



# Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake

Improvement Association Inc.

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## Zebra mussels found in Bay Lake this summer; goal now to contain them, keep out other invasives

For more than 20 years, your association has been working to prevent the introduction of new invasive species, like zebra mussels (ZMs). As we reported over the summer, three mature ZMs were found at different locations: east of the Church Island channel, just north of Malkerson Island and near the public access. July DNR (Department of Natural Resources) water sampling showed microscopic ZM veligers (larvae) in the water column. Scuba diving, dock and lift inspections, and additional water sampling found no other evidence of an infestation, thus we were unable to find a specific site of multiple specimens.

Bay is surrounded by lakes with ZM invasions. In 2012, ZMs were found in nearby Pelican Lake, and their population increases were closely monitored each year. Testing there has shown fewer than one ZM per square foot observed in 2012-14, then 12 per square foot in 2015 and 300 in 2016, after which the numbers leveled off. And while Bay Lake water mineral and chemical makeup are suitable for ZM expansion, our lack of a rocky

bottom may slow down the expansion. My guess is that we will have two to three years of minimal ZM population growth, followed by a large increase.

The University of Minnesota Aquatic Species Research Center continues to study methods of treating and eliminating ZMs and other invasives. Treatments of small infestations have shown mixed results and lakewide treatment is not yet available. We are following closely work done at the Center. The BLIA Board has approved a donation to support their work (see below) and is encouraging individuals to do the same.

New and more damaging invasives are finding their way into some Midwest lakes. To minimize our risk, we will continue our public access boat inspection program to try to prevent any new infestations.

As anyone on Pelican, Mille Lacs, Gull or other infested lakes will tell you, living with ZMs is a hassle, but does not spoil life on the lake. As we progress through this situation, we will continue to communicate with BLIA members about what to expect and new developments in ZM management and eradication.

Phil Rollins  
[bliaprez@baylake.org](mailto:bliaprez@baylake.org)

At its September meeting, your BLIA Board approved the donation of \$10,000 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, based on the University of Minnesota campus. The donation will be applied specifically to the area of zebra mussel management and control research and represents less than 1.5 percent of our current reserves. MAISRC funding comes from various sources: the DNR, state legislature and 45 other lake associations. The Center was formed in 2013 to find practical solutions to the zebra mussel infestation, now affecting almost 200 Minnesota lakes. For further information, see [www.maisrc.umn.edu](http://www.maisrc.umn.edu).

# Congratulations! Celebration! Hooray for the BLIA!!

We did it! Everyone who has sent in their 2018 membership dues can help us celebrate the fact that we now have more than 600 members who have joined the Bay Lake Improvement Association. In fact, we have 630 members! I cannot thank you all enough for your

support! Thank you to everyone who has put in extra effort to get more new members. It is much appreciated.

Now I'm sure there are still some who have not sent in their dues for this year. Do not panic. There is always time to do so,

however, the sooner the better. You can mail in your \$30, or more if you want to contribute to the fireworks, to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444. Or to make it easier and quicker, you can go online to [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org) and instantly become a member. Either way we're glad to see you join the rest of us in showing our support for the best lake association in the State of Minnesota, maybe the whole country!! No pride there!

Thanks again to everyone. We have a great organization!

Betty Marquardt  
Membership

## Remembering

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

Marillyn Goolsbee  
Herb Kahler  
Chuck Knapper  
Marianne Kubin  
Harriet Lonergan  
Ron Peterson  
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## Eurasian watermilfoil still under control

This year we continued our program to control Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake as we have since 1992. We conducted a spring survey and then treated 20 acres of EWM in June. We did a survey again around Labor Day, followed by a treatment of 30 acres the first week of October.

The treatments last fall and again this June were very effective. Once again this summer the native vegetation was very healthy and diverse, keeping the EWM in check. Over all, EWM was significantly reduced in area and density from previous years. Fall treatments work the best, with spring/summer treatments having had mixed results over the years. For the most part, we treat potential traffic and access areas in the spring and larger/more sites in the fall. Our goal has always been

to not let EWM be the dominant plant in the lake, and we have done just that.

We sent out EWM and zebra mussel ID cards in August asking all who can to inspect their shoreline, docks and boats for signs of zebra mussels or EWM, and the response was very helpful and appreciated. Thanks to all who returned the postcards with your findings.

As a reminder, we are not collecting treatment authorization



signatures any longer. We are working on the assumption that it is OK to treat your shoreline unless we hear from you that it is not. Each year we will survey the lake in late May/early June, conducting a treatment in June. We will then do another survey around Labor Day, followed up with a treatment in the first part of October. This will be posted in the spring and fall issues of the Breezes each year and on the Bay Lake website approximately a week before each treatment. We will also send an e-mail notification to everyone on our list before each treatment.

Thanks to all for your support. We continue to control EWM in Bay Lake, and it's because of all of your contributions and support for the program.

David Devins  
Aquatic plant management

## BLIA to focus on water quality in 2019

Much to celebrate after another great Minnesota summer at the lake. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, participated or otherwise helped make for another great season.

In 2019, BLIA will again sponsor and/or support these activities: Shoreline Enhancement/Plant Giveaway, Small Northern Pike Contest, Music on the Lake, Fireworks, Runtilla, Amazing Race, Second Annual Block Party and Picnic on Church Island, Trivia Night and New Year's Fireworks (see dates on Page 7). Each of these events is produced by a cadre of Bay Lake volunteers, too many to list. Thanks to each of

you for helping create and continue the Bay Lake experience.

We also intend to focus on water quality next year and are currently working with the Crow Wing Soil and Water District about ways to improve the quality of Bay Lake waters. Projects under consideration include helping Bay Lake property owners develop natural shorelines to reduce and prevent runoff, identifying and mitigating other lake inflows, and developing easements to maintain natural habitat.

Yes, zebra mussels were found in Bay Lake earlier this summer

(see article on Page 1). A handful of other destructive invasives are infesting Midwest lakes, and we will continue our efforts to prevent their introduction into Bay Lake.

2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Bay Lake Improvement Association. A small committee has been meeting to decide how to celebrate the successes of those 50 years, with announcements coming in the spring.

Have a safe and warmish winter. I look forward to sharing with you another great summer on Bay Lake.

Phil Rollins  
President, BLIA

## Anglers have a good time helping to improve Bay Lake

Thank you to all who participated in the first annual Bay Lake Hammer-Handle Pike Contest. We had no idea what to expect on our first summer and were completely blown away by the support from our Bay Lake community.

Congratulations to the winners of the first annual Bay Lake Hammer-Handle Pike Contest. These three cabins dedicated themselves to bettering Bay Lake

from Memorial Day to Labor Day:

1st Place: Dibble Cabin

2nd Place: Norton Cabin

3rd Place: Rose Cabin

MVP: Tamara Norton

A total of 3,763 northern pike were taken out of Bay Lake this summer! The DNR is thrilled about the results, and they look forward to helping us improve the health of Bay Lake in the coming years. Help us bring back Bay

Lake walleyes by taking those pesky hammer-handles out of the lake!

Matt Qualen



## Another Amazing Race; newcomers take top honors

The 7th annual Bay Lake Amazing Race was another fun-filled event on the lake!

Twenty-two boats/pontoons stopped at 10 challenge stations. This year's challenges ranged from pickleball to yard jacks, body ring toss and knowing Minnesota pine needles.

Again there were 45-50 volunteers to time the challenges, with the winning team completing all challenges in 6.68 minutes. Thirteen teams finished in less than nine minutes.

First place team was newcomer Sitting on the Dock of the Bay. In second place was another newcomer, Bayside's Back-Up

Crew, and another newcomer, Wiley's Whitehawks, took third.

A special thanks to teams, volunteers, sponsors and mostly Josh and his crew for providing and serving 35-plus pizzas/

wings at the awards ceremony outside at the Lonesome Pine.

More than \$3,700 was raised for BLIA, thanks to teams and sponsors!

Save the date: July 20, 2019.

Nancy LaTourneau



After a competitive day of challenges, Amazing race participants gathered at the Lonesome Pine for an awards ceremony and some socializing.

## Running through the raindrops



Mother nature gave us a rainy day, but that didn't stop the 34th annual Runtilla from being another great success. At right, Avery Erickson, women's division winner, stands with Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator.



## Two tie for top spot at 34th annual Runtilla

A gloomy day with intermittent showers didn't stop runners, walkers and bikers from taking the 5K course for the 34th annual Runtilla Aug. 4.

Between 350 and 400 people came to participate or cheer on their family members and friends.

"People had a great time in spite of the weather," said Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator.

Henry Jessen and John Sturgis tied as overall winners with times of 19 minutes, 56 seconds. Avery Erickson took the honors in the women's division with a time of 21 minutes, 5 seconds.

Alliah Techum designed this year's Runtilla t-shirt, which lists the names of Runtilla sponsors. This year a record number of donors contributed a record total of \$42,000, bringing the historical

total to \$387,000, according to Bye. All proceeds go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Thanks again to Dennis and Jackie Charles and their family for providing the after-race picnic, along with their hospitality. Kudos also to the Lonesome Pine team, who donate proceeds from their Bloody Mary bar to the Environmental Fund, and Ruttger's, always a strong supporter.

This year Jennifer Qualen was on hand to promote and sign people up for the Bay Lake Block Party Aug. 11.

"If others want a booth to promote an event, we're open to it," said Bye, who also thanked the many people who came out

for the Runtilla, even on a dreary day.

"I'm always overwhelmed with the generosity, the turnout and the overall support of Bay Lakers," he said.



**Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, right, greeted Henry Jessen, left, and John Sturgis, who tied as overall winners.**

### Age 0 to 10

- 1 - Pressley Watkins, 9, 29:14
- 2 - Hailey Sicard, 9, 31:59
- 3 - Evelyn Bowman, 9, 38:20
- 1 - Owen Burkstrand, 10, 24:15
- 2 - Tripp Stensrud, 10, 25:35
- 3 - Sawyer Malkerson, 10, 30:54

### Age 11 to 15

- 1 - Avery Erickson, 15, 21:05
- 2 - Courtney Leising, 15, 22:43
- 3 - Abby Esterby, 15, 23:50
- 1 - Emmett Marvin, 15, 20:54
- 2 - Boden Parent, 15, 23:10
- 3 - Griffin Marvin, 13, 24:28

### Age 16 to 20

- 1 - Lily Campbell, 18, 21:17
- 2 - Brita Birkeland, 16, 22:01
- 3 - Jackie Charles, 19, 24:58
- 1 - Owen Marvin, 17, 21:17
- 2 - Trevor Erickson, 17, 22:30
- 3 - Cal Techum, 20, 23:04

### Age 21 to 30

- 1 - Justine Charles, 22:00
- 2 - Blair Parent, 23:30
- 3 - McKenna Parent, 24:00
- 1 - Henry Jessen, 19:56
- 2 - Rob Wroblewski, 20:48
- 3 - Paul Broman, 21:12

### Age 31 to 40

- 1 - JoEllen Arons, 21:47
- 2 - Jen Sherry, 26:50
- 3 - Katie Day, 27:30
- 1 - Nick Punula, 20:00
- 2 - Steve Arons, 20:11
- 3 - Ben Bowman, 27:25

### Age 41 to 50

- 1 - Lisa Ness Lay, 25:26
- 2 - Monica Kim, 26:29
- 3 - Cara Campbell, 27:01
- 1 - John Sturgis, 19:56
- 2 - Paul Marvin, 24:34
- 3 - Jon Birkeland, 24:44

### Age 51 to 60

- 1 - Susan Vickerman, 25:29
- 2 - Gay, 26:17
- 3 - Jeanie Broman, 32:10
- 1 - Dan Wroblewski, 20:17
- 2 - Dean Hansen, 22:43
- 3 - Brian Parent, 24:54

### Age 61 to 70

- 1 - Diane Meyer, 28:35
- 2 - Tari Sherry, 34:30
- 3 - Kathy Roth, 43:45
- 1 - Andy Herring, 29:19
- 2 - Terry Sicard, 30:15
- 3 - Jack Gleason, 31:01

### Age 71 to 100

- 1 - Darla Fischer, 47:29
- 2 - Connie Pfeifer, 49:03
- 3 - Meredith Bloedel, 49:35
- 1 - Dale Peterson, 42:47
- 2 - Jim Bloedel, 49:23
- 3 - John Day, 51:11

## Bay Lake Camp hosts many groups and events, including BL Block Party



**More than 300 people enjoyed good food, conversation and games — including the bouncy house for children, at left, at the BLIA Block Party Aug. 11. Many were visiting Church Island for the first time.**

Holiday Greetings from Bay Lake Camp!

2018 marked our 92nd year of providing up-north camping experiences to more than 4,000 campers on Bay Lake's beautiful Church Island. First Lutheran Church of St. Paul thanks you for your ongoing support as lives are touched and changed forever after a camping experience.

Our clients come from a wide variety of Christian and civic settings, including Boy Scouts, 4-H, Boys and Girls Club of America, public schools, colleges, theater groups and church groups. The young, the old and families all enjoy. The Red Cedar Lodge is perfect for family reunions, church retreats, weddings and other celebrations. Come on over and check us out...walk the trails around the island and stop by and say hi over at camp!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the First Annual Bay Lake Block Party and Picnic on Church Island a roaring success!

Some ideas need time to percolate...but this one was a natural fit from the start, and many of you made it to the island for the first time ever! Thanks for your spirit of adventure to the 300-plus folks who made it out. Looking forward to next year already!

Thank you to all who helped make our summer worship services a success; each Sunday, Memorial Day through Labor Day, we continue to hold worship. Our annual pie and ice cream social on Labor Day Sunday was again a success (despite the damp weather), and we extend a big thank you to all who supported by helping out with the big day.

If you are here over the New Year's Holiday, come and join us on Sunday, Dec. 30, at noon for our annual New Year's service, when we gather around the campfire at the outdoor chapel, weather and ice conditions permitting. It is a great way to

begin the New Year, and we always have tasty treats and warm drinks!

We look forward to hosting more fun times like these in 2019, so please watch the spring Breezes for details, including information about Summer 2019 events like Pizza Nights and Island Cafe hours, when the sun shines warm again and all our boats are in the water!

In closing, remember a donation to Bay Lake Camp helps continue the work and ministry of Bay Lake Camp. Donations can be sent to First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria, St. Paul, MN 55106, marked "for Bay Lake Camperships."

Wishing you a safe and blessed Holiday Season. See you on the island.

Brenda Olson, Camp Director  
(651) 247-0360  
Carol and Gary Malek  
(218) 820-3329



**A Hula-Hoop contest and tug of war were part of the BLIA Block Party fun.**

## 2020 will be milestone year for BLIA

In 1970, a dedicated group founded the Bay Lake Improvement Association to ensure that Bay Lake would be cherished for generations to come. The summer of 2020, we will celebrate 50 years of dedicated service by many, many people who have supported our very active lake association. It is time to celebrate!

In 2020, we will add some special enhancements to our summer celebrations. The HUGE Bay Lake picnic on Church Island will be bigger and better. Amazing Race will have cash prizes. Music on the Lake will have special surprises. We will bring back the decorated boat parade and will honor our past leaders at a special Annual Meeting, where we together will celebrate our shared history and look to the future as we preserve our beloved Bay Lake.

## Looking ahead to winter fun

For those of you who enjoy winter at Bay Lake on your snowmobile, consider joining the Bay Lake Sno-Packers. This local club is a member of the Crow Wing County Snowmobile Trails Association and MNUSA (Minnesota United Snowmobile Association). In October, volunteers cleared downed trees and branches from local trails.

To support our local snowmobile trails, consider purchasing CWCSTA Raffle tickets from club members or at Hansen's Store. The Grand Prize is \$5,000 cash, and the first to fifth prizes are \$1,000 cash. There are

More information, fun commemorative items and lots of anticipation will come your way next year as we prepare for the big summer of 2020.

We know we have very talented people on Bay Lake, and we could use your help as we get ready for the Golden 50th celebration. In particular, if you have a talent in design, videography and/or video production, if you have a personal contact with a band, or have an eye for fun items to commemorate our 50th, let us know. We will contact you with some of our ideas and look forward to lots of Bay Lakers being part of planning the special celebration.

Please contact Amy Grady if you are interested or want to share ideas.  
amy@amygrady.com or  
(952) 818-4148.

65 other prizes to be given as well. The drawing is Jan. 20, 2019, at the Deerwood Legion.

The Bay Lake Sno-Packers Christmas Party will be Dec. 8. We invite you to join us. You may contact the Bay Lake Sno-Packers at [baylake.snopackers@gmail.com](mailto:baylake.snopackers@gmail.com).

## BLIA welcoming new Bay Lakers

In the summer of 2016, BLIA decided to have the former Beach Captains committee start a project to get a helpful collection of information to all Bay Lake residents who were new to the lake in the prior five years. Since that time, almost 60 "Welcome to Bay Lake!" welcome binders have been assembled and delivered to our newest Bay Lakers. As best we know, all new residents now have their books and can access everything they need to know about Bay Lake, BLIA, the services we provide as an association, the social life we foster and all sorts of information about water quality, businesses in the area and membership details.

Going forward, BLIA has decided to rename this committee the "Bay Lake Ambassadors." Please let us know if we missed you, or if you know of a new neighbor on the lake who will need a Welcome Book in the future. We look forward to welcoming new residents into this community we all love so much. Postcards to provide information on a new resident are at the Lonesome Pine and Hansen's Store, or contact Amy Grady at [amy@amygrady.com](mailto:amy@amygrady.com) or (952) 818-4148 to give us the contact information for a new Bay Laker.

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If you're planning ahead for next summer, here are some BLIA dates for 2019 (as we know now) to include:

May 25 - Plant Giveaway	July 20 - Amazing Race
July 5 - Music on the Lake	Aug. 3 - Runtilla
July 6 - Fireworks	Aug. 10 or 17 - Block Party
July 13 - Annual Meeting	Dec. 29 - NY/Pine Fireworks

Watch for a complete list of dates in the spring issue.

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

Join us at the 2018 BLIA Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 1  
Ruby's Room at Ruttger's

Social hour starts at 4:30 p.m., traditional holiday buffet at 6.

You should have received reservation material in the mail.  
For more information, call Louise Sorenson, (218) 678-2543.

See you there!