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# Presidential Message | North Long Lake



## North Long Lake Association

| Kay Hondo | President |

At the time of this writing, it is mid-October and fall is upon us. Most of the beautiful colored leaves have fallen from the trees and folks are still raking! Most property owners have pulled their docks, winterized their boats, brought in the freezable items from the garage, and cut back summer planting. Many seasonal owners have already winterized their cabins and won't be back until spring. Some of our snowbirds have left for warmer climes. In general, activity on the lake is greatly diminished with only a few diehard fishermen apparent. In short, we are hunkering down and preparing for winter.

Some of our long term North Long Lake Association (NLLA) Board members resigned this summer. While we will miss them very much, we have been able to recruit some great new Board members who, we are confident, will enhance our efforts. (For more details, see our articles about the annual picnic/business meeting, the membership report, and biographical details about the new Board members elsewhere in these pages.)

The Board doesn't meet from December through March unless an emergency meeting is called. This is due to the fact that some of our Board members are either seasonal residents or

snow birds; lake issues also slow in the winter. However, that doesn't mean we aren't working on items of importance via e-mail, mail, or phone. For example, we will begin preliminary planning for hiring watercraft inspectors for our boat accesses and submitting applications to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for grants to help provide financial assistance for the endeavor. We will also be planning for spring treatment of curly leaf pondweed in Merrifield Bay, our annual meeting/picnic, and various other projects.

As we move into 2013, the NLLA Board's biggest concern remains how we can fund the types of projects we need to protect our lake. We must continue our war on invasive species!! For 2012, the Board found some unique ways at our annual picnic to raise additional dollars for our invasive species Fund. But our biggest asset is always *you*. Our members stepped up in 2012 by not only paying dues but generously contributing to our aquatic invasive species fund – at a much higher level than ever before. We so appreciate your continued support. Please see the membership report elsewhere in this newsletter. This message from me, however, is our first request for your 2013 dues.

If you are a dues paying association member and you have provided us with your e-mail address, I will occasionally send you a message with updates on our activities. In addition, we put updates on our web site: [www.northlong.com](http://www.northlong.com) and copies of our Board meeting minutes. Consider befriending "Our North Long Lake" on Face book, too. If you wish to contact us, please do so through the web site or directly to me at [kayhondonlla@yahoo.com](mailto:kayhondonlla@yahoo.com).

Have a great winter -- and enjoy your holidays!!

**Note from the editors.** Over the last four years, this Newsletter has attempted to cover timely topics relevant to lake life and the ecology of our lakes. We have devoted many articles to the threat of aquatic invasive species – probably the most important issue to confront lake home owners ever. Local institutions have been described like the Parker Reservation (Boy Scouts) and Legionville as well as historical events. And we have devoted considerable space to plants — what can be grown, how to do it, and the restoration of the shoreline.

But numerous topics have been neglected, mostly because the editors have not had the expertise or the time to cover them: For example, we have not published anything about birds in these pages except for the loon. Yet our environment is full of eagles, herons, ospreys, and songbirds. Forgotten, seemingly, is the fact that most of these species are under environmental pressures and birds have much to teach us about life in the woods. Is there a bird man/woman out there who would like to write periodically about birds?

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# Presidential Message | Round Lake



## Round Lake Association

| Mark Parrish | President |

It's hard to believe that another summer has come and gone. It seems that I just put in the dock yesterday and now it's time to take it out.

I thought that I would give a brief update on the status of projects that the association is addressing and allocating dollars to. The only thing that seems to change on the list of things to deal with is the addition of new items. The permanent issues are curly leaf pond weed control, Sugar Bush Creek beaver dams and Clemson leveler maintenance, hazard marker buoys and their correct placement, Bishop's Creek dredging and maintenance, and supporting Department of Natural Resources (DNR) inspections at the public access. The newest item to add to the list is zebra mussels.

This spring when our applicator surveyed the lake, they found very little evidence of curly leaf pond weed. It was great news! We only had 3-5 acres to treat. But, as my grandson would say, "oh oh what happened", as spring progressed we had a massive infestation of CLP throughout the lake. The DNR did

a very thorough survey on 6/18 and 19 around the perimeter of the lake to identify where the CLP is located. In addition, A.W. Research Labs was contracted to do an aerial analysis which will include the reefs in the middle of the lake that the DNR didn't survey. A.W. Research, the DNR and our applicator, Clarke Inc., will work together to come up with a battle plan to control the CLP for 2013.

The beaver dams along with the Clemson levelers in Sugar Bush Creek have done a good job of holding back sediment and nutrients from entering the lake. However, there is a significant amount of sludge built up behind the dams that needs to be removed. The association has contracted with A.W. Research Labs to remove the sludge. They have met with the adjacent landowners as well as the DNR and pumping operations will begin late this fall.

Next spring a determination will need to be made if Bishop's Creek is in need of dredging or if we can wait until a future date. There are funds set aside which should be sufficient to cover the cost when dredging is necessary.

As you can see by our financial statements, we have what looks to be a fairly healthy war chest to combat the current issues facing the lake. However, these funds can be depleted very rapidly as we deploy money to wage war on the invasive species problems. If you are a member of the association, thank you for your support, if you aren't a member, please consider joining. We need your active participation as well as your financial support. Please call or email one of our board members if you have any questions.

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Surprisingly, we have published few articles about fish and fishing. One good "fish story" was published last year and we also have reported results from the tri-annual fishing surveys that the DNR does on both lakes. But we believe that we need regular contributions from someone concerning the piscine ecology, individual species like the walleye or bass, and ecological issues relating to spawning, stocking, and catching these creatures.

Nothing has been published in these pages about the bear, deer, otters, muskrats, turtles, snakes, and other critters (both aquatic and terrestrial) that inhabit our lake shores. Many readers are delighted (sometimes not) when they encounter a member of these species but, as far as the Newsletter is concerned, they don't seem to exist. Could someone provide us with material about these species?

Finally, could someone provide us with information concerning the interrelations existing among various species (including humans) so that we have a better picture of our lakes ecology? Material is also available pertaining to natural phenomena that recur periodically, as occur in migration, blossoming, and their relation to climate and changes in season.

One doesn't have to be a trained scientist to write about these matters. Can you help us? Please contact either of the co-editors; their e-mail addresses and phone numbers are on the masthead.

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# Aquatic plant removal **MUST** follow state rules

| By Willard Hartup |

Aquatic plants serve important functions in lakes. They prevent shoreline erosion, stabilize bottom sediments, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and tie up nutrients that might otherwise grow algae. “We encourage shoreline property owners to keep the disturbance of near shore vegetation as small as possible,” says Steven Enger, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Removing too many aquatic plants can impair their ability to perform these important functions.”

In addition to the damage that extensive plant removal from the lake can do, disposal can wreak havoc with one’s neighbors. Too often, “bogs” of cattails and bulrushes come floating unwanted into someone’s shore, blocking recreation and making a stinking mess until the hapless homeowner arranges for removal. On North Long Lake and Round Lake, homeowners on the northeastern shores are frequently plagued with these intrusive “floating islands” owing to the prevailing winds that come from the southwest.

One large bog that sailed into northeast Merrifield Bay last summer is shown in the picture. The owners were not at home, so Bob Lindquist (in the photo) alerted them and sounded the alarm. Several smaller bogs came floating to shore in subsequent days. Oftentimes, homeowners who live on shorelines containing rushes and cattails claim that wind and waves tear these patches from their moorings and that humans are not re-

sponsible for these heavy, noxious masses. But it is well known that some are man-made and turning them loose in the lake is not only unneighborly but illegal. In this article, we seek to enumerate and clarify the rules governing removal or destruction of aquatic plants.

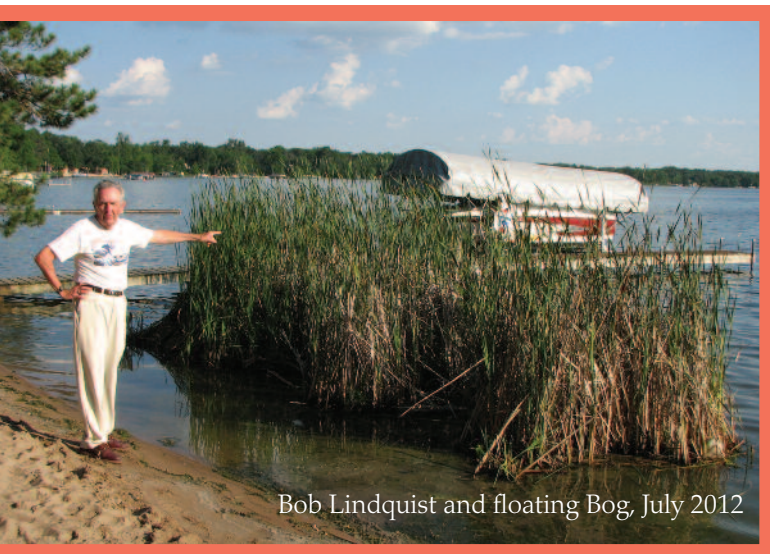
## WHEN PLANT REMOVAL DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.

Homeowners have the right to remove modest areas of aquatic plants for recreational purposes without a permit from the DNR. With certain restrictions, one may cut, pull, rake, or harvest *submerged vegetation* like pondweeds, water milfoil, or impostor weeds under the following conditions:

- The cleared area may not exceed 2,500 square feet.
- The cleared area may not extend more than 50 feet along the shore, or more than one-half the frontage width, whichever is less.
- Should the cleared area not reach open water, a 15-foot wide channel to open water may be added.
- Cutting or pulling this vegetation from the water may be done by hand or with hand-operated or power equipment that does not significantly alter the course, current, or cross-section of the lake bottom. Such control cannot be done with draglines, bulldozers, hydraulic jets, suction dredges, automated untended aquatic plant control devices, or other power-driven earth-moving equipment.
- Cut or pulled vegetation *must be removed from the water*. Disposal on land is required to prevent the detritus from drifting onto one’s neighbor’s property or washing back into the lake.

When *floating vegetation*, like white or yellow water-lilies (except yellow lotus, a protected wildflower), interferes with boat access, homeowners can cut or pull plant material without a permit from a channel that is no more than 15 feet wide, extending to open water. The following conditions apply:

- The cleared channel must remain in the same place from year to year.
- Vegetation that is cut or pulled under these circumstances *must be removed from the water*.



Bob Lindquist and floating Bog, July 2012

#### WHEN PLANT REMOVAL REQUIRES A PERMIT.

Permits (most are \$35.00) are required for aquatic plant removal under the following conditions:

- When *emergent vegetation* like cattails, bulrushes, and wild rice are removed.
- When *moving or removing a bog of any size that is free-floating or lodged in any area other than its place of origin in public waters.*
- When removing *floating vegetation* in an area larger than a 15 foot channel to open water is desired.
- When cutting or pulling *submerged vegetation* in an area larger than 2,500 square feet.
- When applying herbicides or algacides.
- When installing or using an automated plant control device such as the Crazy WeedRoller, Beachgroomer, or Lake Sweeper.

#### WHEN PLANT REMOVAL IS NOT ALLOWED.

State aquatic plant management regulations do not allow the following activities:

- Using hydraulic jets.
- Using lake bottom barriers to destroy or prevent growth of aquatic plants.
- Excavating the lake bottom for controlling aquatic plant growth.
- Removing aquatic plants from undeveloped shoreline.
- Removing aquatic vegetation inside posted fish-spawning areas.

Ironically, when a “floating bog” drifts to shore, a homeowner needs a permit from the DNR to remove it.

Should residents have concerns or questions about these regulations, the DNR Website may be consulted or contact made with the local Aquatic Plants Management Office of the Department of Natural Resources in Brainerd. Everyone needs to remember that the waters of the lake, including the wavelets that lap one’s own shores, are governed by State of Minnesota regulations. These rules are meant to achieve two ends: (a) aquatic plant control should extend only to water abutting one’s own homestead, and (b) there should be no consequences for one’s neighbors of any control measure that one takes.



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# Coming Attractions in Aquatic Invasive Species

| By Steve Gunther, Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association |

When we think about aquatic invasive species (AIS), Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, and flying carp come to mind. Many people comment that “we have lost the war” when one or more of these big three bad things are discovered in their favorite local lake or water body. But nothing could be further from the truth. The war must continue.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has personified the AIS battle with one species at a time. From the late 1980s to the early 2000s, the enemy was Eurasian water milfoil. In the mid-2000s, zebra mussels became AIS public enemy No. 1.

Right on the heels of zebra mussels came Asian carp. It is good to personify AIS so that the public has an enemy to fight, and no enemy is more video-friendly than flying carp. Unfortunately, new aquatic invasive species are coming faster than ever, and the list is much longer than the ones you know.

What’s at our doorstep is worse than what we have. And each new species that infests our public waters makes recreation worse for current and future generations. Two of the worst invasives on the horizon are *quagga mussels* and *hydrilla*. AIS experts agree that boaters are the primary cause of their spread, so there is hope of keeping them out of Minnesota waters.

Quagga mussels are in the same family as zebra mussels, but are larger and filter even more water. They are already in the Great Lakes and have been shown to increase the ecosystem devastation when combined with zebra mussels. As a result of many years of their co-existence in Lake Michigan, the sport-fishing industry has been drastically changed and exists primarily due to coho salmon stocking programs.

The AIS experts describe hydrilla as “milfoil on steroids.” It is predominately in the southern part of the United States, but has been found as far north as Indiana and Ohio. The U.S. Geological Survey describes hydrilla’s impact as “heavy growth [that] commonly obstructs boating, swimming, and fishing in lakes

and rivers. Changes often begin with its invasion of deep, dark waters where most plants cannot grow. Hydrilla grows aggressively and competitively, spreading through shallower areas and forming thick mats in surface waters that block sunlight penetration to native plants below.

Scientific studies found sport fish reduced in weight and size when hydrilla occupied the majority of the water column.”

Many people believe that there is no longer any reason to protect our most popular yet already infested lakes, like Lake Minnetonka, Gull Lake, and Mille Lacs. They don’t know that more nasty AIS are on the way. Since there is no concerted incoming inspection and education at these lakes, those lakes will surely get every new AIS coming our way. With only limited inspection and education efforts, it seems that even our DNR isn’t focusing on preventing the spread.

Let’s not kid ourselves that AIS is limited to what we see today; what is coming is worse than today’s big three. Stopping the spread of new AIS is more important than ever. We need to demand more from lakeshore owners, lake users, and the DNR.

*Reprinted from the Minneapolis Star Tribune, September 10, 2012.*

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doorstep is worse  
than what  
we have.*

# Curly Leaf Pondweed:

# UPDATE

## ROUND LAKE

In 2012, Round Lake experienced an increase of the curly leaf pondweed. The DNR Brainerd office had received reports of curly leaf pondweed washing on shorelines the week of June 18, 2012. DNR invasive species staff, Dan Swanson and Mark Schneider, inspected the lake on June 19, 2012, and at that time determined that a delineation survey would be helpful to document the extent of the curly leaf pondweed growth. Curly leaf was visible out to a 12-foot depth where it was within one foot of the water surface. They also took waypoints where they found the curly leaf by sampling it with a vegetation rake. They used a depth finder to locate plant growth and then sampled those sites with the vegetation rake. The total acreage of curly leaf pondweed that they delineated was 141.64 acres. They did not survey plants around the reefs in the middle of the lake.

Treatment methods for the summer of 2013 are under consideration. Lots of deep wet snow this winter would really help out.

## NORTH LONG LAKE

The news from North Long Lake about curly leaf pondweed is both bad and good. After 2011 Fall surveys showed no growth, no treatment was made in Spring, 2012. But climatic conditions were different from previous ones over the spring and summer, so the weed started growing again (seeds, called turions, are buried in the sediment and remain viable for five or six years). The good news is that the infestation, as surveyed by the DNR in June, remains contained in the northeast corner of Merrifield Bay where it grew in 2010-11 – about two acres altogether. This will be treated with Aquathol K early next spring before the water temperature gets to 60 degrees.

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# the Loons of Round Lake

| By Larry Stark |

The loons of Round Lake returned earlier than usual in 2012 due to an early spring and ice out. Their early return resulted in the earliest hatching of chicks that I have observed in my 22 years of living on Round Lake. The loons that hatched from the platform that I put out near our home hatched on May 24th and 25th. One chick hatched on the 24th and one on the 25th. This is normal since one egg is laid earlier than the other.

I also watched when the second chick dropped off the platform into the water. What occurred next was a battle of chicks for dominance! The struggle went on for about a minute, as the adults stayed close but did not interfere. Both chicks became tired and soon climbed on the back of one parent where they were secure and warmed by the parent's body. The chicks are just little black furry puff balls after hatching, but grow quickly as the parents bring them food shortly after they are in the water. Generally, the chicks ride on the back of one parent while the other parent dives to find food for the family. This is the normal routine for only a couple of days. After that, both adults may dive in search of food, leaving the chicks alone, but only for a short time. The adults are always on high alert for danger when the chicks are young and if anything suspicious is sighted the young are quickly up on the back of an adult and under the wing for safety.

The 2012 weather didn't treat our Round Lake loons well. As I mentioned earlier, we had an early spring. Rains in May were heavy and water levels rose. This proved to be disastrous for two pairs of loons who chose to make their own nests near the shore (one pair on the east side of the lake and the other in Bishop's Creek). Both nests were washed out.

The east end loons took a good look at the nest put out by Jay Simon and myself, but it was their misfortune that they chose to make their own nest over the floating platform provided by the Round Lake Association. The west end loons have almost always chosen to make their own nests near shore, along highway 371. They have been successful most years! This year, they hatched two chicks. In late July, however, I spotted only one chick with the adult. The parents that hatched their chicks off the platform I put out also lost a chick when it was a month old. Chicks are natural prey for eagles and large fish. Loons are very protective parents, but losses do occur as nature takes its course.

It's incredible to reflect on the fact that the loons have been returning to our lake for hundreds of years. What sound is better than the call of the loon as they return to the lake in the spring? We are so lucky. Wishing all our fellow lakera a great winter and let's all look forward to the call of the loon in the springtime!



## Did you know? Loon facts.

- Loons only lay two eggs.
- You can't tell the male and female apart by their coloring (males may be slightly larger).
- Loons winter in the Gulf of Mexico or in the Atlantic Ocean off Florida.
- Loons become dark grey in color in the winter.
- Loons do not like jet skis. (Please stay away from loons with them.)
- The common loon is the only species that calls Minnesota home.
- Loons may have several mates during their lives.
- Territorial disputes between males during mating season may be fought to the death.
- Loons like clean clear water because they prefer to fish by sight.
- Loon adults migrate earlier than the young (How's that for letting the kids find their own way south!)
- Juveniles usually leave Round Lake in mid-November.
- Loons arrive on Round Lake as soon as the ice is out.

# Tracking Water Quality in North Long Lake: 2012

| By Joe Laudenbach |

Water quality testing on North Long Lake began on May 20th this year and the last sample was retrieved on September 16th. A total of thirteen samples were taken, five from the main basin and four each from the east and west basins. Mike McMenimen and Corey Loney obtained the samples and the analysis was conducted by RMB Laboratories. Data based on these samples are displayed in the accompanying table along with the 2011 results and the historical results from 1973-2007.

A minimum of 8-10 years of data with 4 or more readings per year are recommended to determine long term trends. There are not enough historical data to determine a long term trend for total phosphorus or chlorophyll-a on North Long Lake. There are, however, enough transparency data to perform long term trend analysis.

Noticeable decreases occurred from 2011 to 2012 in the transparency data (Secchi Depth) from all three basins of the lake. The transparency can vary throughout the year due to changes in weather, precipitation, flooding, lake levels, etc. Trend analysis on the transparency data actually indicates improving transparency in the east basin from 1998-2010. The west basin indicates no long term trend from 1994-2011 but a declining short term trend from 2000-2011. The main basin indicates a declining trend since 2000.

Increases in total phosphorus levels this year indicate declining water quality and the short term trend indicates that, too. An-

other wet spring and early summer with high water levels and increased rain runoff could be an important contributor to these data. It is important to note that the phosphorous results are within the expected range of similar lakes in our EcoRegion.

Chlorophyll-a, which is the pigment that makes plants and algae green, was tested and showed very little change this year. Chlorophyll-a concentrations continue to remain under 10 ug/L and indicates clear water most of the summer.

The Mean Trophic State Index (TSI), a measure standardizing and combining the Phosphorus, Chlorophyll-a, and Transparency measures, increased in both bays and in the main bay this year. The TSI index is very similar in all three bays and indicates that our North Long Lake is Mesotrophic. The characteristics of a mesotrophic lake are moderately clear water most of the summer with some algae blooms later in the summer.

Overall, North Long Lake is within the expected range in regards to Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll-a, and Secchi Depth readings. Short term trends indicate our water quality may be decreasing. Hopefully, a not so rainy spring next year will lessen the spring runoff and make for improving water quality on our lake. Your North Long Lake Association will continue to gather and test the data and provide the results to you.

Water Quality Indicators for North Long Lake

Indicator	Historical Mean			2011			2012		
	West Bay	Main Bay	East Bay	West Bay	Main Bay	East Bay	West Bay	Main Bay	East Bay
Mean Total Phosphorus	14	22	15	16.8	14.6	12.8	18.25	16.4	16.25
Mean Total Chlorophyll-a	5	4	5	7.4	6	5	5.25	7.6	6
Mean Total Chloride				5.65	5.93	5.43			
Mean Secchi Feet (Transparency)	13	14	11	10.7	10.5	14.9	9	10.1	14.25
Mean Trophic State Index	42	43	44	45.6	44.4	41.4	45.5	46	43.5

Data Courtesy of RMB Laboratories

\*Historic data consist of averages over more than 30 years, with sampling more frequent and consistent over the past 15 years than before.

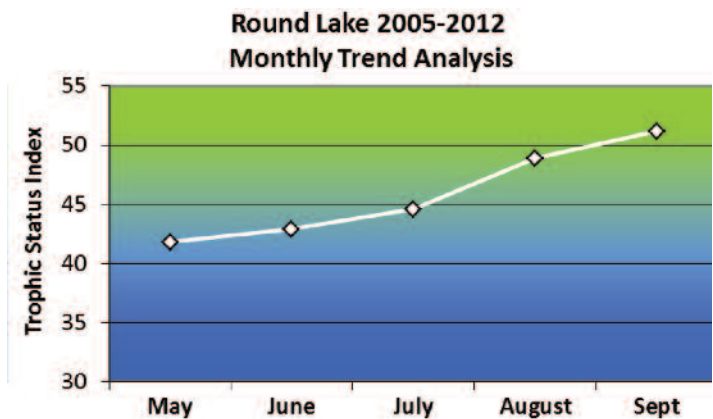
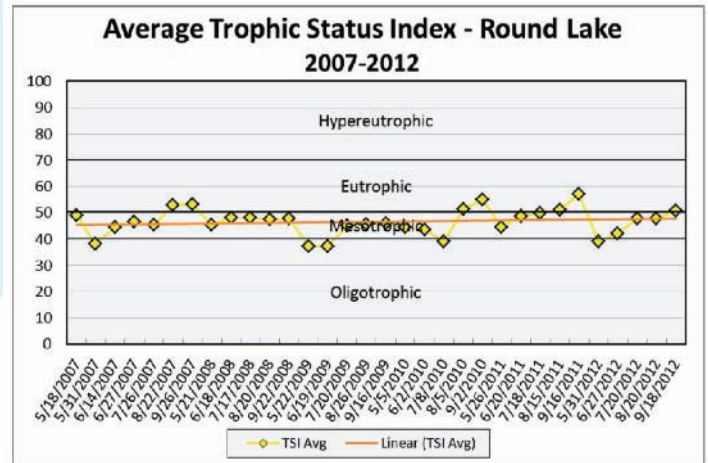
# Round Lake Water Quality

| By Alan Cibuzar, A.W. Research Laboratories |

The Round Lake Improvement District (RLID) has monitored the water quality of Round Lake through Trophic Status Index (TSI) monitoring since 1985. Samples are collected once monthly from May through September. Mark Ulm, Dick Sobiech, and Chuck Jorgensen are responsible for taking the water samples, which is done in the deepest part of the lake. These are then sent to A.W. Research Laboratories for evaluation.

The water quality indicators measured include total phosphorous, chlorophyll a, and water clarity (Secchi depth). These measures are combined to obtain the overall Trophic Status Index (TSI). As shown in the table, there were changes in 2012 toward better water quality compared to other recent years. Next, examination of TSI scores averaged over each season and studied over many years (see graph labeled Average Trophic Status Index) shows two things: 1) Water quality in Round Lake varies from year-to-year; 2) TSI scores are gradually increasing very slightly (note the orange line in the graph), meaning that water quality is decreasing slightly over time.

By graphing TSI values monthly from May through September and averaging scores over a number of years (see graph entitled Monthly Trend Analysis), we are able to get a picture of the seasonal trend for the lake. This graph shows that the average TSI generally increases throughout the summer with the average TSI in the month of September just over 50. This is most likely due to loading from septic systems and other seasonal usage of the lake throughout the summer.



**Water Quality Indicators for Round Lake**

Indicators	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean Total Phosphorus	14.0	31.0	30.2	17.4
Mean Total Chlorophyll-a (µl/l)	4.4	8.4	9.8	6.4
Mean Secchi Feet (Transparency)	11.1	9.8	7.5	11.0
Mean Trophic State Index	42.3	46.7	50.3	45.5

# The Path to the Lake

| by Judy DuBois, Crow Wing County Master Gardener |

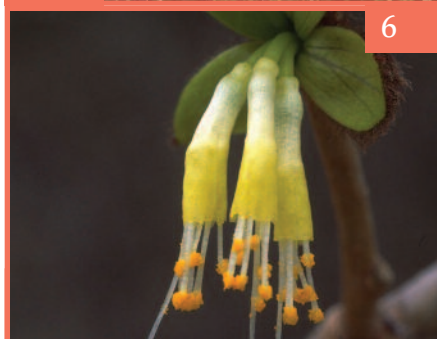
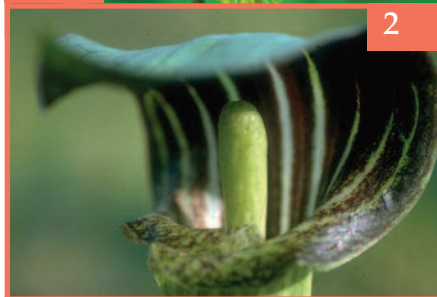
My husband and I had some friends over for breakfast this past summer. As they were leaving, one of them noticed the daylilies in the garden by our drive and said to me how frustrated she was with deer devouring hers - as well as her hostas and a few other plants. We have seen deer occasionally in our neighborhood and their tracks in the gravel road behind our property. *Something* also enjoyed a few squash blossoms in our vegetable garden this past spring, but - so far - deer have not really been a problem for us. Consequently, I've never focused much on deer-resistant plants. (We do have a 12 lb. miniature dachshund who definitely thinks she's the boss of the land around here!) My friend's frustration, however, - and those missing squash blossoms - got me to thinking that maybe I should find out a little more.

Planting a variety of plants is a good way to start so that you don't lose an entire garden area. No plant is "deer-proof" but there are characteristics deer do not like: fuzzy, hairy, or leathery foliage and scented or thorny plants. They also don't like to force their way through dense shrubbery with stiff branches. Deer feeding on any plant is affected by fluctuations in deer population, an available alternative, and even the time of year. Much of this information I found in Lynn M. Steiner's book "Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota" which I have referred to in previous articles. It is just a great book!

I also found in this book two lists of "deer-resistant" plants and a bit to my surprise we have a lot of them already growing around our property as well as in a couple of my gardens. If any of you are having a problem with deer, you might want to consider incorporating one or more of these into your garden or landscape. Specific information about them is from the Plant Encyclopedia in the "Restore Your Shore" link on the DNR website I talked about in the spring issue. They can be used anywhere in the landscape, however. I've highlighted just a few below. All of these except the leatherwood currently grow in my landscape.

- Canada columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) blooms from early May on into June and will attract hummingbirds. [\[photo 1\]](#)
- Jack-in-the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) is usually best in a shady woodland garden but I find it does well in my sunny mixed bed, too. The red berry clusters in late summer will re-seed everywhere... so beware! [\[photo 2\]](#)
- Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) is aromatic and attracts butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. [\[photo 3\]](#)
- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) is one of the earliest flowers to bloom in the spring and often will bloom into May. This little sweetie only gets about 6 inches tall. [\[photo 4\]](#)
- Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) is a grass which develops fluffy seed heads in the fall on taller bluish stems. Once established, these stems contrast nicely with a snowy landscape. [\[photo 5\]](#)
- Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) is described as a wonderful shrub that grows in deep shade to between three and six feet tall. It produces pale yellow spring flowers. [\[photo 6\]](#)
- And, if you're thinking trees, consider tamarack (*Larix laricina*) ...it's deer-resistant and an unusual conifer in that its needles turn yellow and drop in the fall. It requires full sun and can get forty to eighty feet high. [\[photo 7\]](#)

Come February - and the winds outside are howling - when you're starting to think about your gardens and landscape, consider some of these plants if you're having a problem with deer. (If anyone would like some jack-in-the-pulpit, let me know. I'd be happy to share some red berry clusters with you!) There are others which you can find out about with a little research. Remember the University of Minnesota has a great website at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu).



# Lakeside Resorts: The “business” of family fun

| By Deborah Johnson |



*Train Bell Resort*



*Sullivan's Resort*

Lakeside resorts have thrived on the shores of Brainerd area lakes for as long as vacationers have been coming to the area. Although the number of resorts has declined over the last 50 or 60 years, a number of businesses continue to thrive on North Long Lake. North Long Lake is 6,000 acres of clean, clear water and a white sandy bottom suitable for hours of fun in and on the water. This is what makes it a perfect family vacation spot. There are many resorts on this lake that bring an outdoor, relaxing vacation opportunity to life for their customers. Lying on the shores of North Long Lake are Hidden Paradise, Lakeside Acres, Reel Livin', Sullivan's, Train Bell, and the newest one, C.A. McQuinn RV Park.

Researching for this article - obtained both in person and on the web, -makes it clear that all owners agree that the beauty of North Long Lake, its location, and its water quality are high on the attractions lists of repeating customers. All agree that we need to maintain this spectacular natural resource for use by generations to come. Autumn turned out to be a great time to visit these resorts since they were framed in the colorful beauty of the season.

**Hidden Paradise Resort**, originally opened in 1949, has been owned and operated by Wayne Maier and his wife Doris since 1986. Although Doris recently passed away, Wayne's daughter and son-in-law maintain this beautiful resort of 56 acres. There are both permanent camp sites and a few cabins for rent in the resort. There are also some campsites for rent on a daily basis.

**Lakeside Acres RV Resort** was originally known as the "Bear's Den" Resort. It is owned by Mike and Becky McMenimen who purchased it in 1986. There is an interesting history to be told about this resort. In 1977, a tornado destroyed a good portion of the property. After the tornado, several cabins were moved onto the property from Madden's resort. As the years passed, the resort added RV sites and also maintained a log cabin home. Over the years, it changed from being a resort consisting of several cabins and the log home to what it is now, an RV park which allows only park model RVs. A sandy beach

and a new dock system are located on the lower level. A system of black top roads allows cars and pedestrians to pass from the lower to upper levels. It is a beautiful and peaceful spot for weekend getaways and more.

**Reel Livin' Resort** offers family vacations that combine shallow swimming waters and great fishing spots. It is located on the 371 Bay on Birchdale Road, about one mile past the Brainerd International Raceway.

Located in Merrifield, **Train Bell Resort** celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2008. During this long period, there have been several owners and many interesting stories to tell. In 1946, slot machines operated in what is today known as the Grand Lodge. Originally named the Wigwam Hotel, the resort was changed to Train Bell Resort after a previous owner acquired a train bell from the railroad whose tracks were opposite the resort entrance. Mike and Connie Bruesch and their children are the current owners. In 2004 they built the Lakeside Lodge and Condos open to all to enjoy. This large modern resort is home to family activities including playgrounds, a recreation center, movie center, and cable TV.

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*McQuinn's Resort*

# Introducing New Board Members

## Round Lake



### ERIC DAVIDGE

Eric and his wife, Julie, have grown up and lived in the Brainerd Lakes area for over 35 years. Although new to Round lake, having purchased their cabin in the Summer of 2011, they have lived on a number of lakes in the area. Eric and Julie have been married for 16 years and have four children. Eric is a Financial Advisor with Stifel Nicolaus and has been in the investment industry

for 22 years, 18 of those years here in Brainerd. They both feel extremely lucky to have been part of this community for so long and have the opportunity to raise their children here. Eric enjoys fishing, hunting, golfing, and spending time with his family. He couldn't think of a more perfect place to call home.



### STEVE CLOUGH

Steve and his wife, Cindy, have lived on Round Lake since 2004. They bought their property on Round Lake in 1999 and enjoyed summer days hanging out in the cabins that were on the property. In 2004 they leveled the cabins and built their home. Steve and Cindy have been married for 32 years and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Along with Cindy, Steve has been in business for 31 years. He is coowner of Just For Kix and The Tee Hive. Just For Kix was started in 1981 and the Tee Hive in 2010. Steve is a life long resident of the Brainerd area and enjoys all that the lakes offer: fishing, traveling, and spending time with his family.

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### JEFF WEAVER

Jeff Weaver and his wife, Robin, have been married for 34 years and reside in Anoka. They have two grown daughters and four grandchildren. Jeff has been a City Council member in Anoka and a participant in other civic activities. The Weaver family has had a summer residence on North Long Lake since the mid-1920s. Jeff's passions include pursuing waterfowl and chasing walleyes on the lake.



### DOUG HOHMAN

Doug Hohman has lived on North Long Lake for over five decades – longer than most Board members. He and his wife, Janet, currently reside there in a home they built that incorporates many resources from their property. Doug operated an auto repair business for many years and then moved on to cabinet and furniture making, which he still dabbles in. Janet is retired from 35 years at

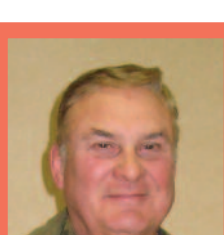
St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd. Doug and Janet have seen many changes on the lake in their time and they share a strong interest in its well-being.



### DEBORAH JOHNSON

Deb Johnson and her husband, Art, bought their cabin on the 371 Bay nine years ago and have since remodeled it for year-round living. Deb grew up in Minneapolis near Powderhorn Park, went to the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas, and taught with the Minneapolis Public Schools for 30 years. Her original specialties were elementary and special education

but she finished her career teaching media and technology education. Deb's husband Art also worked for the Minneapolis Public Schools for 30 years, mostly as a principal. Home during those years was a house on the Mississippi between Anoka and Elk River and they still have a townhome in that area. Deb works with the Committee on Apparel for the NLL Association and both Johnsons are very invested in the well-being of North Long Lake and the community that lives around it. Their two sons and their families share the lake experience as often as they can.



### BILL SCHMIDT

Bill Schmidt and his wife, Fern, live on the Big Lake section of North Long Lake just east of Sullivan's Resort. They first acquired a cabin in 1995, then remodeled it into a lake home in 2008 and moved here. Their family includes three children – two girls and a boy. Bill worked for 35 years in the Green Giant Company through mergers with Pillsbury and then General Mills. After retiring in

2006, he started his own company, Beyond Tomorrow, Inc. which he operates with his wife. He has been a strong community participant as city council member, a school board member, a disability board member, and a member of various church committees. He believes that communities, schools, and the lake are only as good as the people who make use of them.

# North Long Lake

## North Long Lake History Volume

Board Member Sue Kumpula is hard at work on the volume of North Long Lake history that has been in the works for several years. She has assembled a mass of material from individual families, local institutions like Legionville and the Parker Boy Scout Reservation, local resorts, the Crow Wing County Historical Museum, the Nisswa Area Historical Society, archives of the Brainerd *Dispatch*, the North Long Lake Newsletter, and many others. This treasure trove of stories, reports, maps, and pictures will be the basis for a substantial volume that will appear in 2013 or 2014 depending on how long transcription, editing, and printing, now in progress, take.

Meanwhile, the Newsletter is publishing a sampler in this issue: the Co-editor's account of the pre-history and development of Fullerton's Park near Merrifield, one of the earliest sub-divisions to be formed on the lake. It follows.

## Fullerton's Park: Biography of a Neighborhood

The neighborhood in the northeast corner of Merrifield Bay known as Fullerton's Park was carved out of approximately 30 acres of land acquired for \$298 by David K. Fullerton and his wife Sara in 1906. Originally, this land was ceded in 1864 by the United States Government to the Northern Pacific Railway as part of a general government undertaking initiated by President Lincoln. Those legislative measures provided land across the coun-

try (mainly in the West) for constructing a broad network of railroads.

The company laid tracks from Minneapolis to Winnipeg shortly afterward and then sold the tract of land at the eastern end of North Long Lake (excluding the railroad right of way) to the Gull River Lumber Company in 1884 for \$7,500. The railroad itself was sold in 1895 to the Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railway Company for \$15,000 per mile of track. The company re-incorporated in 1901, becoming the Minnesota and International Railway Company and remained in operation until the late 1970s. Older residents still remember the sound of the whistle of the 4 a.m. train, beginning first in the far-off distance and then rumbling within 200 yards of Fullerton's Park on its way to Brainerd.

After the Gull River Lumber Company acquired the land (other than the railroad right-of-way) it proceeded to log off most of the virgin forest which still surrounded the lake. Logs were loaded onto railroad cars at the Merrifield Station and taken to

Brainerd where lumber processing undergirded the economy of the town. The land that became Fullerton's Park was thus a symbiosis of railroad and lumbering interests for fifty years.

Brainerd residents (mostly) had begun coming to North Long Lake in the 1870s and 1880s for fishing in both summer and winter as well as ice harvesting in the winter. Fishing shacks were built at several spots on the lumber company land (by the Loweys and the Fullertons, among others) and a barroom was located where the Stoppels now live. Then in 1906, as mentioned, David Fullerton and his wife bought a tract of land from the lumber company abutting the lake on the south and west and the railroad right-of-way on the north and east.

The Fullertons immediately began a cottage. David Fullerton was a foreman on the Northern Pacific and built the cottage (most of which still exists) from scrap material that came from the railroad yards in Brainerd. Unusual, then and now, is the corrugated iron cladding that was layered



David K. Fullerton

over the wood siding in order that sparks from the nearby railroad would not set fire to the cottage.

In 1911, selecting 7.5 acres of their holdings on the shoreline, Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton registered the platting for what they called "Fullerton's Park." Twenty-two lots made up the sub-division and were sold or given away over a span of years. David Fullerton died in 1938 with some lots still unsold; his son and heir, Harry Fullerton, and his wife, Thora, then sold the remaining properties. Harry Fullerton was a district judge and a member of the Minnesota State Legislature. Before he died in 1958, Mr. Fullerton and his wife also sold most of the larger 30-acre tract to various Park residents, allowing them to extend their properties to the railroad right-of-way. Following is a list of "first owners" including lot numbers (northwest to southeast) and the years of acquisition:

- Lots 1 - 7. Claude and Ethel James (1952).
- Lots 8 and 9. W. W. Smythe. (1936).
- Lots 10 and 11. Christine Anderson (1912).
- Lot 12. Christine Anderson (1926).
- Lot 13. Elizabeth L. Erichsen (1931).
- Lots 14, 15, 16. Richard and Grace Lindquist (1944).
- Lot 17. Fred and Laura Moerke (1912).
- Lot 18. Chester and Mildred Stoppel (1952).
- Lot 19. Irene Lowey (1926).
- Lot 20. Irene Lowey (1912)
- Lot 21. Irene Lowey (1926)
- Un-numbered lot separated from Lot 22.
  - J. Harold Remick (1926).
- Lot 22. David and Sara Fullerton (1906).

Descendants of some of these families still live on the lake: Robert Lindquist and Karna Boyer; Rob Koop; William Stoppel and Marsha Stoppel Meier; John Lowey. Synnove Schiel Fredock, granddaughter of Harry and Thora Fullerton, sold the last remaining portion of the Fullerton homestead in 2009 although she continues to own a small wooded lot near the lake. The last descendant of the Anderson's sold their cottage in 2012.

The M&I Railroad right-of-way continues to delineate the north and east boundaries of Fullerton's Park. The train bed became the Paul Bunyan State Trail in the early 1990s and is used by a heavy traffic of bikers, hikers, runners, skateboarders, and snowmobilers. Although that traffic is heavy, noise from the trail is a tiny fraction of the commotion that the trains made. The presence of the trail, however, indicates how the historical forerunners of a community can define it for years to come.



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## NEWS & NOTES

# North Long Lake Annual Picnic and Business Meeting



About 190 people attended the annual picnic and business meeting of the North Long Lake Association at Legionville on July 21<sup>st</sup>. President Hondo began the meeting by introducing members and guests from each of the lake's three bays. She then paid tribute to four retiring members of the Board of Directors, expressing our gratitude to each: First, Gary Villwock was recognized, who established some kind of record with the Board, serving in many different capacities over a 30-year span. At different times, Gary was President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Board of Directors; he was a regular observer for the Board at meetings of the Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning Commission; and he headed a variety of different projects including the loon nesting project and putting out buoys each year that mark the shallow channel between 371 Bay and the Big Lake. b) Ken Rush was a mainstay of the Board for over 20 years; it was he who sampled the water of the 371 Bay five times a year and who led the highway pickups on Route 371. Ken was also a star of the movie "The Black Hole" when it appeared after the notorious diatom irregularity that occurred in 371 Bay during the winter of 2005. c) Jerry Leese was thanked for his strong support of the

Board over 10 years, serving as liaison to Legionville, prize solicitor of donations to the annual picnic, and chair of the By-laws Committee. d) Dan Tepper was also thanked for his two years of service – one as vice president- even though unexpected issues led to his early resignation from the Board.

President Hondo also reported to the membership that curly leaf pondweed had re-appeared in Merrifield Bay (see separate article). Gratitude was expressed to the persons responsible for several innovations at the 2012 annual meeting: lake mugs for sale to augment the AIS Fund, a plant sale (organized by Marty Peisch, Judy Saari, and Coralee Fox), a silent auction, and the tents used for the first time for these activities as well as the clothing sales.

Speaker for the occasion was Jeff Forrester, Executive Officer of the Minnesota Seasonal and Recreational Property Owners Coalition, who is virtually the only lobbyist working for such property owners at the state level. Mr. Forrester has been particularly active in appearing before numerous legislative committees on behalf of AIS control, property tax policies that discriminate against seasonal property owners, and related issues. He discussed his work and his goals with members, and several have joined the coalition since the annual meeting.

**BOARD ELECTIONS** - With the approval of the Board, paper ballots were used this year for the first time and biographical information on the candidates for election to the Board was also printed

to assist the membership in making election choices. Re-elected to the Board were Kay Hondo and Sandy Loney. Newly-elected to the board were Jeff Weaver (371 Bay) and Deb Johnson (371 Bay). An open Board position was created earlier in the year by the resignation of Dan Tepper; that position was filled by the Board appointment of Doug Hohman (Big Lake) in the spring. Another position opened after the Annual Meeting when Dan Wilson moved from the lake necessitating his resignation. That position was filled by the Board at its October meeting with the appointment of Bill Schmidt (Big Lake).

Officers were elected at the August meeting of the Board of Directors as follows: Kay Hondo, President; Doug Hohman, Vice President; Bill Hartup, Secretary; and Marty Peisch, Treasurer.

**DOOR PRIZES** - The North Long Lake Association greatly appreciates donations from the following donors of door prizes that were distributed by lottery to people attending the meeting (five donations were also made for the silent auction).

#### **Donors for the silent auction:**

Adams Pest Control, Green Porch, Doug Hohman, Nisswa Marine, Crystal Pierz Marine

#### **Donors of door prizes for the lottery:**

Bagatelle, K&J Small Engine Repair, Black Bear Lodge, Landsburg Garden Center, Blakeman Pumping Service, Lakeside Acres RV Park, Buffalo Plaid, Merrifield Cafe, Carriage House, Peoples Security, Chap Restaurant, Pirates Cove, Crow Wing Power, Poncho and Lefty's, DH Docks, Power Lodge, Gander Mountain, Train Bell Resort, Half Moon Saloon, Waterfall on 371, Harpo's (Merrifield), Woodland Meadows, Iven's-on-the-Bay

## NEWS & NOTES

# North Long Lake Board of Directors



Back row, L to R: Jim Cook, Sue Kumpula, Deb Johnson, Sandy Loney, Joe Laudenbach, Bill Schmidt, Jeff Weaver.

Front row, L to R: Kay Hondo, Marty Peisch, Doug Hohman, Bill Hartup.

Not pictured: Mike McMenimen.

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# North Long Lake

## North Long Lake Membership Report | By Kay Hondo |

Many of our members pay their annual dues after receiving one of our newsletters or at the annual picnic/meeting. Then, each fall, we send out a "reminder" letter to those on our mailing list (includes all property owners and friends of the lake) who aren't current in their membership dues. We know that some folks simply forget to pay their dues until this letter; others may be deciding to become members for the first time when they receive the "reminder." Regardless of the reason, the letter has been well received and responses to our 2012 letter so far have added \$3,000 to our cause. We hope to continue to receive additional 2012 dues and contributions within the next several weeks.

Last year at this time, we had collected almost \$12,000 from 284 members. By late October of this year, we have received **\$17,667** from **282** members (\$7,666 in dues; \$10,002 in AIS contributions). While so far, we have somewhat fewer paid up members this year, we have more contributions than last. Many of our members have thus been generous in contributing to our Inva-

sive Species Fund in order to help in our battle with these interlopers. It is not uncommon for members to contribute anywhere from a few dollars to \$100 or more to this fund. We have even received several memorial gifts sent in remembrance of loved ones. This fund is a crucial resource for paying for treatment of curly leaf pondweed and for the salaries of our watercraft inspectors. We are thankful that we will be able to pay our bills this year!

Please note that we are beginning our **2013** membership campaign with this issue of the Newsletter. You will find a dues statement and contribution form in this publication. A healthy lake is important to us all – to our enjoyment of the lake, to our property values. With all property owners helping, we can continue in our quest to keep North Long Lake clean and navigable. As always, your support is greatly needed and most assuredly appreciated! Remember, your contributions are tax deductible.

## North Long Lake Membership Roster

In the following list, *donor members* are those 2012 dues paying members who also contributed to the AIS Fund; *regular members* are those who paid their 2012 dues.

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questions and take your order. We know you will enjoy wearing your North Long Lake clothing. (Editor's note: Indeed, I like my new hoodie so much it's almost worn out!!!)

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## NORTH LONG LAKE 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

Now is the time for North Long Lake property owners and friends to continue their memberships in the North Long Lake Association. Please note that the mailing label on this Newsletter shows the latest year for which you have paid dues. With this notice, dues are requested for the year 2013.

**PLEASE USE THIS FORM** to provide the information requested and send with your 2013 dues to the address indicated. Please be as generous as you can with additional contributions to the Invasive Species Fund. This is the only resource we have currently to support boat inspections and treatment control of these species. Note that these contributions are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. *Thank you!!*

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## NEWS & NOTES

# Round Lake Annual Picnic & Meeting

The annual Round Lake meeting and picnic was held at the home of Bernice Slupe on Saturday June 30th. Many of our neighbors and friends were in attendance on a fabulous summer day. The weather was exceptional and everyone enjoyed the many dishes and refreshments that people brought to share.

The board held their Annual Round Lake Improvement Association Meeting and the Annual Round Lake Improvement District Meeting. Board members present were Don Gunderson, Linda Esser, Janell Kramer, Nancy Gervais, Mike Niebur, Mark Parrish, and Chuck Jorgensen. Board President Don Gunderson thanked the outgoing board members: Chuck Jorgensen, Eric Klang, Janell Kramer, and Carol Friesen for their service. Don then introduced the new board candidates listed on the ballot: David Leary, Steve Clough, Eric Davidge, and Eric Klang.

The ballot was opened for additional nominations for candidates for the board from the floor. There were no additional candidates nominated. Motion was made by Chuck Jorgensen, and seconded by Dick Brumfield, to close the ballot; motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Chuck Reisinger, second by Lyn Sparks to accept all the candidates as listed on the ballot; motion passed unanimously.

As part of the meetings, Larry Stark summarized the report that he gives to the DNR on loon nesting. Larry has been quite successful with the platform in front of his place. On May 24th, two chicks hatched on his platform and it was the earliest that he's ever seen them hatch. There was also a successful hatch of two chicks on the west side of the lake in a natural nest. Two other natural nests were washed out, one in front of Dick Brumfield's place and one in Bishop's creek. The nesting platform cared for by Jay and Carol Simon was unsuccessful. There are 4 pairs of adult loons on our lake.

Discussions took place regarding the infestation of the Forest Tent Caterpillars. This past spring a few of the residents on the south side of the lake sprayed trying to control the caterpillars. The board asked for volunteers to talk with residents about a spraying program for the spring of 2013. Expectations are that the problem will be more significant in 2013 than it was in 2012.

CR 115 Status – Dick Sobiech is our volunteer chairperson of the committee for the improvement of CR 115. He has set up a meeting with Rob Hall, Highway Engineer for Crow Wing County, to discuss the future of CR 115. Some of the issues are: how big a change do residents want to see, do residents have any input into what kind of road is built, and when is CR 115 scheduled for improvement. These are but a few of the issues and concerns of the residents along CR 115.

Where's Wally? – Wally spent the last year, 2011 thru 2012, staying with Paul and Mary Anne Etzell. Wally sure enjoyed the time he spent last year with Paul and Mary and now is looking forward to a new and exciting adventure this next year with the Ken & Donis Smith family.

Mark and Kay Ulm along with Kevin McGuire of K&J Small Engine Repair provided door prizes for this year's event.



# NEWS & NOTES

# Round Lake

## ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Membership Levels  
Contributions Received 4/29/12 through 10/23/2012

### OWL - \$25 - \$49.99

Anderson Tom & Beth  
Balzer Charles  
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Bonestroo/Morain Jo & Nan  
Brouwers Rodney & Janice  
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Danielson Keith & Karen  
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Heinen Pat & Nick  
Hennes David & Kathleen  
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Howard Bill & Barbara  
Husby Paul & Bethany  
Jarabek Dennis & Janelle  
Klang Eric & Annette  
Klenk Raymond & Karen  
Langham James & Anita  
Larson Chuck & Laurie  
Leary Dave & Deb  
Leonard Rich & Bev

Liudahl Nan  
Ludenia Bill & Kathy  
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McGuire Tom & Jo  
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Steen Nancy  
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Jorgensen Chuck & Marie  
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Nelson David & Jo  
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Richter Raford & Janice  
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Ruedisili Todd & Debra  
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Sofie Vic & Connie  
Stark Larry & Cece  
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Woessner Don & Mary

### OSPREY - \$75 - \$99.99

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Kjorlien Marilyn  
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Quist Bob & Beth

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Baker Bill & Peg  
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 Burman Beverly  
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 Erhard Lee & Irene  
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### *The Business of Family Fun - Continued from Page 14*

**Sullivan's Resort** is another familiar name in the resort community of North Long Lake. It is located on the north end of the Big Lake along County Road 127. The current owners, Jerry and Deanna Pekar, purchased the resort from Lowell and Dee Sullivan in 2004. The Pekars kept the name as it has been a successful brand on the lake for 27 years. The resort encompasses 7 acres of land with 500 feet of lakeshore. There are 54 campsites and

8 cabins. Most campsites are rented for the season with 6 sites available on a daily or weekly basis. Customers find many amenities here, including an indoor heated swimming pool, spa, and sauna.

The most recent addition to the resort community is **C. A. McQuinn RV Park**. Located off 371 on White Gables Road, it is the smallest of our resorts. Three RV sites are available for weekly, monthly, or

seasonal reservations. It is a quiet, beautiful spot with fishing, birdwatching, and it's own three mile private walking trail.

Many homeowners are only dimly aware of the resorts among them. These businesses contribute to everyone's enjoyment, however, with space for extra guests and fireworks on summer holidays. And, in so doing, the resorts add an extra dimension to our lakes communities.

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## NEWS & NOTES

# Round Lake

Round Lake Improvement District

## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT 1/1/2012 - 9/22/2012

1/1/2012 Balance		\$37,277.54
Income		\$21,823.31
Expenditures:		
Paid To:	Purpose:	
MCIT	Insurance required by County	-\$1,908.00
Crow Wing County	County administration fee	-\$250.00
AWResearch	Inspect & repair	
	Clemson levelers Sugarbush Creek	-\$1,091.18
AWResearch	Summer TSI	-\$200.00
Clarke	Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment	-\$2,516.91
Total Expenditures		-\$5,966.09
9/22/2012 Balance		\$53,134.76

### Round Lake Improvement Association

Income & Expense Statement  
7/1/2011 through 6/30/2012

<b>INCOME</b>	
Clothing	\$275.00
Interest Inc:	
Dredging Funds	\$406.69
Other Interest Inc	\$12.50
TOTAL Interest Inc	\$419.19
Membership Dues	\$4,819.00
Rummage Sale	\$110.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,623.19
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Buoys	\$163.21
Insurance	\$450.00
Mailbox Fee	\$42.00
Misc	\$25.00
Picnic: 2012	\$1,133.94
Professional Fees	\$220.00
Sale Around Round	\$46.40
Stamps	\$5.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,086.54
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,536.65

### Round Lake Improvement Association NET WORTH

	Balance 6/30/2011	Balance 6/30/2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CD Designated Funds Dredging	\$28,688.59	\$29,095.28
Checking	\$5,626.97	\$8,517.92
Savings	\$5,272.38	\$5,511.39
Svngs Dredging Funds	\$50.52	\$50.52
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$39,638.46	\$43,175.11
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	\$39,638.46	\$43,175.11

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