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President's Message | Round Lake



Round Lake Association

| Mark Parrish | President

Weeds, weeds and more weeds! Spring 2015 looks like it could bring a bumper crop of lake vegetation of

both the invasive kind (curly leaf) and native weeds. Due to the lack of snow cover to prevent the sun's penetration of the ice over the winter and the extreme clarity of the water due to zebra mussels, we are expecting a hearty crop of curly leaf pond weed this year. Lakes Restoration was again chosen as our provider for curly leaf control. At the time of this writing, a crew from Lakes Restoration should be out on the lake conducting a survey of growth to determine just what we are up against. If it's proven that we need to treat the maximum area of the lake allowed by the DNR (94 acres), the total cost will be \$41,953. Once again we were able to secure a grant through the DNR that would reduce the cost by \$100 per acre, so the total maximum cost would be \$32,553.

We are also anticipating a bloom of native species again this year. Late last summer the native weeds were growing far

beyond what anyone could remember in past years. Once again, due to the clarity of the lake, thanks to zebra mussels the sun was able to penetrate much better than ever before and we had our first experience of a new normal in weed growth. Individual home owners that would like to investigate the control of native weeds in front of their property can contact Chad Hadler at Lakes Restoration. Chad's contact information is chad@lakerestoration.com or (877) 428-8898 x 105. Chad can explain to you the regulations imposed by the DNR on native weed control as well as give you a price on what they charge for their services.

Another item that was discussed last year was the necessity of dredging Bishops Creek. Please contact a board member if you have any problems in passing into Gull Lake. Dredging is an expensive undertaking which requires many hours of planning and permits as well as permission from surrounding land owners.

I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting and picnic the last Saturday in June. The details of the picnic are located in this publication.

Call for Photos

We'd love your photos for future editions of the newsletter; both cover and inside. Photos should reflect our lakes (North Long and Round), the Brainerd Lakes area, or our association members (and family) taking part in the activities they enjoy.

Unfortunately, photos that may look great on your phone or even your computer screen often don't work well in print. Our printer needs 300 ppi (pixels per inch) for good reproduction. Typically, that means files sizes of 1-2mb for most photos and at least 3mb for cover photos.

The better the quality of the digital image, the larger we can print the image. Cover photos work best in "portrait" mode. So take that camera out of the drawer, set it to its highest quality, and go to work. Please send your photos as an attachment to the email so they are not compressed by your phone's email app.

We would especially like to display your historical photos. We can scan prints or film.

Either way, please contact the co-editor at hmgolds@gmail.com.

President's Message | North Long Lake



North Long Lake Association

| Bill Schmidt | President |

Greetings to North Long Lake property owners and friends. As winter has passed us by, spring is

upon us, and summer is just around the corner we face new challenges in 2015. The winter left us with severe shore line damage, many frozen sewer systems, and very little snow which will affect our lake level. Hopefully the spring will supply us with some nice rains to keep our lake level adequate.

New to us this year will be the Zebra Mussels. Board members have gone to several meetings this past winter and what we have learned is that our lake will probably follow the same course as Pelican Lake in reference to Zebra Mussel expansion. We will not see much growth the next couple of years. The high growth period will come in years three, four, five and on.

Also new to us this year will be the addition of cameras at both accesses Merrifield and 371 to help educate and monitor all users of the lake to remove any vegetation or Zebra Mussels from their equipment before entering the lake, more on this later in the newsletter.

The Board is working hard on implementing our objectives and goals. Our focus this summer will be on two fronts; first to do

ever thing possible to protect our water quality and second to expand our annual picnic to more of a family event for all property owners.

Earlier in the year I sent out a letter to all of you along with an invoice for dues and donations. I am over whelmed by your response and thank you for your considerations, Kay will give you more detail information later in the newsletter.

As you know sending mail to all the residents is very expensive therefore I plan to do much of the communications with e-mails. I apologize to those of you who don't have e-mail but maybe you can form a neighborhood communication sharing program. Also anyone who has not responded with your e-mail address and wants to be part of the communication list you can send it to me or call, see the list on the first page of this newsletter. I will only use your e-mail in association communications.

The last thing I would like to mention is that we are always looking for volunteers for small activities such as, road side pickup, picnic helpers, managing loon nests, and camera film reviewers. A lot of these tasks occur once per year and only take a few hours.

I want to thank all of you and the Board for your support. Have a great summer and I hope to see you on the lake.

Shoreland Issues & Solutions, Panel Discussion Sessions

By Crow Wing County

The Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District and University of Minnesota Extension have worked together to develop and coordinate informal discussion gatherings for 2015. In these sessions, your group will have the opportunity to view the recently released video "What Does Clean Water Mean to You?" This will be followed by an open discussion of recommended shoreland management practices by local lakeshore property owners who are also certified as University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners. Depending on audience interest, the session will highlight shoreland issues such as bank erosion, stormwater runoff, and invasive species. If you would like to schedule a discussion session for your organization or community group, contact Jackie Froemming at froem022@umn.edu or at 218-824-1068.

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Ice ridges are an annual occurrence, but they are particularly bad this winter. "World Class", in fact. I haven't seen them this bad in the 12 years I've been here and I've heard the same from some who have been on the lake much longer. I'm on the north side of Merrifield Bay; I've been told they're even worse on the southwest shore of the main lake.

I asked Tom Espersen, Crow Wing County Land Services Specialist, about the ice ridges this year.

What causes ice ridges?

Water is a unique compound from any perspective. It is most dense at 39 degrees Fahrenheit, where most compounds reach their maximum density when they reach the point where they go through that phase change. As water freezes, it expands, which means it loses density. This is what makes it float: and the colder it gets, the more it expands. With the ice depths we have had, the cold, and more ice being made every day, all this ice expands and looks for a place to go. Hence the ice pushes. Think of a sheet of ice acting as an iceberg does: 90% of an iceberg is underwater. If one thinks of the ice on North Long Lake as an iceberg, and the freezing and expansion that goes on during winter that can explain what we are seeing.

It seems the ice ridges are worse this year than in the past. Is that true and, if so, why?

While I know of no historical data regarding the severity of ice heaves measures or records of damage done in the past, ice heaves are more pronounced in years when the snowfall is light and temperatures are low as this year was. It also seems that a given area will be affected differently in any given year than earlier years. In any case, by all measures this year is an anomaly. When the ice goes out, wind may blow the ice around and make additional heaves.

What (if anything) can be done to minimize their effect?

Features such as historic ice ridges with lots of trees and vegetation growing in them and/or a very pronounced band of cattails seem to work the best at holding the lake shore in place. When we come along and remove the vegetation for beaches and add value to it, and ice ridges occur, we consider it damage. If this were woods and no one lived there, would we be this concerned about the ice ridge? This is part of the natural process in the life of the lake and there is nothing we as humans are going to do to change it. Maintaining the natural vegetation and old ice ridges is the best thing, possibly helping it along with some plantings and/or rip-rap will also compliment the effort.

How should we go about repairing the damage?

Damage that has been done this year can be repaired to the pre-existing state without the need for a permit. Any black dirt, grass, or other organic material needs to be kept out of the lake, and only clean sand can find its way back in to the lake. If one chooses to establish a beach or other feature at this time, we need to discuss a permit. Rip-rap does not need a permit from us or the DNR as long as there is not more than 200 feet of it in one stretch. Questions about rip-rap should be directed to Heidi Lundgren, DNR Area Hydrologist at 218-833-8689. There are several offices here in Land Services that can offer suggestions for plantings including SWCD and the U of MN Extension Office.

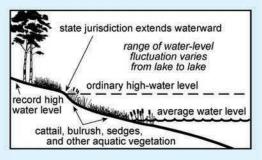
Shoreline Alterations: Ice Ridges Courtesy of Minnesota DNR



Is an individual permit required?

For most projects constructed *below* the ordinary high-water level* (OHWL) of public waters, an individual Public Waters Work Permit is required from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Ice ridges exception: An individual permit from the DNR is not required for the grading or removal of an ice ridge if the conditions outlined on this information sheet are followed.



Shoreline cross section

If you have questions concerning the contents of this information sheet, contact your local DNR Area Hydrologist. See contact information on reverse side.

Please note that local units of government and other agencies may require a permit for this project.

*For lakes and wetlands, the OHWL is the highest elevation that has been maintained as to leave evidence on the landscape. It is commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For watercourses, the OHWL is the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the OHWL is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool.

What causes ice ridges and what can I do about them?

Property owners occasionally return to their cabins in the spring only to discover they are dealing with property damage caused by a phenomenon called "ice heaving" or "ice jacking". This powerful natural force forms a feature along the shoreline known as an "ice ridge". The result may include significant damage to retaining walls, docks and boat lifts, and sometimes even to the cabin itself.



Ice ridge formed along the shore of Shamineau Lake in Morrison County.

How do ice ridges form? Ice ridges are caused by the pushing action of a lake's ice sheet against the shore. Cracks form in the ice because of different contraction rates at the top and bottom of the ice sheet. This is especially true in years that the ice sheet lacks an insulating snow cover. Ice cracks also develop because the edges of the ice sheet are sometimes firmly attached to the shore. When water rises in the cracks and freezes, the ice sheet expands slightly. Rising air temperatures warm the ice, leading to additional expansion, which exerts a tremendous thrust against the shore. Alternate warming and cooling of the ice sheet leads to additional pushing action, causing the ice to creep shoreward and scrape, gouge, and push soil and rock into mounds (called "ice ridges", "ice pushes", or "ramparts").

What can be done about ice ridges after they form? Because ice ridges do provide ecological benefits (described below), the ideal reaction to the formation of an ice ridge would be to do nothing other than remove personal property from its zone of influence. However, this is often impractical. Ice ridges can impede use of the lake by a property owner or the users of public lakeshore facilities. Therefore, action may be taken to remedy the results of ice activity.

Shoreline Alterations: Ice Ridges Courtesy of Minnesota DNR

Lake access can be obtained by ramping over or cutting through the ice ridge. There are circumstances, however, when it may be necessary to remove or grade an ice ridge. An individual Public Waters Work Permit is *not* required from the DNR to remove or grade an ice ridge if the work meets the following conditions:

- The ice ridge resulted from ice action within the last year.
- The project is either exempt from local permits or is authorized by issuance of a local government permit.
- Not more than 200 feet of shoreline is affected.
- All ice ridge material that is composed of muck, clay, or organic sediment is deposited and stabilized at an upland site above the ordinary high-water level (OHWL; see sidebar on page 1).
- All ice ridge material that is composed of sand or gravel is removed as provided above or graded to conform to the
 original cross section and alignment of the lakebed, with a finished surface at or below the OHWL.
- · No additional excavation or replacement fill material occurs on the site.
- All exposed areas are immediately stabilized as needed to prevent erosion and sedimentation (see Lakescaping information sheet).
- Local zoning officials, the watershed district (if applicable) and the soil and water conservation district are given at least 7 days' notice before beginning the project.

Removal or grading of an ice ridge must not disturb emergent aquatic vegetation, unless authorized by an aquatic plant management permit from the DNR's Division of Fisheries.

What can be done about ice ridges before they form? The simplest means of avoiding ice-related damage to shoreline property is to ensure that personal property is out of wrath's path. State and local shoreland regulations requiring setback limits not only lead to improved aesthetics but also help to minimize personal property damage from ice action and wave-induced erosion. Engineering solutions are sometimes pursued to remedy ice ridge problems, but they can be expensive and ineffective. If an engineering solution is pursued, property owners should seek the advice of a professional.

What are the benefits of ice ridges? Ice ridges are natural berms that have formed around Minnesota's lakes over thousands of years. These mounds of material provide the lake with ecological benefits by creating a barrier to nutrient loading. Nutrients collect on the landward side of the mound, producing fertile soil where plants and trees thrive. The root systems of this near-shore plant community help to protect the shore from erosion and soak up additional nutrients. Shade and habitat offered by near-shore plants benefit organisms along the shore and in the lake, thus supporting nesting and spawning fish.

Ice ridges also work to protect the shore from the lake itself. For example, a small ice ridge formed one year is followed by additional pushes in ensuing years. The ridge is fortified by jamming rocks into it. The roots of the near-shore plant community bind together the soil and rock to form natural shoreline protection.

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DNR Contact Information



DNR Ecological and Water Resources website and a listing of Area Hydrologists: http://mndnr.gov/waters

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Details on Gov. Dayton's Riparian Buffer Proposal Begin to Emerges

By Jeff Forrester, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, 2/26/2015

On February 16th, DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr invited over 20 environmental and conservation groups to attend a presentation of the Framework for The Governor's Buffer Initiative and to provide feedback and direction. MLR was there to represent lake home and cabin owners, a group that will be affected by any rule changes concerning riparian property.

The primary goal of this initiative for Governor Dayton is to improve water quality in the state. The day before, at a celebration of the Legacy Amendment, it became clear that despite a nearly \$100 million a year ANNUAL investment in water in Minnesota due to the Legacy Amendment, Minnesota would have the same number of degraded lakes that we have today when the fund expires in 2033. At the Pheasant Summit in early December, attended by Governor Dayton, loss of riparian habitat was identified as a key contributor to pheasant number declines.

If Minnesota hopes to lower the number of degraded lakes in the state, we will have to do more. Governor Dayton's initiative is a step in this direction.

The focus of the discussion at the Riparian Buffer Framework meeting was mostly on agricultural lands. Governor Dayton has made clear that his Buffer Initiative will apply to ALL waters in the state, and Commissioner Landwehr affirmed this by saying he wanted to use the "my mother test." Said Commissioner Landwehr, "If my mother would call something a waterbody, then it is a waterbody." The definition will include all perennial watercourses (flowing water most of the growing season.) The DNR is in the process of developing maps for all covered waters, but there will be a need for some exceptions. Said Commissioner Landwehr, "We probably don't want to buffer a beach or a road."

The Framework defined a buffer as "50 foot wide with perennial vegetation that is not open to public access." This definition would allow cutting, haying, grazing and mowing, so a 50 foot wide buffer of Kentucky bluegrass would meet the requirements of the definition. Under the Framework local units of

government will be the primary enforcers, but the DNR will, "hold local units of government's feet to the fire," said Commissioner Landwehr.

It is expected that the DNR will present a bill to the legislature by the March 20th deadline that will seek any legislative changes necessary to implement Governor Dayton's Buffer Initiative.

"Sticks with teeth, carrots for adding public value."

Commissioner Landwehr made clear that in addition to strong enforcement of riparian buffer rules, the initiative should include incentives for property owners to go above and beyond the minimum, saying he wanted an initiative that had, "... sticks with teeth, carrots for adding public value." In this there is a great deal of opportunity. In 2008 the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan recommended the use of incentives as a much under-utilized tool in the conservation toolbox, but to date there have been no efforts by the MN Legislature to put good incentives for shoreline conservation and preservation into place.

Over development of lakeshore is one of the contributing factors to both loss of aquatic habitat and native shoreline, affecting not only water quality, but fisheries and aesthetic values on our lakes. As any lakeshore or riverfront property owner knows, the tax pressure on this sensitive riparian property is intense, often forcing owners to sell off or subdivide the very land the state is seeking to protect for the benefit of public waters. This session MLR will work to advance the Sustainable Shoreline Incentive Act, (SSIA) an incentive program for property owners who go beyond the 50 foot Kentucky bluegrass buffer, and preserve or restore native buffers on their property. Now is the time, in conjunction with Governor Dayton's Buffer Initiative, to put reasonable incentives in place for the protection and restoration of Minnesota's shorelines.

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A Photo Shoot on North Long Lake

Last December, the band 'A Piano In Every Home' came to Nisswa for a recording session and photo shoot. As explained by Travis Erickson, lead singer:

"With a fully equipped studio in St. Paul, you might wonder why we chose to pack it all in a truck and head to a cabin on North Long Lake. Two reasons, at least:

First, we came for the change in scenery. We're breaking ice on a new album, and with such a venture it's the initial energy that sustains momentum for the project. The first recording session needs to be framed as an occasion - something special. The natural environment of the lake promotes fresh thinking. Simple quiet, woods, and north wind on your face support good judgment.

Second, we came for seclusion and forced commitment. We're holed-in, surrounded by snow and ice. A record is, by nature, a collaborative process. All progress is realized through either creative energy, trouble shooting, or negotiation on some level. We found that the solitude of the cabin was a gentle but effective way of locking us in a room until we had it figured out. So, figure it out we did.

Our time on the ice was something special that weekend. The good folks of North Long Lake may be used to those conditions, but for us it was exciting and unfamiliar. We'd welcome it all again, any winter."





Lakes Printing

| By Harris Goldstein

Ever wonder how our North Long and Round Lake Associations can put together a professional looking newsletter? Ever wonder how much it costs? Lakes Printing in Brainerd does our layout, design, printing and mailing at no cost to our associations. Their expenses are covered by sale of ads to local businesses. Lakes Printing handles the sale of advertising; limiting the amount of ads to a agreed-upon percentage of space.

The North Long Lake Association has used Lakes Printing for its newsletter since 1993. Back then it was called "The Anchor". They've been printing for the Round Lake Association since about 2000. In 2009, Kevin Thesing of Lakes Printing and Mark Ulm of the RL Association proposed a joint newsletter. Since that time, the newsletter has transitioned to full color.

The editors from each association gather and produce the text and photographs, which come from a variety of sources including our membership.

Lakes Printing takes our content and does the overall design and the layout for each article. Their designer uses a number of professional, computer-based tools

to make sure photos reproduce accurately when printed, build artwork and ads, create the overall design, and layout the newsletter so it's attractive and easy to read. Some "back and forth" with the editors may be necessary as the layout progresses.

Once the newsletter content, design and layout is complete, there is one final review by the editors. Then Lakes Printing does the printing and mailing to our members and others based on a mailing list we provide.



What can Crow Wing Soil Water Conservation District Do for you?

By Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District



The Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a local unit of government in Crow Wing County, Minnesota dedicated to soil and water conservation.

According to Melissa Barrick, District Manager, "In the 1930s after the Dust Bowl SWCDs were established nationwide to provide soil and water conservation services at the local level. There are 89 SWCDs in state of Minnesota.

At Crow Wing we focus on:

- Pollution prevention
- ♦ Water Quality
- ♦ Wildlife
- ♦ Woodland Management
- ◆ Assisting Local Governments

Do you have a shoreline in need of repair, erosion problems, or need help choosing trees or planting them?

Grant Funds are Available

- ◆ Shoreline native plantings
- ◆ Erosion control
- ♦ Filter gardens

Maximum grant amount is \$2,300 per project. Match required at 1 to 1 ratio (i.e. in-kind labor, materials, and cash). Shoreline projects must be at least 25 feet wide and include at least 75% of property frontage.

Technical Assistance: SWCD offers free

1 hour site visits which include:

- ◆ Planting Recommendations,
- ♦ Woodland management
- Erosion control
- ♦ Invasive species management
- ◆ Grant funds site review

Additional project planning is \$60/hr. Each site visit is \$75.

Plants for Sale: The SWCD conducts a plant sale every spring. Most are preorders, though extras are sold at pick up time.

You can order:

- ◆ Native seed packets (500 square feet area)
- ◆ Flower & Grass planting kits (36 plants)
- ◆ Tree and shrub seedlings (Limited supply. Call for availability)
- ◆ Tree Cages

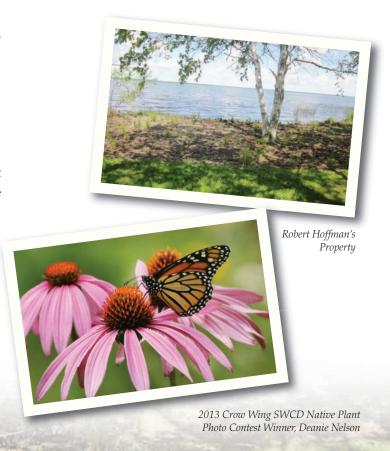
Tree sale pick up is April 30 - May 2, 2015 at the Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, MN 56425

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Treatments on Christmas Lake Kill Off Zebra Mussels

published April 20 (tinyurl.com/nzv5f2g), the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported that the intensive – and experimental – treatment of zebra mussels seems to have been successful. Divers searched the treatment area on Christmas Lake, a small lake in the west metro area, and were unable to find any evidence of zebra mussels in the area treated.

Last fall and winter, the Minnesota DNR, invasive species experts from the University of Minnesota, the city of Shorewood, and the local watershed district conducted the treatment. Zequanox, a new product made from dead bacteria

that kill zebra mussels when they ingest it, was used. That was followed by a copper treatment and, in turn, the use of potash. Zequanox is said to be effective on both adult zebra mussels and veligers.

While promising, the treatment is currently too expensive for widespread use. According to the article, the cost of the effort was \$9,000 for the area around the boat launch on Christmas Lake.

The DNR and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District will continue to monitor to see if the zebra mussels have been eliminated.

SALE AROUND ROUND

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Participation cost reduced to \$5.00! Everyone living on County Road 115 is invited to participate!

Garage sale shoppers look forward to this BIG sale! Clean out that basement, garage and closet and sell your treasures to someone else. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it along with your check for \$5.00 payable to the Round Lake Association. A garage sale sign will be delivered to you which will identify you as a paid participant in this event. The money we collect is used to pay for advertising and signs. This is meant to be a break even event for us. If you have any questions, call Linda Esser, 963-2752.

Please mail your check for \$5.00 with this form by Friday, May 29, 2015 to: RLIA, PO Box 378, Nisswa, MN $\,$ 56468

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Path to the Lake

| By Judy DuBois, U of M Extension Master Gardener, Crow Wing County

A"B"...is a"be"...is a"Bee". Doesn't make a whole lot of sense as a sentence, does it? It's just a simple way for me to express

how I looked at the insect "bee". There was only one kind. Well...maybe two...the black and yellow "bumbles" and the littler "honeys". But -- as I have admitted to myself so many times -- what I have learned the most in master gardening is just how much I do not know. Just as there are many varieties of flowers for us to plant as gardeners, there are hundreds of different bee species just in Minnesota alone! I did not know that, but each and every day I continue to learn.

Different types of bees prefer different flowers. Preferences are due to the physical size or shape of the flower and the bees. For example, long-tongued bees are the only bee species able to reach the nectar at the bottom of a long-tubed flower." Specialist" bees can only raise their young with the pollen of certain plants while "generalists" will collect pollen from a wide range of plants. Many bee species, including honeys and bumbles, are present continually from early spring through fall. Other species only forage as adults a few weeks out of the year — with different types emerging at different times throughout the season.

Marla Spivak, a U of M extension researcher and entomology professor, has been increasingly alarmed at an average 30 percent decline each winter in bee colonies since 2007. Research into bee health is complex and on-going as she and others look into a variety of reasons for colony decline. Her suggestion to the general public for ways we can help however is simple -- "...plant flowers...they provide critical nutrition for the bees -- protein from pollen and carbohydrates from nectar".

St. John Chrysostom is credited with this quote: "The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others." Professor Spivak says that "honey bees and wild bees pollinate more than 70 percent of our fruits and vegetables." Bees are part of our "garden crew" and we need to keep them well-fed.

Here is a list of a few plants particularly attractive to bees that can be easily integrated into a landscape. Or -- perhaps take a look around your yard to see if there is a spot you can dedicate to a "pollinator garden". This little (or big) area will be beneficial to all your plantings... and you. The bees, butterflies and hummingbirds will all rejoice!

Scientific name	Common name	Light	Bloom Time
Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	Part sun / shade	May / June
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Sun - shade	April - July
Lupinus perennis	Wild Lupine	Sun / part-shade	May - July
Echinacea angustifolia	Purple Coneflower	Full Sun	July - September
Helianthus spp.	Sunflowers	Sun - Shade	July - September
Hylotelephium telephium	Autumn Joy Sedum	Part-shade / Shade	July - September
Monarda fistulosa	Beebalm	Sun	July - September
Origanum vulgare	Oregano	Sun / part-shade	June - September

If you are an herb gardener, you may already know how much the bees like these plants. If you are not, why not start one? It will be beneficial to other pollinators as well as bees -- and you! Herbs will bring your garden color, scent and flavor. Here are few suggestions too of herbs that bees love: borage, chives, thyme, mint, lemon balm...the list goes on and on...almost any that flower. Plant something you will like and use. Just one thing: if you are purchasing plants, please check to see they have not been cultivated with any insecticide toxic to bees.

Did you know that bees need water, too? I never thought about it but I have seen them at the edge of the water in my birdbath. A shallow bowl, with some pebbles in it for the bees to land on, serves as a great spot for them to get a drink. In learning more about them, my whole attitude towards them has changed. I think I will enjoy the "buzz" when I'm in the garden this summer. To learn more, check out this website: www.extension.umn.edu/garden/honey-bees. Happy gardening!

Brainerd Ski Loons Water Ski Show Team

We have a new, family friendly water ski team in Brainerd. The Brainerd Ski Loons Water Ski Show Team is a nonprofit, community based water ski show team with a mission to provide an opportunity for personal development, teamwork, and community involvement through water sports.

The team is open to all ages and all skill levels. Members will have the chance to learn and be a part of many different acts including barefooting, pyramids, ski jumping, doubles, trios, ballet line, swivel skiing, trick skiing, wakeboarding, shoe skiing and hydrofoil. The team is similar to the River Rats which perform every week in Minneapolis to a crowd of hundreds.

They are looking to recruit members who are interested in having fun, learning new skills and spending some good times on the water. For more information visit skiloons.com or email Christopher Dens at brainerdskiloons@gmail.com.



"Smile, you're on Candid Camera"

You need to be of a certain age to remember that line from the 60's. But cameras are coming back to North Long Lake to continue the fight to control invasive species. They'll be installed at the Merrifield Bay access and will also be installed at the 371 access. Both these access points are considered "high risk" when it comes to AIS.

The I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) is a self-contained,

solar powered system installed at boat launches to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) through video capture and remote inspection of launching boats/trailers, and audio education of boaters using a lake. The system detects movement which triggers the capture of images which are then uploaded through a 4G modem to a remote

server. The server processes these images into a video clip which is date/time stamped on a remote server for authorized users to view. At the same time motion is detected, an audio message is played reminding boaters to inspect for AIS prior to launch and after pull-out.

This is intended to augment our physical inspections and be a constant reminder to boaters to make sure their boats and trailers are free of weeds before entering our lake.



Insure Hard to Insure Lake Places

| Carole Aljadah, Certified Insurance Counselor & former MLR Board Member, Advance Insurance Agency, Edina, MN

Cabins can present some challenges in writing insurance and making sure the coverages are adequate. The best place to insure your cabin is with your primary home insurance carrier. That company can do the best job for you, you have a valuable relationship with your agent and a history. Still, there are a number of factors that can make insuring a cabin more expensive and difficult. Cabin insurance rates will be higher if you are over 5 road miles from a fire station, have no fire hydrants nearby or if your cabin is on an island. Having woodburning stoves or outdoor furnaces can also increase prices and make it more difficult to find insurance. Some risk management practices such as clearing dense forested areas around your cabin or installing a rooftop sprinkler system can reduce your risk from forest fires. There are markets available if you have been turned down for insurance. You may want to explore specialty insurance markets for the harder to place risk. These are available through an independent insurance agent.

Remember your liability may increase in owning lakeshore property. Accidents can happen more frequently around the water. It is a good idea to increase your personal liability coverage and medical payments coverage. In addition it is often wise to purchase a personal umbrella policy for at least \$1,000,000. If you own a boat, check to be certain that you have adequate watercraft liability insurance. Some home policies do include watercraft liability for outboard motors up to 50 horsepower and boats up to 26 feet in length. Be sure you have this important watercraft liability in place before you need it. Ask your agent to be sure you have the proper coverage. Docks and boat lifts are covered as personal property. Damages from freezing, shifting of ice or wave damage will not be covered. This type of watercraft infrastructure is not considered to be "other

structures" if they can be removed from the water. Take a few minutes to read your policy or call your insurance agent to be certain you have replacement cost coverage on your personal property insurance for docks and boat lifts.

It is also important to name all of the registered owners of a cabin as a named insured on your cabin insurance policy. If your cabin is part of a trust or there are several owners of your cabin make sure each owner is named specifically on the policy in order to protect their interests. This applies to liability and property coverages.

Many families have made the decision to rent out their properties to help defray the cost of ownership, and this presents unique insurance issues. If it is just friends or family using the cabin for free, then there's no need to change insurance. But once property becomes income producing it is a business and no longer qualifies for homeowners insurance. The property could have to be written on a Dwelling Form, which is much more expensive and some policies are not as broad. If the vacation home rental does not have the right insurance and a customer gets hurt at the cabin or causes some type of property loss there, then that would void the insurance. Always contact your insurance agent before deciding to rent out your cabin.

These are just a few concerns when insuring a cabin. Taking the time now to review your insurance can save you from an unpleasant surprise when you have a claim and give you greater comfort as you, your family and friends enjoy great times together at the lake.

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Bill To Eliminate AIS Funding to Counties

As you know, continued vigilance is necessary to protect our lakes and rivers from the impact of aquatic invasive species. Not just the ones we know today, but those on the horizon. Our continued enjoyment of the lake, as well as our property values, depends on it.

Much of the effort falls on our local government bodies – in our case Crow Wing County. A bill passed in 2013 provided for state aid to counties based on the number of public watercraft launches and parking spaces. The formula correctly links the aid received to the public use of lakes and rivers. This is the aid that helps to fund inspectors at the public access points on North Long Lake.

Crow Wing County received \$202,000 in 2014 (for ½ year) and is scheduled to receive \$450,000 in 2015. These funds are used for inspection, decontamination, treatment, and education. In 2015 these funds will be used for 800 hours of inspection on North Long (400 at each of the main landings) and 400 hours on Round. Each lake also gets \$250 for education and awareness (including signage and mailings).

But there is a bill recently introduced in the Minnesota legislature (HF 570) to repeal the financial aid that the state provides counties for AIS prevention. A companion bill (SF 1369) has been introduced in the Senate.

These bills provide for no alternative aid and offer no alternative solution. It fails to recognize that our lakes are a public resource, used by the entire state population, yet much of the burden for actionable prevention efforts falls on local government.

The loss of these funds will have a significant, adverse impact on AIS programs in Crow Wing County. At this point in time, the House bill appears to be getting little support. There was no vote taken on H.F. 570 and it was not referred to any other committee. Our Minnesota House representative, Josh Heintzeman, is a member of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance which will be considering the bill. I asked Rep. Heintzeman for his position on HS 570, who said"I do not support cutting funding available

If you wish to contact Rep. Heintzeman, you can contact him as follows:

The Honorable Joshua Heintzeman State Capitol Room 533 SOB 100 Martin Luther King Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155-1298 rep.josh.heintzeman@house.mn 651-296-4333

You can also let him know what you think via this link: http://tinyurl.com/nlla-ais-1

We will provide updates as they become available.



Photo Courtesy of Jackie Kottke



The Crow Wing County Land Services Department has been awarded two grants totaling \$113,000 from Clean Water Fund dedicated funding as part of the constitutional Legacy Amendment passed by voters in 2008. Grant funds will allow the county to continue assessing and producing reports on the water quality of county lakes, and cover costs associated with updating the county's Landowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship resource booklet. Grant dollars will fund the review and reporting of data on 27 new lakes (down to 200 acres) in Crow Wing County. These new reports are in addition to the 46 lakes already assessed on lakes over 400 acres in size. Completed water quality reports on County lakes can be viewed at www.crowwing.us by searching "lake assessments." The new reports will be available later this year.

Additionally, grant dollars will allow the Land Services Department to update the Landowners Guide to Lake Stewardship resource booklet, originally published in 2008. This guide assists landowners in understanding the basics to being good stewards of their property, which is essential to keeping the county's lakes, rivers, and groundwater resources healthy. Since 2008, nearly 15,000 copies of the booklet have been distributed. The 2015 update will incorporate elements of the County's award-winning Local Comprehensive Water Management Plan, and will feature a new user-friendly format. Updated resource booklets will be available this spring. The booklets will be free and available at the Land Services Building, and will be distributed during many events this summer including the County Fair. Many Environmental Services functions are funded by state grants. Information on these grants is updated annually at www.crowwing.us by searching "grants." Additionally, all water protection activities conducted by Environmental Services are summarized annually into a Water Protection Report available on the website by searching "Water Protection Report."

Shoreline Restoration / Stabilization & Stormwater Management

By Crow Wing County

Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, has grants available to help offset the cost of shoreline buffer projects, which can also include stormwater management. For more information, please contact Crow Wing SWCD @ 218-828-6197.

Round Lake Board Vacancies

This year the Round Lake Improvement Association and the Round Lake Improvement District has 4 board openings: Eric Davidge, Steve Clough, Dave Leary and Eric Klang have completed their terms. The RLIA/RLID would like to thank each of them for their commitment to the organization and all of their work and wish them all the best in the future. We are happy to announce that Eric Davidge and Steve Clough have agreed to accept nominations for another three year term.

It should be pointed out that the Annual Picnic/Meeting on June 27, 2015 is for both the RLIA and the RLID. In accordance with Minnesota statutes, lake improvement districts must open their board elections and annual meetings to all property owners. In addition, provisions must be made for the casting of

ballots for those not able to attend the annual meeting. Candidates who have agreed to accept nominations are listed on the ballot, and we will accept write-in candidates. The current board members thank those on the ballot for offering their services to our association/district.

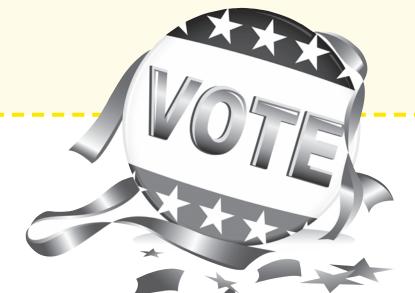
Mail-in ballots must be received by June 20, 2015.

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

ROUND LAKE BOARD MEMBER BALLOT

Paul Etzell	_ Mike Zauhar
Steve Clough	_ Eric Davidge
	Signature:
	Steve Clough

Mail to: Round Lake Ballot PO Box 378, Nisswa, MN 56468



Round Lake

Improvement Association Meeting & Improvement District Annual Meeting & Summer Picnic

June 27, 2015 - Starting at 12:00 Noon

Bring the family - Bring your grandchildren. Meet Your Neighbors? Great Bar-B-Que! Please bring a dish to pass around! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!

At the home of Berniece Slupe, 5446 Ojibwa Road





ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	CHECK#	DATE
CASH BALANCE AS OF 1/1/2014	\$57,822.81				
REVENUES:	488.74 20,197.91 15,445.68 585.00 8,408.00 240.00	Jan 24 Tax settlement July 3 Tax settlement Dec 2 Tax settlement Curly Leaf Pondweed Grant MCIT Dividend	Westfield Insurance State of MN Round Lake Improvement		1/31/2014 7/31/2014 12/31/2014 2/10/2014 6/16/2014 12/26/201
TOTAL REVENUES:\$	\$45,365.33				
EXPENDITURES:					
	2,113.00 1,237.50 380.00 250.00 710.00 210.00 37,026.73 2,117.00	Insurance Rd Lk Curly Leaf Rd Lk Stormwater Insp. 2014 LID Annual Admin Fee Rd Lk Winter Profile Rd Lk Summer TSI Rd Lake Treatment Rd Lake Insurance	MCIT AW Research Laboratories Inc AW Research Laboratories Inc CWC AW Research Laboratories Inc AW Research Laboratories Inc AW Research Laboratories Inc Lake Restoration, Inc MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust	355876 355891 355891 0 356173 356546 356593 357706	1/14/2014 1/21/2014 1/21/2014 1/31/2014 4/1/2014 6/3/2014 6/10/2014 12/20/2014
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$44,044.23	•			
CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014 =	\$59,143.91				

2015 TAX & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT DATES: JANUARY 23, 2015 (THE BALANCE OF PRIORYEAR COLLECTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID) JULY 2, 2015 (1ST HALFTAXES) DECEMBER 22, 2015 (2ND HALFTAXES)

Auditor-Treasurer's Office 1/8/2015

Bank Accounts

ROUND LAF	KE IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATIO	ON ACCOUNT
BALANCES	As of 4/1/2015

CD BlackRidge	\$15,113.02
CD Designated Funds Dredging	\$29,583.85
Checking	\$13,508.81
Savings	\$7,002.81
Svngs Dredging Funds	\$100.52
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$65,309.01
Asset Accounts	
Accounts Receivable	\$-00
TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$65,309.01
Liability Accounts	
Accounts Payable	\$-00
TOTAL Liability Accounts	\$-00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$65,309.01

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BANKING SUMMARY | 7/1/2014 through 4/1/2015

INCOME Interest Inc Dredging Funds TOTAL Interest Inc Membership Dues TOTAL INCOME	\$80.41 \$133.82 \$214.23 \$5,690.00 \$5,904.23
EXPENSES	
Insurance Buoys	\$450.00 \$438.08
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Bank Charge	\$31.39
mailbox fee	\$48.00
Misc	\$25.00
Picnic	
2014	\$514.97
Professional Fees	\$190.00
Stamps	\$6.70
Website Expense	\$24.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,728.98
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OVERALL TOTAL	\$4,175.25

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LEVELS | Contributions Received 11/1/2014 through 4/1/2015

OWL (\$20.00 - \$49.00)

Keith & Karen Danielson Carl & Cindy Guin Karen Olson Catherine Watson

HAWK (\$50.00 - \$74.99)

John & Susan Bell Dale Gatz Paul & Diane Radintz Damian & Jill Smith Geary & Mary Yaeger

OSPREY (\$75.00 - \$99.99) Jeff Harstad

EAGLE (\$100.00 or more)

Steve & Cindy Clough Doug & Marie Falls Russell & Eileen Iverson Michael & Tanya McDermott John & Amelia Svenningsen

Balance

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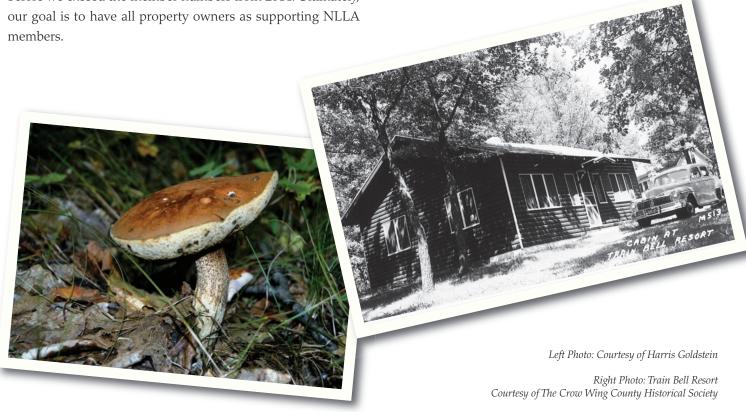
2015 Spring North Long Lake Association Membership Report

| By Kay Hondo, Membership Chair

Our membership enrollment is significantly ahead of last year. This is due to a fantastic response to our spring letter/invoice which kicked off our 2015 fund raising campaign. As you know, the letter was mailed to all property owners and friends of the lake in early March. Past practice was to ask for donations in our newsletters (with a reminder letter in the fall). But an early "invoice" via a direct mailing with a return envelope made it more convenient for our members to return donations. So far, we have gained 6 brand new members and 31 returning members (who have paid sometime in the past but didn't pay in 2014).

As of April 11, 2015, we have received dues from 284 NLLA members for this calendar year. This compares to only 54 paid members last April. While this is a huge difference, we are not "counting our chickens before they hatch" because by the end of 2014, we had 301 paying members. So, we have a ways to go before we exceed the member numbers from 2014. Ultimately, If you haven't paid your dues yet, please use your March invoice letter to do so. If you misplaced that form, you may use the membership dues statement within this newsletter (or find one via our web site at: www.northlong.com). As usual, we print the calendar year in which you last paid dues in the upper right hand corner of your address label. If there is no year, this should indicate that you haven't paid dues in the last several years. (If you recently mailed your donations prior to the writing of this report, your "year" may not be updated).

Thank you to those of you who consistently pay your dues year after year, you are the backbone of our membership. And, a special welcome and thank you to new and/or "returning" members. The generosity of our members will make it possible to continue our battle against Aquatic Invasive Species. (Be sure to read Bill Schmidt's Presidential message for what we are doing this year)! Have a great spring and summer!



North Long Lake Membership Roster

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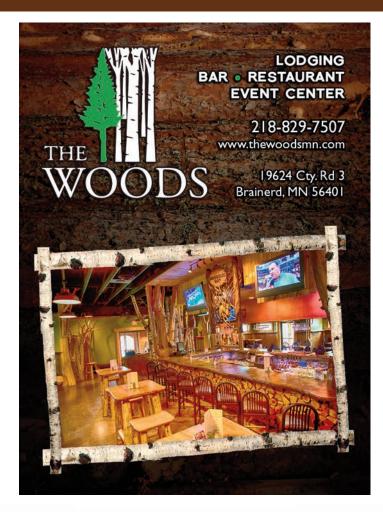


NORTH LONG LAKE 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

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

Please join us so the Association represents everyone on the lake. Dues are on a calendar year basis – January through December. And please be as generous as you can with contributions to the Invasive Species Fund. This is the only resource we have for "in kind" support for boat inspections and invasive species treatment. Remember that we are a 501(3)c organization; your invasive species donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE (however dues are not)! *Thank you!!*

Name:		
Mailing address:		Lake address:
Home Phone:		Lake Phone:
Email address:		Cell Phone:
2015 dues: \$35.00	0	Please make checks payable to:
+ Invasive Species Fund		North Long Lake Association
= Total Contribution:		P.O. Box 54 Merrifield, MN 56465



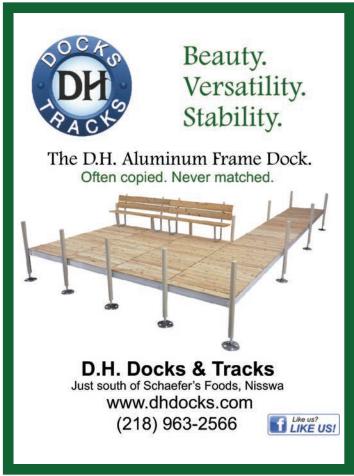


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NEWS & NOTES

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Banking Summary 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2014

		(Checking	Savings
Beginning Balance 1/1/2014		\$	22,361.11	\$ 17,069.73
Income				
	AIS		10,821.00	
	Interest Inc	\$	2.21	\$ 8.53
	Membership		7,817.00	
	NLLA Cothing		1,138.00	
	Silent Auction	\$	925.00	
Total Income		\$	20,703.21	\$ 8.53
Expenses				
Expenses	Boat Launch Monitor:Tablet	\$	214.72	
	Clothing	\$		
	Curly Leaf Treatment	Ś	2,845.60	
	Envelopes	\$	319.20	
	Fall Mailing	Ś	167.10	
	Gifts & Donations:Merrifield Lions	\$	60.00	
	Gifts & Donations:Legionville	Ś	500.00	
	TOTAL Gifts & Donations	Ś	560.00	
	Liability Insurance	Ś	450.00	
	Membership Dues	Ś	350.00	
	Newsletter	Ś	6.92	
	Picnic	\$	839.06	
	Picnic Postcard	\$	79.55	
	Postage	Ś	597.93	
	Tax:Property	\$	31.96	
	Tax:State	\$	23.81	
	Water Testing	\$	566.42	
	Water resting Watercraft Inspection	\$	9,876.30	
	Website	S	448.50	
	Website		440.30	
Total Expenses		\$	18,040.97	
Net Income		\$	2,662.24	
Ending Balance		\$	25,023.35	\$ 17,078.26
Total Assets		\$	42,101.61	

North Long, Big Lake, Courtesy of Jim Cook

News & Notes News Long Lake



This year the most popular North Long Lake logo clothing and other items will again be available. All proceeds support AIS funding at our lake. We will have caps and T shirts for sale, as well as Can Koozies. And we have many items available by special order. If you would like to preorder any items to wear at the picnic please contact Fran Cronin at (763) 427-5636.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help with manning our booths. If you are interested in helping us at this year's picnic, we need volunteers for the prizes, the silent auction and the clothing booth. We welcome anyone who is interested.

Finally, we are looking for new or handcrafted items and services for the silent auction. The silent auction is always a popular part of the picnic and proceeds support our AIS control efforts. If you have an item or service to donate for the silent auction, please contact Deb Johnson at (612) 384-0895 or a board member.







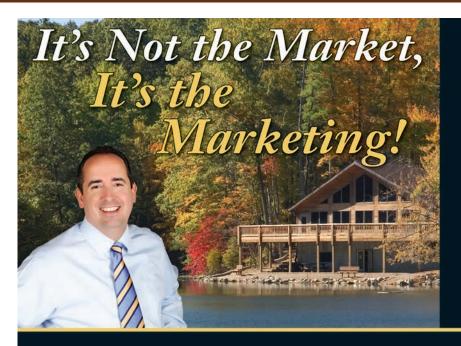




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