



Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake

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DNR inspectors, volunteer monitors help guard against invasives

In July, the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) reported that zebra mussels contaminate more than half the lakes in Crow Wing County. And now as I write in early October, lakeshore homeowners and dock service workers around the state are inspecting docks for zebras and other aquatic invasive species to determine which lakes are newly infected. It's an anxious time for many.

Jane and I have tabulated hundreds of boater survey forms completed by our monitors and inspectors. The tabulation shows that boats from more than 165 Minnesota lakes and from 10 other states and Canada found their way into Bay Lake, including Minnetonka, Mille Lacs, Gull, Pelican and the Mississippi River — all of which are contaminated. About 70 boats were last in Mille Lacs before launching into Bay. Our iLids camera at the ramp recorded more than 2,300 launches this summer, a considerably higher number than in the past. Clearly, we had a busy year.

Four tiers monitoring the boat ramp

Over the summer, we created quite a comprehensive system to monitor the boat ramp and attempt to keep invasive species at bay on Bay. First and foremost were our Bay Lake volunteers, who served about 170 hours on the ramp, checking boats both entering and leaving our waters. For their time and energies, we are grateful. Approved by the BLIA Board, we augmented their monitoring work by hiring two

college students who worked through the middle of August.

In addition to our monitors, the DNR again provided 400 hours of inspector time. In addition to THAT, we hired two part-time inspectors, trained by the DNR, who worked an additional 300 hours. This was a critical turning point for our ramp monitoring program, as DNR inspectors are authorized to physically inspect boats and may prevent a boat from entering a lake if it's determined the craft is

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Jim Bye, right, Runtilla coordinator, congratulated overall winner Kyle Snyder as other winners in Snyder's age category looked on. This year's event raised more than \$15,000 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund. Story on Page 5.

Remembering your membership dues for 2012

First, a big thanks to all those who have once again supported the Bay Lake Improvement Association by sending in their 2012 membership dues. It is always much appreciated.

Now, for those who might not have sent in their dues yet, I certainly don't want you to feel left out, so do not hesitate to still send in your \$30 dues, along with a contribution to the fireworks, if you so desire. The great thing

about sending in your BLIA dues is that it can happen at any time during the year, even up to Dec. 31 — though I have to admit, I would hope you would not wait till then. We will always put it to good use!

Make your check out to the Bay Lake Improvement Association and send it to P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444, or do it online at www.baylake.org. Either way works!

So, thank you in advance for taking care of this item on your Fall "to do" list. Thanks for another great year on Bay Lake!

Betty Marquardt
Membership

Join the BLIA Board

Would you like to take an active part in the Bay Lake Improvement Association? The Board of Directors has vacancies, and board members are looking for people with enthusiasm for Bay Lake and new perspectives on the best way to move Bay Lake into the future. The board meets monthly April through September and once in December. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Patricia Jespersion at pjesperson@aol.com.

Remembering

Our sympathy to the families and friends of these Bay Lakers, whom we lost this summer and early fall:

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Charles Salb
Harvey Throop

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EWM treatment plan still working

Once again we continued our fall lake inspection/survey for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake. We found that liquid 2,4-d does work well in Bay Lake and is less expensive. The results of our fall and spring treatments showed positively that our treatments are working.

After little or no snow last winter, and an extremely wet spring and first half of the summer, causing very low visibility due to the runoff and sediment in the water for most of the middle part of the summer, the EWM was generally not too heavy this season. We inspected Bay Lake around Labor Day and found that the EWM, while widely dispersed, was typically not that dense. We treated 45 acres with liquid 2,4-d the week of Oct. 8.

I received post cards from many of you reporting on EWM conditions and it is appreciated. I look at those along with the lake survey information to determine treatment sites.

Signatures of shoreline owners are required before we can treat within 150 feet of your shore. Next spring we will have to update our signatures file. Our new agreement will allow these signatures to be good for five years vs. the current three years. Getting the required signatures is a difficult task, and to have them valid for five years is a very good change.

Early next spring I will be sending out authorization forms for your signature, and your immediate response is appreciated by everyone. One hundred percent compliance is our goal, so next spring and

summer ask your friends and neighbors if they have sent in their approvals. Remember, one missing signature can cause us to not treat an entire shore.

The good news is that our plan to control EWM in Bay Lake really does work year after year. The bad news is, there are lots of other exotic species on our doorstep. It is imperative that we volunteer to help monitor the public access or contribute to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund to keep them out of Bay Lake.

Thank you for all your continued support for Bay Lake.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management



Environmental Protection Fund needs your help; there's still time to donate

Another wonderful year at the lake is drawing to a close. Thanks to all of our generous donors from past years for making the Bay Lake Improvement Association the best lake association in the state.

Thanks also to our members who donated to the Environmental Protection Fund this year. If you have not yet donated to the Environmental Protection Fund, there is still time. You have until Dec. 31 at midnight to make a donation, and we hope that you will continue to help make Bay Lake the special

place it is. We gratefully accept donations of money AND stocks. Appreciated stock can be a tax-efficient way to make a donation.

Also please consider making a legacy gift to future generations by including the Bay Lake Improvement Association in your will. If you have any questions regarding gifts of stock and/or including the lake in your legacy planning, please contact Dominic Ciresi at dmciresi@msn.com.

Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Dominic Ciresi
Environmental Protection Fund



As this year's Bay Lake Scramble Master Putter, Audrey Dietsch proudly wears the green jacket.

153 support Environmental Protection Fund at annual golf tournament, picnic

Aug. 11 was a lovely summer day, when 88 golfers teed off at Ruttger's for the sixth annual Bay Lake Golf Scramble.

Following the golf tournament, another 57 adults and eight children joined them for a picnic in the golf cart shelter, for a total of 153 participants.

Golf Scramble Team prizes were awarded to the following:

First Place Team — Score of 29 (7 under par!): Dave & Elaine Perry, Dan & Carol Mulheran

Second Place Team — Chuck, Corky, Charlie, Wesley & Ted Carlsen

Third Place Team — Goolsbee Gang 1: Jason, Joe, Dominick & Josh

Closest to Pin #7 in one shot: Team of Stacey & Lucy Keefe, Leslie Kohnen & Jackie Alderman

Closest to Pin #9 in one shot: Goolsbee Gang 2: Tim, St. D., Adam & Jeremy

The Christensen Insurance Agency sponsored a separate individual challenge on Pin #9 to hit within a 20-foot circle. This event raised \$345 for the Environmental Protection Fund. Thank you!

A special "thanks" to Josh and the Lonesome Pine restaurant for the delicious meatballs and shrimp at the seventh hole and for sponsoring the Hole-in-One event there. Unfortunately, no one won the snowmobile this year.

A putting contest was also included again this year. Many people qualified for the putting

finale, which was worth \$100. Audrey Dietsch was this year's winner. She was presented with a green jacket embroidered with "Bay Lake Scramble Master Putter" and a \$100 check from Sunshine Golf (George and LaDonna Reynolds). Congrats, Audrey!

Many door prizes were awarded at the picnic, thanks to the generosity of the following individuals and businesses: Hansen Sports, Lonesome Pine Restaurant, Ruttger's Resort, Sunshine Golf, Christensen Insurance, Cummings Holiday Station. We appreciate all the support and interest in keeping Bay Lake environmentally clean for everyone. Thank you!

We thank Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger for the use of their great facilities. A huge thanks to Jamie Alderman, golf professional, and his staff for their support and assistance in setting up the tournament. And a very special thanks goes to **everyone** who attended to make this a special event, raising more than \$2,700 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund. Great job, everyone!

Looking ahead to the seventh annual Golf/Picnic event, please mark the second Saturday in August 2013 on your calendar. Plan to bring your family, friends and guests to support a great cause! ALL are WELCOME!

Thanks to EVERYONE for a great day!

George and LaDonna Reynolds
Co-chairs

Record number attends 28th annual Runtilla

Under gradually sunning skies, the 28th annual Runtilla drew a record number of more than 500 people Aug. 4 — many to run, walk, bike or skate, and the rest to cheer them on.

Kyle Snyder was the overall winner, running the 5K course in 17 minutes, 42 seconds, while Kendra Lila won the women's division with a time of 20:58.

This year's event raised \$15,200 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund, bringing the historical total to \$195,200. "Next year we should surpass our long-time goal of \$200,000," said Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator.

Bri Shekels created the design for the 2012 t-shirt, which listed the names of 58 sponsors, including seven new ones. Although the total number of sponsors was lower than last year's total of 70, 17, or 29 percent, of repeat sponsors increased their contributions.

As they have in the past few years, "Charlie" and Jackie Charles hosted their popular picnic in their garage following the event, cooking 500 bratwurst and providing potato salad, chips and other fixings. Bye thanked them, and Josh Goolsbee and Jim Brecht, who donated bottled water.

From those ordering trophies or fetching tables, water and safety equipment, to those setting up the morning of the event, monitoring race results and more, 29 people helped make the event happen, said Bye. "Special thanks to all!"

Bye also thanked Lynn Hansen, who registered Runtilla participants and later distributed



The Runtilla is a family event that attracts Bay Lakers of all ages. This year a record 500 people attended, including some four-generation families.

event t-shirts. He asked participants to be sure to order t-shirts in advance next year.

"This year we ran out of extra shirts and had to have more printed," he said.

The Runtilla is a great family event, said Bye. This year at least

five sets of four-generation families attended.

"Lots of people bring their kids and grandkids," he said. "It fosters a great feeling of community."

The 2013 Runtilla will be in late July. Watch for information next spring.

Here are the 2012 winners:

Age 0 to 10

- 1 - Sieve Megan, 9, 24:10
- 2 - Brita, 10, 28:45
- 2 - Marit Swenson, 10, 28:45
- 1 - Henry Campbell, 9, 23:21
- 2 - Cormac Kelly, 9, 25:28
- 3 - Bjorn Swenson, 8, 25:35

Age 11 to 15

- 1 - Emily Rose, 15, 23:50
- 2 - Alexi Miller, 11, 24:08
- 3 - Sam Miller, 13, 27:11
- 1 - Alex Brown, 11, 21:26
- 2 - Nathan Johnson, 15, 23:30
- 3 - Connor Rose, 14, 23:44

Age 16 to 20

- 1 - Jenna McElroy, 19, 22:11
- 2 - Taylor Thompson, 19, 26:26
- 3 - Meghan Herring, 17, 27:37

- 1 - Henry Jessen, 16, 19:40
- 2 - Connor Eklund, 20, 22:24
- 3 - Jake Titus, 16, 27:25

Age 21 to 30

- 1 - Jackie Sorensen, 22:55
- 2 - Carlie Hanson, 23:27
- 3 - Kristy Kemp, 24:14
- 1 - Max Hanson, 18:27
- 2 - Pete Vukelsch, 18:34
- 3 - David Cherne, 21:08

Age 31 to 40

- 1 - Kendra Lila, 20:58
- 2 - Cara Campbell, 22:35
- 3 - Maureen Marvin, 24:21
- 1 - Kyle Snyder, 17:42
- 2 - Paul Marvin, 21:33
- 3 - Chris Martin, 21:35

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Campers, Sunday worshipers, Big Swimmers make a great summer

We enjoyed another great summer at Bay Lake Camp and continue to host campers throughout the fall and winter: church groups, 4-H, theater camp, public schools, college groups, family reunions, quilters and crafters, to name a few. In October we hosted 200 Augsburg College students for a weekend retreat!

Remember Bay Lake Camp when you're thinking of hosting a family reunion or party. Come on over and check us out.

Perhaps you have noticed the activity at the west end of the island this summer. Staff and volunteers have been busy refurbishing the rustic cabin for use year round. It is part of our dream to have a folk school soon.

Come join us on Sunday mornings at camp! This year an average of 200 people worshiped together in God's



Stephanie Hansen finished first in the third annual Big Swim. This year's participants went around Church Island, from the camp landing to the camp beach.

great outdoors. Thank you to all who helped make this happen in 2012. On Labor Day Sunday more than 400 people attended our final worship and festivities. Pie and ice cream and hot dogs were enjoyed while we held a live and silent action, all raising funds for our Send a Kid to Camp mission. We thank all of our supporters who bid and donated items for the auction. The event was a huge success!

More than 30 participated in our third annual "Big Swim," raising more than \$3,500 to add to our Send a Kid to Camp mission. This year swimmers, kayakers and canoes started at the camp landing and went around Church Island, finishing at the camp beach. We celebrated with a picnic supper at camp. Watch for details in the spring Breezes on next summer's "Big Swim."

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at noon, for our annual New Year's Day service, when we gather around the campfire at the outdoor chapel, weather (and ice conditions) permitting. What a great way to begin the New Year.

In closing, remember that a gift of \$250 will help send a kid to camp for a week next summer. Help us provide this camping opportunity, sharing God's amazing creation!

Thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers, all helping us preserve Church Island and our mission to serve.



Junior high campers had a lot of fun this summer.

See you on the island,
Brenda Olson, Camp Director
612-247-0360
Carol and Gary Malek
218-820-3329

First Amazing Race — Bay Lake style — is amazing

It was a great first Bay Lake Amazing Race, from all the wonderful volunteers at each challenge, to the participating teams. And a huge thanks to Josh Goolsbee and the Lonesome Pine for an amazing finale!

The July 21 event was not a timed race on the lake, but rather timed at each challenge. Eight teams, each with four members, competed in 10 challenges around the lake, performing such feats as paddleboarding and naming places on a map of the lake. Teams included several families.

After a brief meeting on Church Island, each team was given a different destination and challenge. Upon completing one challenge, the team received a clue to the next destination and challenge. After a total of 10 timed challenges, all teams met at the Lonesome Pine for pizza. The Amazing Race was finished within two hours, and the winning team was the Joas family.

The date for the 2013 Bay Lake Amazing Race is yet to be announced. Be sure to watch for information and put the date on your calendar. We are always looking for volunteers.

Thanks again for making the Amazing Race-on-my-bucket-list come true! Next year the event will be even bigger and better. Naturally there is room for improvement and more volunteers. Keep in touch!

Nancy LaTourneau



The Joas family competed against seven other teams to win the first Bay Lake Amazing Race.

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Age 41 to 50

- 1 - Terri Simonelic, 23:19
- 2 - Darla Clementz, 23:31
- 3 - Jennifer Swenson, 24:47
- 1 - Dan Wroblewski, 20:30
- 2 - Matt Campbell, 22:01
- 3 - Mike Rose, 22:10

Age 51 to 60

- 1 - Sandy Hiel, 26:24
- 2 - Diane Meyer, 29:30
- 3 - Tari Sherry, 29:53
- 1 - Dean Hansen, 20:17
- 2 - Marcus Johnson, 21:43
- 3 - Jeff Lundquist, 24:06

Age 61 to 70

- 1 - Paula Snyder, 29:35
- 2 - LaVonne Gilbretson, 31:40
- 3 - Connie Pfeifer, 45:58
- 1 - Gregory Garmer, 23:27
- 2 - Sherm Malkerson, 25:12
- 3 - Dave Winkle, 25:50

Age 71 to 100

- 1 - Joanne Renquist, 44:15
- 2 - Darla Fischer, 47:58
- 1 - John Day, 35:46
- 2 - Mark Papen, 43:19
- 3 - Ken Hodges, 44:19

Kelsey Peterson fundraiser a success

In July, a dive into Lake Superior severely injured Kelsey Peterson, a lifelong Bay Laker. Bay Lake friends gathered at Lonesome Pine on Sept. 29 for a fundraiser and silent auction to raise money to help with Kelsey's medical expenses. The following is a thank-you note from her family.

To the Bay Lake and Surrounding Communities:

Thank you to all who attended or sent good wishes and love to Kelsey at her fundraiser. It was so joyous for us to be back and visit with good friends, and it was so inspiring to meet new friends who were touched by Kelsey and came to share their love and support.

We offer a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who took the time and gave of themselves to put on the fundraiser. Thank you to Jerry Poland for the lovely idea to have a fundraiser for Kelsey. BIG, BIG, BIG hug to Jane Rollins, who took the idea and literally ran with it to create a successful event filled with laughter, warmth and love. And we mean "ran," as she organized and put the event together in less than one month! Thank you to Meredith Poland for handling all the set-up and to Rene and Al Sharpe for getting the word out to the press and for set-up. To Amy Sharpe Carls for her help with the flyers and dispensing information when needed. To Phil Rollins for being the point man, etc.!!! To Nancy LaTourneau for all sorts of help, Nancy and Kerry Herberg for selling raffle tickets, Sandy Johnson for registration and handling auction bids, and Chi Chi McDermott for all sorts of help, too! To Mary Watson, Joan Malkerson and Donna Ramsay for set-up, John Enright for the

technical help, Mary Beth Sorenson for registration and Kathy Johnsen for selling "KCP" necklaces. And a big apology and thank you to anyone whom we have neglected to mention due only to our being unaware of your generous participation. Thank you.

Thank you also to Warren "26" Malkerson for his amazing vocal ability and persistence in maintaining crowd control while announcing...and to Bruce Johnson for invaluable "backup" vocals.

A big, big thank you to Josh and Amy Goolsbee for hosting the event and donating the wonderful food, which we did not get enough of.

A huge heartfelt "never will be enough" thank you to all the people who donated the silent auction gifts.

And finally, thank you, thank you, thank you to all who

attended or sent lovely cards and well wishes and love to Kelsey.

Kelsey recorded a lovely thank-you video, which I am going to upload onto YouTube under the title "Kelsey's Thank You." You can also view Kelsey's first message on YouTube titled "Kelsey's Message," which was recorded on July 28, and a video made in July of her arm dance titled "Kelsey's Arm Dance." If you are interested in following Kelsey's progress, please go to www.caringbridge.org and type in kelseypeterson (one word) in the "site" box.

We will forever hold you in our hearts as family.

Be blessed,

Tori and Spence, Nicholas and Sheri, Schuyler, Nathan and Hilary and Loretta Grace, and most of all, Kelsey



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contaminated. Monitors do not have these options. We were on the ramp one August afternoon when an inspector did just that. The mussels she found were the size of a grain of rye. The boat had previously been in Minnetonka.

Tracking the shifts of various monitors and inspectors was challenging. That said, the list below is my best effort to produce a list of the Bay Lake volunteers this season. When you see these folks, please thank them for their efforts.

Bay Lake Monitors, Summer 2012

Char Akers
Marlene and Chuck Albertson
Lisa Baumgartner
Terrie Bunker
Nancy Campion
Corky and Chuck Carlsen
Cy Dehn
Diane Donnino
Ann Dougherty
Jack Dyste
Patrick Gallagher
Quint Hanson
Maxine and Jerry Hendricks
Sandy Johnson
Bob Kellestad

Bobbie Keller
Carol and Gary Malek
Betty Marquardt
Sue Mathews
Mary Maus
Cathy McDougal
Jennifer Miller
Ginny and Walt Moore
Dan Mulheran
Diane Meyer
Rachel Nash
Bruce Oliphant
Connie Olson
Dave Perry
Cathe Picek

Kathy and Doug Pansch
Meredith Poland
Donna Ramsey
Hale Ritchie
Jane and Phil Rollins
Mike Rose
MaryBeth Sorensen
Chris Ruttger
Jan Strand
Laurie Sweeney
Tiffin Tripp
Mary Watson
Ruth Ann and Jon Wefald
Jim Ysseldyke

Beyond the boat ramp

The BLIA Board has taken a strong stand to try to reduce lake access at points other than the public ramp, asking the Bay Lake Township Board to close a rudimentary ramp at the end of Brighton Point Road. No decision has been made as of this writing. In August, the township board approved new rules greatly reducing allowable activities on township-owned lake access land; this includes prohibiting boats, trailers, vehicles and permanent structures. We'll continue to monitor these important issues.

The 2013 season

Threats from zebra mussels and other destructive creatures and vegetation have never been greater. Bay Lake is surrounded by contaminated waters — the DNR has found zebras in Black Bear, Boom, some pit lakes, Half-Moon, Nisswa, Pelican, Pickerel, Rice, Round, Roy and other lakes in Crow Wing County alone. Since no effective method yet exists to rid a lake of invasives, our best path is to continue our prevention (and treatment, in the case of milfoil) programs. And hope for success.

Invasive species concerns do not end with milfoil or zebras, and the BLIA Board is considering how to better reduce

our exposure to the new threats on the horizon. Given the authority granted to DNR inspectors, especially their ability to reject a contaminated boat, I expect we will use and pay for these inspectors again next year. Paying DNR-trained inspectors is expensive; we paid approximately \$5,000 for them this season. We can afford this option because of donations to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund. If you are not already doing so, please consider giving to this fund so that we can continue our efforts to keep invasives out of Bay Lake. Donations may be sent to: BLIA Environmental Protection Fund, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444.

Phil Rollins
Access monitoring

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Celebrate the Holiday Season with your Bay Lake friends

Join us at the 2012 BLIA Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 8
Ruby's Room at Ruttger's

Social hour starts at 5 p.m., with traditional holiday buffet at 6.

Reservation material will come in the mail.
For more information, call Sylvia Graff, 218-678-2543.

See you there!

A few large Bay Lake Caricature maps from BLIA's 25th anniversary celebration will be available at the holiday party for \$12.50 on a first-come basis. Contact Sylvia prior to the party to reserve one.

