



# Bay Lake Breezes

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## Still no zebra mussels in sight in Bay Lake

This past summer, Bay Lake continued its aggressive program of using paid DNR-trained inspectors to examine boats coming and going via our public access. Beginning mid-May and ending late October, inspectors were present every day for most daylight hours, roughly 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., with some longer shifts on holidays and weekends.

Good news that, through mid-October, we have no sign that zebra mussels (ZMs) or any other aquatic invasive species (AIS) are in the lake.

new ZM infestations. When an infestation is first discovered and if it can be contained in a small area, DNR has the ability to treat and attempt to exterminate the ZMs. However, if the ZMs are widespread, current resources and technologies don't allow for an extermination program. Therefore, early detection has become an important part of our efforts on Bay Lake.

In a new effort to catch a possible infestation early, last season we installed and frequently checked 11 ZM

detectors around the lake. We also conducted mid-summer water testing for microscopic ZM larvae (known as veligers) and periodically hired a scuba diver to search for ZMs near the public access.

Bay Lakers can help by examining their own dock poles and boat lift supports, both during the summer and as docks and lifts are removed for winter. In some lakes, children, who tend to be in the water more often than adults, have found AIS, continued on Page 3

## New DNR option

The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has recently developed an "early response program" for

### AIS volunteers needed

We are looking for several volunteers to help with existing and new AIS prevention programs. If interested in helping with these important activities in 2016, please contact Phillip Rollins at [philfishing@gmail.com](mailto:philfishing@gmail.com) or (415) 497-2838.



People of all ages — even little ones in strollers — and their canine friends took part in the 31st annual Runtlla. This year the event raised about \$22,000 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund. Story and more pictures on Page 5.

## Three cheers, thunderous applause and a HUGE thank you!

ATTENTION! The end is near! The end of 2015, that is. So, if you have not, for some unbelievable reason, NOT sent in your 2015 membership dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Your dues are very much appreciated and always put to good use. In fact, this year, for the very first time we have three memberships sent in by dogs! Yes, that is true. They love Bay

Lake so much they, too, wanted to be part of the BLIA.

You can mail your dues to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444, or send them in online at [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org). Also, if you enjoy the fireworks over the 4th of July, you can add an extra amount for that.

Thank you to all who have faithfully sent in your dues. You are special people.

Betty Marquardt  
Membership

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## Remembering

This summer and early fall, we lost several longtime Bay Lakers and former Bay Lakers. Our sympathy to the families and friends of:

Tom Anderson  
Catherine (Cross) Bremhorst  
Nancy Bunger  
Mark Callahan  
Delores Chatterton  
Chester Dabrowski  
Wally Faster  
LaVayne Finberg  
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## Weather conditions make 2015 a challenging year for Eurasian watermilfoil and native weed control

After several years of relatively minimal Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) issues, this year was a little more challenging.

When there was very little snow cover this past winter, we knew there were going to be issues with all the weeds in the lake. While the EWM was worse than it had been in a number of years, the native species were as big of a problem. They also were growing under the ice last winter and came on with a vengeance this spring along with the EWM.

AIS, continued from Page 1

ZMs. You can help by making your young people aware of this important role they can play.

### Another new threat

Up to this point, we've focused primarily on ZMs and the spiny water flea, both in Mille Lacs and other nearby waters. A new invasive specie plant, starry stonewort, has found its way into several Minnesota lakes, although none nearby. Try an Internet search for this plant to learn how much more destructive the stonewort is than Eurasian watermilfoil or ZMs. Yes, fighting the AIS battle does seem unending.

None of this would be possible without the generous contributions to the Environmental Protection Fund made by many BLIA members. Thank you for your past support. Please keep the fund in mind when making 2015 year-end donations.

Phil Rollins  
AIS prevention

After our Fall survey, we treated a total of 85 acres (88 sites) the first week of October. This was in addition to the previous treatment of eight acres in June. Fall treatments have been very effective in the past, and with great weather conditions, I would expect good results again.

We appreciate all those who responded with a post card after checking your shoreline for EWM and zebra mussels. Once again, those findings are very helpful in the survey process.

Next year we will continue our plan of controlling EWM in Bay Lake. We appreciate the incredible support from everyone around the lake.

Thank you also for your contributions to the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund. Without them we would not be able to do what we have done.

Thank you,

David Devins  
Aquatic plant management

## 4th annual Bay Lake Amazing Race was amazing



### Team Rose Camp took first place overall

#### Individual challenge team winners:

Map - Echo Baes  
Paddleboard - Cheetah With Wings  
Tire - Rose Camp  
Dice - Echo Baes  
Minnow - Bay Stars  
Leaves - Victorious Secret  
Polish Ski - Is Rusty Still in the Navy?  
Words - Rose Camp  
Cast - Rose Camp  
Balloon Toss - Rose Camp

It was another perfect day for the Bay Lake Amazing Race!

Twenty-one teams took on a variety of challenges in various places on the lake. Rose Camp was the overall winner, completing the challenges in a total of 6.06 minutes. God Bless America was second, finishing in 7.50 minutes, and Is Rusty Still in the Navy? took third with a time of 7.62 minutes.

The event raised \$2,150 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund.

“Thanks to all the event volunteers (they all had a great time) and a special thanks to Josh and Karen [Goolsbee] for providing us a place for the award ceremony!!” said Nancy LaTourneau, event coordinator.

Watch for information on the 2016 Amazing Race. Contact Nancy at [ctboss1999@yahoo.com](mailto:ctboss1999@yahoo.com) with any ideas for next year's event or your interest in volunteering.

## August storm spares Bay Lake area of serious damage, allowing Bay Lakers to enjoy annual golf scramble and picnic

After a strong wind and rain storm that damaged golf courses and homes in the Gull Lake area, Ruttger's closed their golf course on Saturday morning, Aug. 8, to allow the ground crew time to clean up the debris. We were fortunate that no serious damage was reported in the Bay Lake area. By noon that day, we got a call saying that the course would be open that afternoon and that the Golf Scramble was back on schedule! With a grateful sigh of relief, 18 teams were ready to tee off for the 9th annual Bay Lake Golf Scramble and Picnic that afternoon. Following the golf tournament, another 35 adults and children joined them for a picnic in the golf cart shelter to support the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund.

Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger donated the use of their great golf facility for the event. Our sincere thanks goes to them and to David Sadlowsky, golf professional, and to his staff for their support and assistance in setting up the tournament! A very special thanks is extended to **everyone** who attended to make this a special event, raising more than \$2,600 for the Bay Lake Environmental Fund. Great job, everyone!

Two teams tied with a score of 31 (five under par!) so golf professional David Sadlowsky used the handicap rating system to break the tie and determine the winners.

Golf Scramble Team prizes were awarded to the following:

First Place Team — Score 31 (5 under par!): Dave and Karlynn Fronek, Mike and Debbie Mirau

Second Place Team — Score 31 (5 under par!): Mike and Karen Norman, Dean and Sue Mathews

Third Place Team — Score 32 (4 under par!): Bob and Lisa Baumgartner, Dave and Lanie Perry

Team closest to Pin #7: John, Molly, Peter and Mary Mulheran

Team closest to Pin #9: Bob and Lisa Baumgartner, Dave and Lanie Perry

Team closest to Pin #6 in two shots: Brad and Deb Hanson, Pete and Deane Donnino

Team with straightest drive on #2: Joe and Nancy Tighe, Jim and Brenda Pierce

The popular Putting Contest was included again this year. Twelve people qualified for the putting finale, which was worth \$100. Karlynn Fronek was this year's winner. 2014 winner Jim Pierce presented Karlynn with the Bay Lake Scramble Master Putter green jacket! The \$100 check from Reynolds Sunshine Golf was presented to the winner. Congratulations, Karlynn!

Donations to the Environmental Fund and door prizes were



**Karlynn Fronek proudly wears her Bay Lake Scramble Master Putter green jacket.**

awarded at the picnic, thanks to the generosity of the following individuals and businesses: Ruttger's Resort, Lonesome Pine Restaurant, Mills Fleet Farm, Reynolds Sunshine Golf, Hansen Sports, Fine Line Spa, Ace Hardware, Nor-Son Builders, and Knollwood Wine and Spirits. We appreciate all the support and interest from so many in keeping Bay Lake environmentally clean for everyone! Thank you!

Looking ahead to the 10th annual Golf Scramble and Picnic event next year, please mark Aug. 13, the second Saturday in August 2016, on your calendar. Plan to bring your family, friends and guests to enjoy a great game of golf and support a great cause! **ALL are WELCOME!!**

Thanks to **EVERYONE** for making our 9th annual Golf Scramble and Picnic a successful day!

George and LaDonna Reynolds  
Co-chairs

## 31st annual Runtilla: a good race on a great day

Hundreds of Bay Lakers of all ages came out to enjoy the beautiful day and take part in the 31st annual Runtilla Aug. 1. Many ran, walked, biked or skated around the 5K course while family members and friends cheered them on. Even some family dogs and young children in strollers joined in.

“Participation was just outstanding,” said Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator.

Henry Jessen was the overall winner for the third year in a row. He ran the course in 16 minutes, 22 seconds, more than 30 seconds faster than his time last year, which in turn was nearly 50 seconds faster than his 2013 time.

Jenna McElroy won the women’s division with a time of 21 minutes, 7 seconds.

Many participants stayed for a picnic provided by “Charlie” and Jackie Charles and family, an event that has become a tradition.



**Henry Jessen, right, was the overall winner of the Runtilla for the third year in a row. He stands with fellow winners Joe Swenson, second from left, and Ryan VanOrman, along with Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, left.**

“We ran out of almost everything, so people seemed to enjoy the food,” said Bye, who thanked Charlie and Jackie for their generosity.

Bye also thanked Josh Goolsbee for setting up his Bloody Mary bar, another new hit. Half of Bloody Mary proceeds go to support the Runtilla and the Environmental Protection Fund. Goolsbee also donates bottled water.

Bye gave special thanks to the 29 “tremendous” volunteers who “work very hard” to make the Runtilla a success and to Bobbie Keller for taking pictures and covering the event in the Breezes.

Bye’s thanks also went to the many sponsors, who collectively donated about \$22,000 this year. This was one of the biggest years ever in donations, he said. The amount brings the historical total to about \$240,000, which means “next year we’ll cross over the threshold of a quarter of a million dollars,” said Bye. “Bay Lakers are very, very generous.”



**Runners of all ages participated in the 31st annual Runtilla.**

**Runtilla winners on Page 7**

## 89th year another active one for Bay Lake Camp

Hello from Bay Lake Camp and First Lutheran Church of St. Paul! 2015 has been our 89th year of camping on Church Island. What a mission those Swedes from the east side of St. Paul had when they voted to start a camp on the island 89 years ago! The number of lives touched is endless. The search is still on for a partner to help continue this ministry at Bay Lake Camp.

Clients this past year ranged from church groups, Boy Scouts, 4-H groups and a theater group to family reunions, public school events, business retreats and crafters. We continue to book events. Come on over and check out the Red Cedar Lodge for your event.

In July we held another Bridge tournament to raise funds to help send a kid to camp. Thanks to all who helped organize and attend. Cards and lunch in a beautiful setting...perfect!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our summer worship services a success.



**Worshippers bundled up for Bay Lake Camp's traditional New Year's Day service.**



**Bay Lakers gathered to worship on Labor Day Sunday. Bay Lake Camp hosts outdoor services every Sunday from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.**

Memorial Day through Labor Day we provide a time to gather on Church Island for praise and fellowship. Again, lives are touched!

Labor Day Sunday we held our annual pie and ice cream social and silent auction. Together we

raised funds to help send kids to camp. Thanks goes to all who donated items and/or bid on items. It was a beautiful Sunday, with more than 300 in attendance!

Also, we thank all of you who helped put in and take out docks at camp again this past season...we make it a fun time to be together!

New this summer, we opened the Island Cafe on the weekends, serving specialty coffees, smoothies and breakfast. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed. Word is it was a success!

Mark your calendars for our annual New Year's Day worship service, noon at the outdoor chapel, gathering around a campfire. (Of course, weather and ice conditions permitting.)

We take this time to thank you for all of your support over the years.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas season.

See you on the island,  
Brenda Olson  
Camp Director  
(651) 247-0360  
Carol and Gary Malek  
(218) 820-3329



**Winners in the women's division, 61-70 age group, pose with Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator. Winners are, from right, Paula Snyder, Kathy Stark and Jen Peterson.**



**Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, places the winner's medal over the head of Jenna McElroy, who won the women's division, as fellow winners in her age group look on.**

### **2015 Runtilla winners (Story and more pictures on Page 5)**

#### Age 0 to 10

- 1 - Lauren Haerter, 10, 26:47
- 2 - Liv Birkeland, 10, 27:05
- 3 - Claire Wroblewski, 10, 31:50
- 1 - Tommy Sieve, 10, 23:46
- 2 - Tony Billman, 10, 25:58
- 3 - Dillon Hammer, 10, 27:07

#### Age 11 to 15

- 1 - Megan Sieve, 12, 21:42
- 2 - Brita Birkeland, 13, 21:57
- 3 - Leah VanOrman, 14, 22:57
- 1 - David Birkeland, 15, 19:05
- 2 - Luke Jessen, 14, 21:16
- 3 - Will Magnuson, 12, 21:38

#### Age 16 to 20

- 1 - Lauren Scheidler, 17, 22:33
- 2 - Emily Rose, 18, 28:56
- 3 - Touria Techam, 19, 28:57
- 1 - Henry Jessen, 19, 16:22
- 2 - Ryan VanOrman, 16, 17:56
- 3 - Joe Swenson, 16, 20:29

#### Age 21 to 30

- 1 - Jenna McElroy, 21:07
- 2 - Kim Carroll, 23:12
- 3 - Abigail Shafer, 23:20
- 1 - Ben Weidemann, 19:43
- 2 - James Ryan, 21:20
- 3 - J. P. Rose, 21:27

#### Age 31 to 40

- 1 - Melanie Garms, 22:22
- 2 - Anonymous, 24:33
- 3 - Emily Neumann, 25:54
- 1 - Kyle Snyder, 17:20
- 2 - Bud Rossing, 21:19
- 3 - Paul Garms, 23:18

#### Age 41 to 50

- 1 - Jennifer Qualer, 25:00
- 2 - Jill Feriancek, 28:42
- 3 - Chris Cobney, 29:37
- 1 - Dan Wroblewski, 20:31
- 2 - Tyler Penninan, 22:59
- 3 - Mike Rose, 23:00

#### Age 51 to 60

- 1 - Kitty Croston, 24:53
- 2 - Jean Devins, 27:40
- 3 - Diane Meyer, 28:45
- 1 - Dean Hansen, 22:37
- 2 - Brian Parent, 24:14
- 3 - Mark Jessen, 24:58
- 3 - Lance Broadler, 24:58

#### Age 61 to 70

- 1 - Paula Snyder, 30:26
- 2 - Kathy Stark, 39:06
- 3 - Jen Peterson, 42:34
- 1 - Marcus Johnson, 22:41
- 2 - Art Erdman, 28:27
- 3 - Roger Stark, 32:56

#### Age 71 to 100

- 1 - Joanne Renquist, 39:39
- 2 - Meredith Poland, 51:35
- 2 - Carolyn Mogen, 51:35
- 3 - Rosemary Sieve, 51:59
- 1 - Bill Coongy, 26:25
- 2 - Sherm Malkerson, 27:06
- 3 - Dale Peterson, 37:31

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**Celebrate the Holiday Season  
with your Bay Lake friends**

Join us at the 2015 BLIA Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 6  
Ruby's Room at Ruttger's

Social hour starts at 4 p.m., traditional holiday buffet at 5:15.

You should have received reservation material in the mail.  
For more information, call Sylvia Graff, 218-678-2543.

See you there!

