



Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake

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Spring/Summer 2018

More county lakes infested with zebra mussels; Bay Lake still not one of them

Zebra Mussels (ZM) were on the move last summer in Crow Wing County. Eleven additional county lakes were newly infested, bringing the total to 47 countywide. Crow Wing County rates Bay as “high risk” due to its popularity and close proximity to Mille Lacs and other infested waters. This designation gives us more state funding through the county, which supports our paid inspector program.

Statewide, ZMs found their way into 70 new lakes last year, bringing the total to 305 Minnesota bodies of water hosting ZMs. Further, DNR estimates that about 7 percent of the state’s 11,000 lakes are infested with one or more non-native species.

Starting May 11 and continuing into late September, Bay Lake expects to have paid inspectors on the public access daily from 6 or 7 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. With funds allocated by the state, the county will pay for up to 520 inspector hours, with BLIA covering the remaining 1,200, at a cost to BLIA of about \$23,000.

While there are sure to be some inspection interruptions due to weather, sickness and scheduling mishaps, many of our 2017 Baylaker volunteer inspectors are back this season to fill in as needed.

We continue to be concerned about the spread of ZMs and other, even more destructive invasives. This summer, as in past years, we will continue to monitor for new invasives with scuba dive inspections, ZM detection devices, the iLids camera and the water testing.

Please share concerns about these matters with friends and neighbors, encouraging them to use the public access and to carefully inspect their own watercraft for AIS (aquatic invasive species) when both entering and departing Bay Lake and other Minnesota waters.



And finally, very few of these actions would be possible without the generosity of the many donors to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Thank you.

Phil Rollins

Here come the bugs

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is predicting the number of insect (“vector”) borne diseases in the U.S. will be TRIPLE this summer from 2004. CDC speculates that warming temperatures allow ticks, mosquitos, fleas and other blood-feeding creatures to migrate farther north, expanding their range. Vectors are ticks and insects capable of transmitting bacteria, viruses and parasites from one host to another. Diseases associated with vectors include Lymes, West Nile virus and Zika virus, although there are many others.

For preventive tips published in the NY Times on May 2, turn to Page 3.

Spring has sprung!

Yes! The ice is out of Bay Lake. Let the summer begin!

As usual, we are all looking forward to another great summer on Bay Lake. There are more and more activities and events we can participate in if we so desire. One of the most important, however, is

to renew your yearly membership at the unbelievable price of only \$30! You can do this by mail by sending it to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444, or online at www.baylake.org.

I have come to realize that sending in your membership online is faster and easier, but as always, we are happy to receive your dues any way that works best for you. And don't forget to add a donation for fireworks. They are always spectacular.

See you on the lake!

Betty Marquardt
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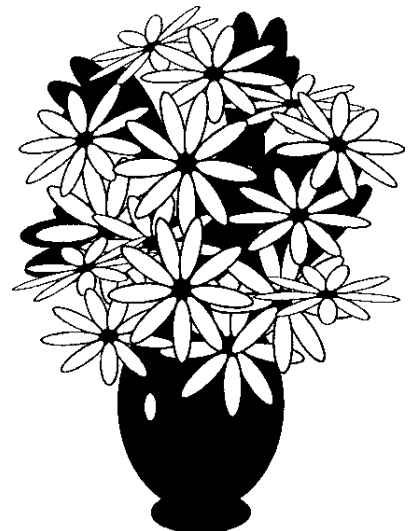
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Editor.....Bobbie Keller

Remembering

We lost several present and former Bay Lakers over the winter. Our sympathy to the families and friends of:

Wendel Francis "Bob" Haben, Jr.
Al (Hank) Hendrickson
Dominic Marxen
Hal Olson
Laverne Orwoll
Ben Porter
Jeanne Swenson



Water quality among best in ecoregion, should be better and we all can help

The results of our 2017 monitoring program are in, and we're pleased to report Bay Lake water quality continues to rank among the best in the ecoregion for the things we monitor for. However, that does not mean we can all sit back and rest easy.

In April of last year, Minnesota DNR issued a study that looked at phosphorus levels in about 2,700 lakes across the state, including Bay Lake. The DNR report identified Bay Lake as being among a group of lakes that are very sensitive to phosphorus inputs. For example, DNR estimates that every 100 lbs. of phosphorus decreases our water clarity by about five inches.

The DNR study set a phosphorus concentration goal of 12.9 ug/l for Bay Lake and we are above that now. Our summer 2017 monthly results averaged 13 to 16 ug/l of phosphorus at the four locations

we sample. DNR estimates that Bay Lake's current annual phosphorus loading is 1,618 lbs., and that the 12.9 ug/l goal could be met if that was reduced to 1,558 lbs. In other words, we need to go on a diet to try and lose 60 lbs. of phosphorus.

The good news is that is not a big number, and we do have the ability to influence it by the way we manage our property and shoreline, by doing things like maintaining septic systems, keeping leaves and grass clippings out of the lake, and managing runoff from lawns with buffer strips. We plan to talk more about this and offer ideas on specific things we can all do at the BLIA Annual Meeting July 14.

Terry & Debbie Coss
Water Quality

How to protect yourself from bugs and bug-borne diseases

- Cover up when outside
- Spray exposed skin and clothes with repellants
- Avoid tall grassy fields, low bushes, dead logs
- Check your entire body (get help) for ticks after a walk or hike
- Eliminate standing water, even in small events, to minimize mosquito hatching
- Check pets frequently for ticks
- Check window and door screens for holes
- Set up an electric fan near outside sitting areas to disperse human scents and mosquitos

Much more information is available on this "vector specific" CDC website, including tips on specific repellants, how and when to use them, and on whom: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dybd>

Now about that evening walk in the woods...

EWM control continues

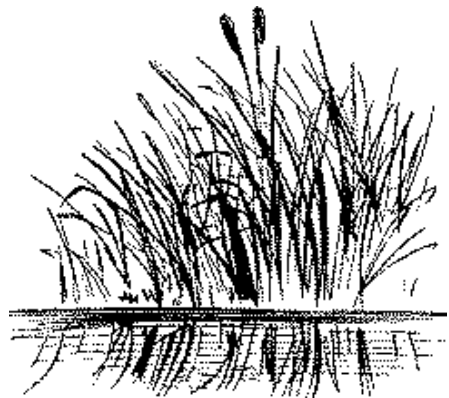
We will conduct our annual Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) survey starting around Memorial Day, depending on weather, and will follow that with required treatments in the second or third week of June.

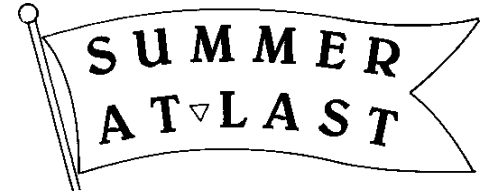
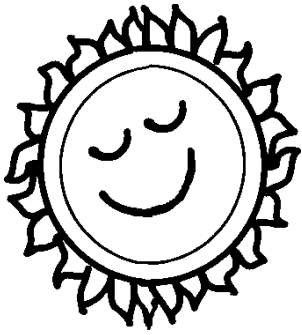
Property owner advanced approval is no longer needed to treat along shorelines. We will work by exception. If someone does not want their shoreline treated for EWM, they will need to notify the Bay Lake Improvement Association in writing to the attention of David Devins at davidd953@msn.com. This article is one way we will make this be known along with announcements at the annual meeting and in an e-mail blast a week before treatments.

We will conduct another survey in September with treatments around the first week of October, weather depending.

Thank you for your support; without it we would not be as successful as we have been.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management





Save these dates for special fun

Tree/Plant Giveaway May 26

If you're looking to spruce up your yard with new trees or small plants, come check out our selection at the annual BLIA Tree/Plant Giveaway May 26 in the Lonesome Pine front parking lot.

We'll be there from 10 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Please come no earlier than 10.

This year we'll have three-year-old Norway (Red) pine and white spruce transplants, 8 to 24 inches tall. We will have plastic bags available for you to transport your trees.

Also available will be several species each of sun, shade and in-the-water native wild flower plants. Please bring one or more containers to carry your plants home.

See you there.
Brent Souder

Family picnic Aug. 11

Summer is time to do things out of doors, so plan to join your Bay Lake friends the evening of Aug. 11 for the BLIA Family Picnic.

Plans are being finalized for the annual event, which this year will be on Church Island. As always, there'll be lots of fun, fellowship and of course good food.

So mark your calendar and watch for more information. Then reserve your spot at the table for one of the most popular Bay Lake traditions.

Fireworks Friday, July 6

Bring your oos and aahs and celebrate our nation's independence at the annual BLIA fireworks display. Festivities begin at 10 p.m. (dusk) Friday, July 6, from the east end of Ruttger's.



BLIA Holiday Party Saturday, Dec. 1

Good Food, Good Wine, Good Company! That would sum up the 2017 BLIA Holiday Party! It was evident by the lively conversation, laughter and sense of community that many people enjoyed themselves this year.

The party began with a social hour accompanied by Jim Olsen's acoustic guitar, which added to the ambiance of the evening. Paul Erickson and Chris Ruttger had compiled a continuous slide show of more than 400 Bay Lake pictures for people to enjoy during the social hour. This proved to be a wonderful "ice breaker," reminding everyone how much we have in common: BAY LAKE!

Steve Klein recited "A Cup of Christmas Tea" from memory, and this evoked a nostalgic

Amazing Race July 21

The 7th annual Bay Lake Amazing Race will be Saturday, July 21, starting at 10 a.m. at Church Island.

Please plan on forming a team of four to join in the fun! All ages are welcome.

Registration forms will be available at Hansen's Store and on www.baylake.org by the end of May.

Contact Nancy LaTourneau for more details.

feeling of what the Christmas spirit is truly about. Amazing!

The absence of Jerry Hendricks to lead the singing of carols was deeply felt, however we appreciated Ann Ruttger and Jim Olsen's collaboration in continuing this long held tradition.

Many thanks to our volunteers, Faye, Audrey, Vi and Dale for signing in guests, and to Amy for providing several books for door prizes. Also, to the Ruttger family and staff for being such gracious hosts and for providing one of the most beautiful venues for our celebration on Bay Lake.

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by spreading the word to family and friends, and by marking your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, to join us in the fun!

Best Wishes,
Louise Sorenson, Ellen Brandt

Lots going on this summer at Ruttger's

When you've been in business for 120 years, it's not too often you get to say you are introducing something brand new, but that's exactly the case this year at Ruttger's.

Live music, great feasts, festivals dedicated to beer and blues, and a celebration of the resort's 120th year in business highlight Ruttger's biggest and most diverse summer entertainment and event lineup. New events for this summer include Blues & BBQ Bash, the 120th Anniversary Celebration and Moonlight Movie Nights, outdoor movie-watching experiences. All events are open to the public.

2018 will also feature the return of several popular events, including the Summer Concert Series — eight outdoor concerts over the summer from the shores of Bay Lake (see schedule on Page 8) — and the Beer and Bacon Bonanza in June. Ruttger's 33rd annual Oktoberfest will happen Saturday, Oct. 20.

Here is Ruttger's summer event schedule:

- **120th Anniversary Celebration**
Saturday, June 2

Ruttger's is turning back the clock to different eras at the resort by bringing back events, activities, features and specials from the past. The weekend will include an open house and all-employee reunion, a Ruttger's museum, a car show, hickory shaft long-drive contest, a giant slip n' slide, 50s Malt/Soda Shop Burger Lunch, wacky hat contest and talent show featuring magician Chris Ruttger.

- **Beer and Bacon Bonanza**
Saturday, June 16

A major beer tasting event, live outdoor concert by Steele River Band, live pig races, dinner buffet and more.

- **Blues & BBQ Bash**

Saturday, Aug. 11, 4-9 p.m.
Beers from local craft breweries, BBQ feast from Pit Master Terry Dox, concert by blues man Ken Valdez.

- **Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon**

Saturday, Aug. 25, noon-1 p.m.
Latest fall fashions available at Ruttger's shops.

- **Moonlight Movie Nights**

Each time, a family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. You can watch on blankets or chairs; popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission, pay at the gate. All movies begin at 9 p.m. and are subject to change.

Saturday, July 7, *Forrest Gump*

Saturday, July 21, *UP*

Saturday, Aug. 4, *Meatballs*

Music Festival

The Lakes Area Music Festival kicks off its 10th season this year with musicians from great orchestras all over the world, local musicians, an opera, Mozart's Magic Flute, and the St. Paul Ballet dancing to Aaron Copeland's Appalachian Spring. Concerts are free to allow as many as possible to experience classical music. Last year more than 11,000 people participated. Please join us. For more information, visit www.lakesareamusic.org.

Join in the 34th annual Runtilla Saturday, Aug. 4

When the gun sounds at 9 a.m. Aug. 4, Bay Lakers of all ages will be clustered at the starting line, ready to run, walk, bike or skate the 5K (3.1 mile) course down Brighton Point Road and back for the 34th annual Runtilla.

Will you be one of them?

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Fastest male and female runners in each of nine age-group categories will win awards.

Josh Goolsbee and team will be there with their Bloody Mary bar. Following the event racers and those gathered to cheer them on will enjoy the traditional picnic, compliments of hosts Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles.

Bay Lakers age 20 and under and 71 and over are invited to submit an original design for the front of the t-shirt. The back of the shirt will list \$50 sponsors, while the names of \$250 donors will appear on a sleeve and names of those donating \$1,000 or more will appear on the front.

Sponsorships at any level are welcome. All proceeds go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, thanked generous donors of all sizes, who have contributed more than \$300,000 total over the years. He also expressed gratitude for the many volunteers who make the event a success.

Sponsorship and registration forms are available at Hansen's and online at www.baylake.org. Completed registration forms, sponsorships and t-shirt design drawings are due at Hansen's by Saturday, July 21.

All are welcome at Bay Lake Camp

As Bay Lake Camp begins preparations for hosting its 92nd year of summer camping, we are pleased to announce the continued participation of diverse organizations bringing young people and families to experience our unique island wilderness setting. As we emphasize the stewardship of all creation, Bay Lake Camp continues to be a place identified by our welcome and hospitality for all people — and I hope each of you will make it a priority to join in one or more of many opportunities to experience this incredible island treasure we all value.

During the summer of 2018, Wayzata Community Church will again lease eight weeks at Bay Lake Camp, hosting children, youth and families from the beginning of June through the end of July. Their highly concentrated schedule will allow for a maximum number of campers to participate throughout their program schedule, as well as other longstanding Bay Lake Camp groups to be accommodated in May, August and September. We are eager to welcome everyone throughout the summer, and we are confident you will assist us by noting some important details to our common commitments safely welcoming everyone who spends time on the Island!

Summer Worship

Summer worship is on Sundays at 10 a.m. from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Please join us — and if you need a boat shuttle from the mainland, they begin around



9:30 a.m. Boat over to dock parking next to and west of the outdoor chapel, located on the south side of the Island. Coffee hour will be hosted at a variety of locations throughout the summer. Updated schedule information can be found on the Bay Lake Camp website (www.baylakecamp.com), BLIA website (www.baylake.org) and the Bay Lake Camp Facebook page. Check these for updates, featured worship preachers and other important details, including weather-related cancellations if necessary.

Island Cafe and Community Pizza Nights

Thank you for your support of the Island Cafe and Community Pizza Nights as a wonderful way to interact with friends, neighbors and guests to the Island. These family friendly events will open Memorial Day Weekend for summer kick-off and resume in August, extending through Labor Day Weekend. As stated regarding worship, please check for scheduling on websites and Facebook.

Island Cafe hours for opening weekend are Saturday and Sunday morning from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we will host our first Pizza Night, Saturday, May 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cannot wait to welcome you all and say goodbye to this long winter!

Volunteer Opportunities — WE NEED YOU!

Perhaps you've thought about offering to help on Church Island? We would love to invite you to work with us through any of the following:

- **Dock Day May 26**
Meet on the Island at our main dock/southeast corner of the island at 9 a.m. to put in the docks for the season. Wear insulated waders this year!
- **Assist with worship**
Sign up to bring goodies for

Bay Lake Camp, cont. on Page 7.



We had a late spring, but there is plenty of active summer fun ahead for all

Last year, as I wrote this article, the last inch of snow was melting and the ice on the lake was well on its way out; not today. The snow is still piled high along the driveway and roads, and the ice on the lake hasn't begun to thaw. Although it's a beautiful sunny day, we still have a ways to go before we begin to feel the full effect of our warming spring days.

Regardless of the weather, your association's Board of Directors has started another year of planning, with our first meeting having been held at the Lonesome Pine on Saturday morning,

April 21. These volunteers, along with so many others, continue to work diligently to make sure your association continues to run smoothly in order to serve our members and our community. Again this year, there will be a host of events and opportunities for you to meet new friends and create family memories that you will remember and enjoy for years to come. So come on out and participate with other BLIA members and enjoy all that Bay Lake has to offer.

The Bay Lake Improvement Association continues to be in

excellent shape, organizationally, thanks to the hard work of so many volunteers and financially, thanks to the continued donations from so many of you to our Environmental Protection Fund. My sincere thanks to all of you for your continued membership and contributions. If you should have any questions, comments or suggestions for your association, please feel free to contact me at bruce@baylakerealty.com.

I look forward to seeing you on the lake soon.

Bruce Johnson
President, BLIA

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coffee hour, usher, read for worship or help with Outdoor Chapel flowers/gardens.

- **Garden Assistants**

Early season help always appreciated, as we split perennials and begin our vegetable gardens for the season, applying mulch and planting our seedlings.

- **Host with the Most**

Be a host/greeter for one of our Community Pizza Nights or the Island Cafe, greeting friends and neighbors as they arrive.

Thanks to all of our gracious volunteers who make the Island experience so wonderful for so many!

Through First Lutheran's stewardship of Island resources, we welcome thousands of guests to the Island and the Bay Lake community on an annual basis — countless churches and organizations, individual guests and families, as well as your friends and neighbors at community events throughout the seasons. Whether through summer worship, at weddings or baptisms, the Island Cafe, or our newer community pizza nights, we remain thankful for your continued partnership and support. Be sure to check out our website,

www.baylakecamp.com, for a complete listing of the Summer Schedule 2018. If you have questions, of course you can always call me, Brenda, directly at 651-247-0360.

In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for the summer of 2018.

See you on the Island!

Peace,
Brenda Olson Bingea

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May 26 Tree/Plant Giveaway, Lonesome Pine
10 a.m.
July 5 Music on the Lake, Church Island
1 p.m.
July 6 Fireworks, east end of Ruttger's
Dusk
July 14 BLIA Annual Meeting, Ruttger's
9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Meeting
July 21 Amazing Race, Church Island
10 a.m.
Aug. 4 Runtilla, Brighton Pt. Rd. & Co. Rd. 10
8:15 a.m. Registration
9 a.m. Race start
Aug. 11 Family Picnic Outing, Church Island
TBD
Aug. 26 Trivia Night, Ruttger's
6:30 p.m.
Dec. 1 BLIA Holiday Party, Ruttger's
4 p.m.
Dec. TBD New Year's Fireworks, Lonesome Pine
TBD Shoreline

BLIA Board Meetings

June 16, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
July 14, 11 a.m. Ruttger's
Aug. 18, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
Sept. 15, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
Everyone is welcome at all BLIA Board meetings.

Ruttger's Summer Concert Series

May 26, 7 p.m. Lake Effect
June 30, 7 p.m. October Son
July 14, 7 p.m. Ipso Facto
July 28, 7 p.m. King's Ransom
Aug. 25, 7 p.m. Shotgun Drama Junkies
Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Hangfire