bill Schmidt



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A tiny 1920s resort fishing cabin remodel creates a
LARGER-THAN-LIFE
Up North Experience

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Steve and Sue Ralph purchased their tiny cabin in August 2014 as a fortieth anniversary present. The small cabin is used for entertaining friends and to house guests, but it is also a nice summer retreat near their lake home on North Long Lake.

“I love little houses, I like cozy spaces.”



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SOMETIMES BIG DREAMS ARRIVE IN TINY PACKAGES. When Sue Ralph saw the small 10-by-12-foot old fishing resort cabin she'd admired for years was finally for sale at the end of her road on North Long Lake, she was thrilled. She and her husband, Steve, bought the little cabin in August 2014 as a fortieth anniversary present to themselves.

“I love little houses,” Sue says. “I like cozy places.”

But the 1920s cabin, which in a former life was Cabin No. 14 at Stone Gate Lodge in Paynesville, Minnesota, had seen better days. The toilet was broken in half. It needed a new roof and a whole lot of TLC. Not to mention that the couple needed to install a new septic system for the little red cabin. Still, the tiny cabin was so quaint, and the perfect little place for Sue and her sisters when they are together up at the lake.

Some basements are man caves; the couple's pint-sized cabin is a she-cabin. The couple took out the double bunk beds inside in order to have space for chairs and a small table. They also built a deck so people could hang out outside.

The cabin retains much of its original charm, including its original Formica table and even the cabin key. The cabin remodeling project was completed in 2015.

Sue, who grew up in Newton, Iowa, has been returning to North Long Lake since she was an infant. Her father, the late Collin W. Fritz, had been taken as a prisoner of war by Germans during World War II. After fourteen months as a POW, he was released. When he returned to the United States, he told his family that the only thing he wanted to do after experiencing this traumatizing event was to go fishing in Minnesota. So his mother,



The Ralphs' tiny cabin is so little that they took the bunkbeds out, replacing it with a table and two chairs for entertaining.

Sue Ralph loves to decorate, and she wanted the small cabin to reflect her own personal style and be an inviting, intimate space for her friends and family to gather and enjoy each other's company.



Small details in and outside the cabin make it a fun place to hang out and look out at North Long Lake, located across the road.

Gladys Fritz, purchased a cabin on North Long Lake in 1945. Five years later, Sue was born.

Since then, the south end of North Long Lake has held a special place in their lives. There are four generations of Fritzes who call this lake home, even if it is on a seasonal basis. Sue's sister and her husband own a home next door, and Sue's tiny cabin lies across the road from their own lake home, where they spend a great deal of time. The couple splits their time between North Long Lake and their home in California.

Steve grew up in Vermont, but he remembers staying in small cabins like theirs when his family would stay at small ma and pa resorts on the East Coast.

The Ralphs' two adult sons and their families visit often, and sometimes a few of them sleep on an air mattress in the tiny cabin.

When a destructive storm struck the Brainerd lakes area in July 2015, the Ralphs, between their entire family's adjacent properties, lost more than fifty trees. Fortunately none fell on their small cabin.

The tiny cabin, which now has power and running water, is just a fun place to entertain family members and guests—a few at a time. [📷](#)

The History of Cabin No. 14

Cabin No. 14 was one of two efficiency cabins at Stone Gate Lodge, located on Lake Koronis in Paynesville. Stone Gate Lodge was the first resort on the lake, according to the Koronis Lake Association. The land was bought by Gilbert L. Horton of Litchfield in 1905. The second owner, W.A. Ellsworth, who ran the resort for twenty years, renamed it Stone Gate Lodge Resort after the stone gates that graced the resort's entrance.

Several owners later, Don and Gloria Weise ran the resort from 1974-2005. The Bugbee family, owners of Bug-Bee Hive Resort, also on Lake Koronis, then purchased and ran the Stone Gate Lodge until the property was sold to a private developer in 2016. Stone Gate Lodge last operated as a resort in 2015.

Lori Laudenbach, general manager at Bug-Bee Hive Resort, remembers Cabin No. 14. It was one of two small efficiency cabins that were built side-by-side and shared a separate shower room. They were sold around 2007, Laudenbach recalls. A two-bedroom cabin was built in that spot.



Although the Ralphs' cabin is tiny, it does have a few amenities, including electricity, running water and a closet-sized bathroom.



Excessive Vegetation in North Long Lake

We've heard from many on the lake, especially those on Merrifield Bay, about the excessive lake vegetation this year. **It's the worst in memory for many of us.** While bad all over, the northeast corner of Merrifield Bay – where we normally treat for Curly Leaf – is particularly hard hit. Of course, lake vegetation isn't inherently bad – in fact a healthy lake needs a healthy crop of vegetation.



Native clasp leaf pondweed (courtesy of Wikipedia)



Native White Stem Pondweed (courtesy of minnesotawildflowers.info)

This year our permit to treat curly leaf in Merrifield Bay was denied. The issue was discussed at the meeting and in the July 31 recap email. It's also on the website. The reason for denying the permit was that the DNR did not see enough curly leaf to justify the permit. They did see a lot of native pondweed and other vegetation. But, in the context of an over 6,000 acre lake, they felt the area affected was not that great. Of course, if your property is behind that mat of vegetation, that's not much comfort.

As said, this is a bad year for lake vegetation. All over North Long and on other lakes as well. So we can't just blame the curly leaf. The growth of native pondweed in the area where we usually deal with curly leaf makes us wonder if the excessive growth of the native plant has actually stunted the growth of curly leaf this year. Even the lakeshore a bit west of the curly leaf area is the worst it's been in our memory – with native vegetation.

The question is why. The heavy rains this spring probably allowed more nutrients to wash into the lake. That certainly contributed to the problem, but may not be the sole cause. Zebra mussels are filtering the water, allowing more sunlight to reach the vegetation. Even lack of snow cover on the ice in the early spring can give weeds an early start. In the end, there may not be a single cause. This may have been a "perfect storm" for vegetation this year - we really don't know.

We monitor phosphorus levels which are a good indicator for whether too many nutrients are entering the lake. Overall this summer, we weren't seeing much change in phosphorus levels. This summer, we started testing the water in Merrifield Bay near Ditch 13 (we also tested in the middle of the bay). Our most recent water test show increased level of phosphorus in the bay near the mouth of Ditch 13 (this could result from rains in the days before sampling). We are going to test the Ditch 13 water itself before it enters Merrifield Bay. But I suspect that we won't find a *smoking gun* unless

phosphorus levels in Lake Edward and Mollie Lake (which feeds our Ditch 13 water) are higher than normal.

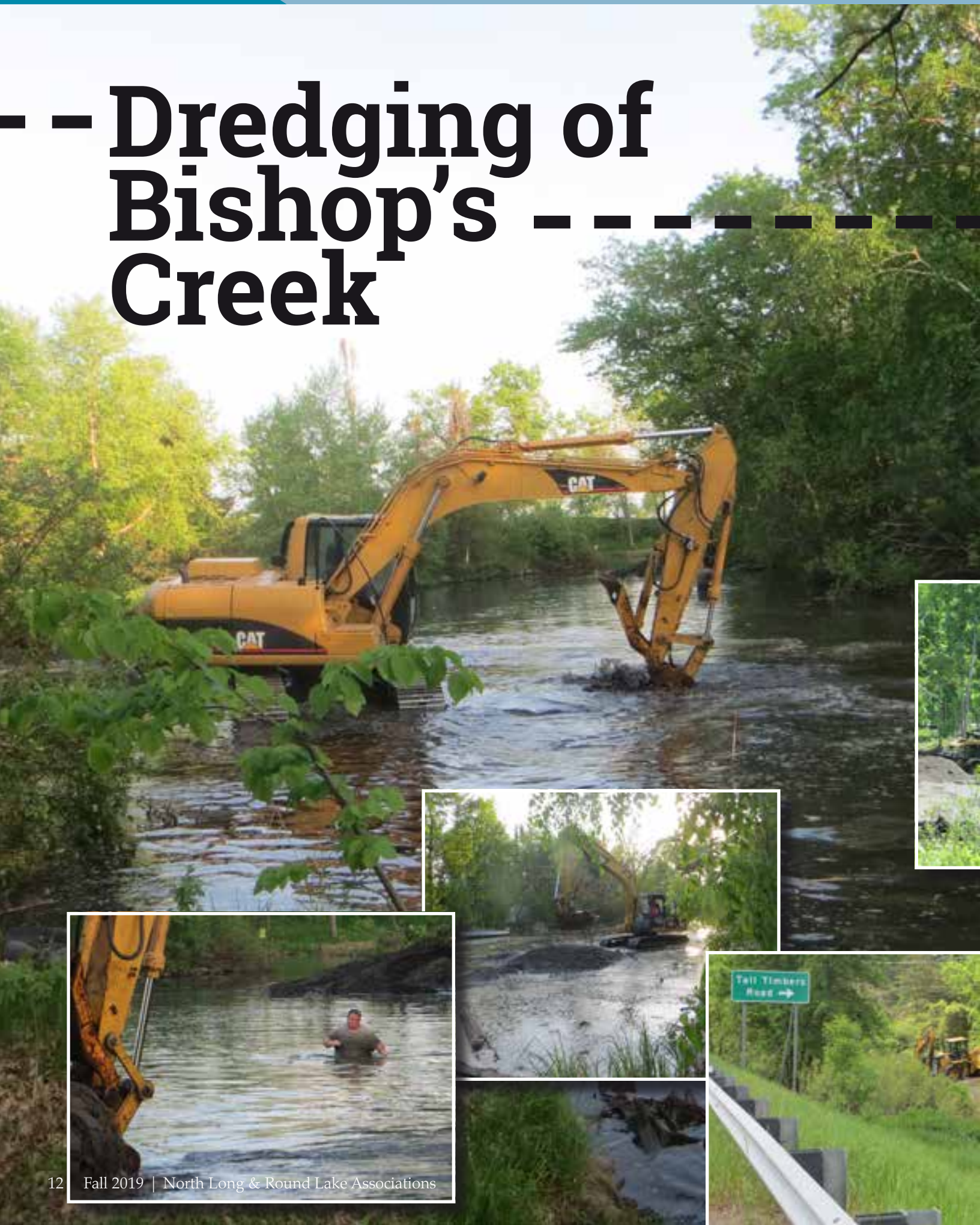
We will continue our efforts to control curly leaf. We plan to have an independent assessment this coming spring by an expert that does not do curly leaf treatment and will therefore may be viewed as more objective. But the DNR is very restrictive about wholesale control of **non-invasive** lake vegetation. The fact is that individual lakeshore property owners have more power to control lake vegetation on their own lakeshore than the association does: www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html

And we, as lakeshore property owners, have to take some responsibility ourselves. Perhaps the most important thing we can do is make sure we landscape to prevent excessive nutrients flowing into the lake. As the DNR says, a "Clean Lawn = Dirty Lake" – meaning golf course fairway like lawns sloping down to the lake with no buffer to absorb excessive nutrients. So make sure, wherever possible, you have a buffer between your lawn and the lake. That's hard to do on many of our properties. But when heavy rains hit, as they did this past spring, there may be nothing to stop nutrients washing into the lake. While it may not be feasible to correct that, we have to be realistic about the consequences.

Invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed



-- Dredging of Bishop's Creek



The Round Lake Improvement Association contracted with MTCarpenter Landscaping Inc. to dredge Bishop's Creek (between Round Lake and Gull Lake). The owners of this company are our neighbors and they have a cabin on the north side of the lake. The creek was closed from Monday, June 3, 2019 to Friday, June 7, 2019.

To begin, they laid huge wooden mats in the creek to support the caterpillar doing the dredging. The caterpillar operator then created a road from which he could work. From this road, he continued to work the dredge material back to the utility road next to the tunnel where it was placed into trucks. On the Gull Lake side they placed a barge from which the caterpillar worked to dredge out that end of the creek. They hauled out around 75 truckloads of dredge material which was used as landfill for a couple of nearby residents.

We hope that you enjoy using Bishop's Creek. The cost of this project was \$61,480. We were able to do this because of many generous contributions to the Round Lake Improvement Assn, Inc.





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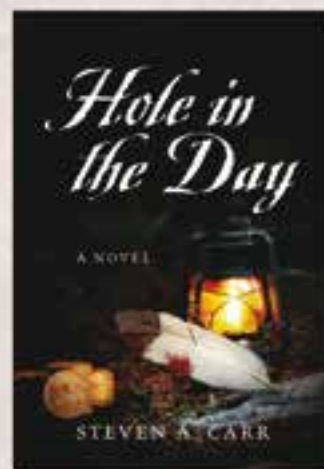
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Our first annual "Around Round Lake" Garage Sale was held August 23, 1986. At some time the name of the sale became the "Sale Around Round." This year our sale was held June 1, 2019. And it was a beautiful day around Round.

Next year the sale will be held June 6, 2020. Tradition now has the sale on the first Saturday of June each year. We will have more information about this sale in our Spring Newsletter. In addition, an email will be sent out to the Round Lake email list prior to the sale.



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New Board Member

Round Lake Improvement Association, Inc. and District - Bob Carter

Bob graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in accounting and has worked in the field of finance for his working years. He is married to Kathy and they have one daughter, Lisa. They first purchased a cabin on Edna/Fawn Lake in 1993. At that time they lived in Plymouth. They sold that cabin in 2011 and purchased their cabin/house on Round Lake in 2011. They moved to Nisswa in May 2016 and now make Round Lake their home.

Bob enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, hockey and training his Golden Retrievers. He has been a member of Sertoma since 2016 and joined the Round Lake Board in May of 2019.

Annual Meeting

- Round Lake Improvement Assn, Inc.
and Round Lake Improvement District

Our annual meeting and picnic was held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Nisswa Community Center. The association provided pulled pork and the members brought a dish to share. We all enjoyed the company and the food. Many door prizes were given out to the attendees. Next year's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mark Your Calendar!
Round Lake Annual Meeting
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ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Cash Balance as of 1/1/2019	\$131,672.17		
Revenues:	\$744.46	Jan 2019 settlement	1/23/2019
	\$20,516.19	July settlement	7/5/2019
	\$70.87	July settlement	7/5/2019
Total Revenues	\$21,331.52		
Expenditures:	\$250.00	2019 LID Annual Admin Fee	1/2/2019
	\$1,596.00	Insurance	1/8/2019
	\$215.00	Summer TSI analysis AWR	5/21/2019
	\$800.00	CurlyLeaf PreInspection	7/23/2019
Total Expenditures:	\$2,861.00		
Cash Balance as of 9/16/2019	\$150,142.69		

Round Lake Improvement Association, Inc. Net Worth - As of 6/30/2019

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts:

CD BlackRidge 403596	15,678.66
Checking	2,901.76
Savings	270.89
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	18,851.31
TOTAL ASSETS	18,851.31

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
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OVERALL TOTAL	18,851.31
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Round Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

Banking Summary

7/1/2018 through 6/30/2019

INCOME

Interest Inc	430.90
Interest Inc:Dredging Funds	63.30
TOTAL Interest Inc	494.20
Membership Dues	9,490.00
Rummage Sale Income	75.00
TOTAL INCOME	10,059.20

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	116.11
Dredging Expenses	61,480.00
Mailbox fee	54.00
Membership Mailing	304.25
Misc	25.00
Newsletter	36.00
Picnic	1,202.07
Postage (Stamps,etc)	26.91
Professional Fees	250.00
Sale Around Round Exp	41.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	63,535.34

OVERALL TOTAL	-53,476.14
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New Board Member -

North Long Lake Board Member

My name is Karri Turcotte and I am the newest member of the North Long Lake Association Board. I was born and raised in the Brainerd Lakes Area, graduating from BHS. I'm married to Lance Turcotte and

we have 3 children: Hallie (16) a Junior at BHS, Nolan (14) an 8th grader at Forestview and Bryce (9) a 4th grader at Nisswa Elementary. Our 4 legged family members are Diego a boxer and Maverick an American Bull dog.



I have worked at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's office for the past 19 years as a 911 dispatcher. My husband has been with the Minnesota State Patrol for 20 years and is currently the District Investigator. I am very active volunteering in the schools, at the Northland Arboretum Haunted Trail, the Boy Scout Castle and Costumes for a Cause. We attend and support numerous charity causes and fundraisers benefiting the Brainerd Lakes Area annually.

We purchased our lake home in January 2016 with the intention of retiring here. North Long was an easy decision for us with the lake clarity, sandy bottom and shallowness- all perfect for raising young children. After we purchased our home, we ended up selling our camper, as living on the lake gave us everything we went camping for. Our relaxation and fun is now currently in our back yard.

More often than not on any given nice day you will find us touring the lake in the boat, swimming by the dock or roasting smores over the fire. We love the lake lifestyle and have wonderful neighbors with whom we have become friends with. The frequent neighborhood gatherings have become a highlight for us. We love North Long Lake and are counting the days toward retirement.

Lake Service Providers

Many of us use lake service providers to remove and install our docks and lifts. These companies visit many lakes in the course of their operations so it's critical that they are properly trained and follow proper practices when going from lake to lake. The Minnesota DNR has a list of permitted lake service providers online. To find a permitted provider just go to the DNR website (dnr.state.mn.us) and search "Lake Service Providers".

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2019 North Long Lake Annual Meeting and Picnic

Our Annual Meeting and Picnic was held Saturday, June 20 at Legionville. With a bit of rain that morning, it was a good day for an indoor picnic. We had a good sized crowd – 67 properties were represented by 146 attendees. About 80 raffle prizes were given away and there were 10 silent auction items.

Our new clothing items were on display. The website was open for ordering and we took orders at the meeting as well. A record number of items were ordered.

Deputy Jon Collins from the Sheriff's Water Patrol spoke on boating safety. He emphasized enforcement of having the right number and size (adult, child) of life jackets. Also, the enforcement of boating-while-intoxicated laws.

Sarah Fogderud from AW Research Labs spoke about our lake water testing and also about well testing. Overall, our lake is in good health. Perhaps most important is the recommendation to have your well tested for arsenic. Sarah noted that new wells drilled in 2008 or later should have been tested when drilled. If that's the case, you can check with the company that drilled your well.

Board President Bill Schmidt presented our financial and membership status; both are healthy.

Bill explained the current situation with lake vegetation. Our permit for treating Curly Leaf Pondweed was not approved this year; we are seeing some Curly Leaf Pondweed in the area we typically treat, but most of the vegetation in that area is native. The board will be working with the DNR to discuss options, but this may be at least partially due to the heavy rains in early spring washing nutrients into the lake. We've heard from residents of other lakes that are also experiencing higher than normal native vegetation.

Bill mentioned that the 4th of July boat parade was a big success with over 50 boats participating. He thanked Claire Esser who also gave the parade its start. Finally, Bill asked for volunteers to help move and stake down a section of bog near Legionville.

Harris Goldstein, Tom Peterson, and Bill Schmidt were reelected to 3-year terms as board members. There were no additional nominations before or at the annual meeting. If you have a commitment to the lake and would like to be considered for the board, please send a note to bill.schmidt@northlong.org.

Lunch and a slideshow of photos of life on North Long Lake submitted by members followed the meeting.

Visit Northlong.org for links to the slideshow and photos from the July 4th Boat Parade.





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July 4th Boat Parade

This year's July 4th boat parade, held on 371 Bay, was a big success. Over 50 boats participated and the weather - despite rain earlier in the day - was great. Thanks to Claire and Stephanie Esser for organizing the event. We look forward to even greater turnout next year. Here are a few photos of the event; more are on our website at northlong.org.





North Long Lake MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Jim Anderson, Treasurer

Our Membership drive in 2019 started in early January with the President's letter and the 2019 dues statement mailed around January 7. A second dues notice was mailed in September. Through October 9,

2019, when this report was submitted for printing, we have 401 paid memberships with 242 also contributing to the Aquatic Invasive Species Fund for 2019. We also have 5 paid memberships for 2020 with 3 also contributing to the Aquatic Invasive Species fund for 2020.

In the past, we have put a dues reminder in the spring and fall newsletters. This has created some confusion and led to a number of members to pay twice in the same year. Some

people donated the second payment to 2019 AIS, some applied the dues to 2020 and some just had me destroy the check. To avoid confusion, we will no longer put a dues notice in the newsletters. I know some of you only enjoy the lake for the summer and I am not sure I understand all the forwarding options available through the post office. However, some of the notices are returned due to forwarding restrictions.

I received some feedback at the annual picnic that some of you were not receiving the newsletter sent by mail. The address we have for you may be your lake address, but that address may not have a mailbox. Please make sure we have your current mailing address. Updates can be sent jim.anderson@northlong.org or to the following mailing address: NLLA, P.O. Box 54, Merrifield, MN 56465

Thanks to all who have responded.

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North Long Lake MEMBERSHIP Renewal

Memberships are on a calendar year basis. 2020 membership statements will be mailed to your home address on file in January. If you need to update your mailing address, please contact Jim Anderson, NLLA Treasurer at jim.anderson@northlong.org.

North Long Lake Association Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through September 2019

	Ais Fund	General Fund	TOTAL
Income			
AIS 2019	9,840.00	0.00	9,840.00
AIS 2020	45.00	0.00	45.00
Interest Inc	0.00	6.40	6.40
Membership 2019	0.00	12,865.00	12,865.00
Membership 2020	0.00	175.00	175.00
Total Income	9,885.00	13,046.40	22,931.40
Gross Profit	9,885.00	13,046.40	22,931.40
Expense			
Ballot Forms	0.00	18.60	18.60
Cameras for Boat Ramps	4,956.79	0.00	4,956.79
Curly Leaf Treatment	82.58	0.00	82.58
Gifts & Donations	0.00	700.00	700.00
Insurance	0.00	884.00	884.00
Life jackets for water safety	0.00	372.95	372.95
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers	0.00	500.00	500.00
Newsletter Printing and Postage	0.00	1,074.16	1,074.16
Picnic	0.00	1,030.86	1,030.86
Picnic Postcard	0.00	289.03	289.03
Post Office Box	0.00	56.00	56.00
Postage	0.00	-50.00	-50.00
Roadside cleanup	0.00	30.93	30.93
Tax Property	0.00	14.00	14.00
Total Tax	0.00	14.00	14.00
Water Testing	0.00	1,370.00	1,370.00
Website	0.00	160.86	160.86
Total Expense	5,039.37	6,451.39	11,490.76
Net Income	4,845.63	6,595.01	11,440.64

Balance Sheet By Class as of September 2019

	AIIS FUND	GENERAL FUND	UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
NLLA Checking	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73
Total Checking/Savings	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73
Total Current Assets	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73
TOTAL ASSETS	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
32000 · Retained Earnings	-3,485.30	76,212.39	0.00	72,727.09
Net Income	4,845.63	6,595.01	0.00	11,440.64
Total Equity	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,360.33	82,807.40	0.00	84,167.73



2019 Youth Boating Class

For the second year in a row, the North Long Lake Association sponsored a youth boating class – conducted by the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Water Patrol. This year 26 youths participated. Having completed the class, and passed the test, they were all eligible for their certificate. And each received a life jacket from the North Long Lake Association. Northern Cowboy provided the meeting room and lunch at no cost to the association.

We plan to repeat the event in 2020. Look for a notice in our North Long Lake emails next year.



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We're getting very positive feedback on the items. The selection is much broader than we've had in the past and the quality is great. Many liked the convenience of picking items up rather than shipping.

Our next window for online orders ends November 10. You can go to our online store now (northlonglakestore.itemorder.com/sale) to view and order, but orders won't be processed until November 10. Orders from that sale will be ready by November 22 – in time for holiday gift giving. Shipping is available or orders can be picked up at GLS Promotions. You can even use this QR code to order from your phone.



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Highway 371 Roadside Cleanup

Twice a year, we ask volunteers to help with a litter pickup on Highway 371 alongside the 371 Bay. Normally, we have good turnout and it only takes a couple of hours or less. We'll have "pick-up" sticks for volunteers to use and we also provide coffee and donuts.

This fall, however, only a very few members showed up. The cleanup not only improves the aesthetics alongside 371 Bay but also keeps garbage out of our lake. Please consider volunteering for one or both of the cleanups next year. If you'd like to update your calendar now, May 16, 2020 is our next planned roadside cleanup.



What to do with all those acorns?

This year it seems we have a bumper crop of acorns. We have six oaks that overhang our grassy areas and we've collected about 15 gallons of acorns; leaving many more on the ground. So what to do with those acorns?

They can be eaten – after boiling to reduce the level of tannins. Some people make acorn flour to cook with – pancakes for example. Of course, you can use them for decorations such as wreaths and centerpieces.

Some DNR area offices will accept and even purchase acorns. It varies by location. The closest to us is Little Falls, but there

is also Bemidji and Detroit Lakes. They also want pinecones and seeds of various species. There is information at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/nursery/drop-location.html

But squirrels and deer love the acorns too. And we certainly can use some oaks to grow after the two recent blowdowns. So for us, we rake them up and spread them in our woods. The deer will eat many, the squirrels will bury many and then eat much of what they bury (studies estimate they leave about 25% in the ground). But if we get a couple of trees out of the thousand or two acorns, we'll be happy.

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