

Bay Lake Breezes

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Treatments, weather patterns combine to crop EWM growth significantly

by David Devins Aquatic plant management

Good news to report on Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). Thanks to our aggressive and successful fall treatments in 2007 and the shift in the weather patterns this year, Eurasian watermilfoil in Bay Lake is greatly reduced from where it was last year. We got the break from the weather that we so badly needed. We have seen these weather cycles before and we will see them again.

Last year we treated more than 200 acres for the season, with the fall treatments being very successful. The treatments were followed by a winter with closer-to-normal snowfall and a normal summer weather pattern. These combined to knock the EWM back significantly, allowing a wide variety of native species to fill in.

This fall we treated 76 acres, for a total of 119 acres for the season. We will spend approximately \$125,000 this season vs. \$175,000 last year.

We learned new things about EWM growth in Bay Lake. Areas that we have been treating for years were controlled and reduced in density and acreage. Established areas of EWM that

we have not treated for years or at all, such as areas north of Church Island, were not affected by the weather and about Labor Day were just as matted and dense as last year, when most of the EWM was extremely dense.

What does this tell me? Simple — our program works!

The last couple of years were very expensive, and without the reserve in our Environmental Protection Fund we would not have been able to keep up with the EWM's explosive growth. Thank you for

contributing to the BLIA
Environmental Protection Fund.
We have, however, depleted our
reserves the last few years.
Thankfully we had them to cover
the bad EWM years. With that
being said, we need to take
advantage of years like this and
increase our contributions to
build our reserves for years when
we will need them.

Remember, Bay Lake remains a very functional, popular recreational lake. Without your contributions to the Environmental Protection Fund

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The 24th annual Bay Lake Runtilla was another record-breaking event. More pictures and story on Page 6.

Don't forget your 2008 BLIA dues!

Even though fall has arrived, our season has not closed down completely. There are always last-minute jobs to do to make sure our lake places are ready for the cold weather.

However — there is one thing that can still be easily accomplished — and that is to send in your \$30 membership dues for 2008! Your dues help with mailings, postage,

announcements of events and maintenance of our buoys.

Your contribution is much appreciated. You can mail it to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444 or contribute online.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Betty Marquardt Membership chair

Come celebrate the Holiday season with your Bay Lake friends!

Join us at the annual BLIA Holday party, Saturday, Dec. 13, at Ruttger's Banquet Room. Social hour starts at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5:30.

See you there!

Sharon Wasserzieher is looking for Volume I of "Old Timers...Stories of Our Pioneers," a pictorial history of the area by Carl A. Zapffe. If your cabin has a copy on a dusty shelf and you're willing to part with it or sell it, please contact Sharon at 218-678-2506 or at smw@emily.net. Her family has been part of the history here since 1884, and she would love to replace her copy. Thank you!

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County Road 10 improvement set

by Jerry Poland Government

County Road 10 on the east side of Bay Lake is going to be improved. It involves expanding the current 33-feet-fromcenterline right-of-way to 50 feet where feasible, and making two 10-foot lanes of highway with six feet of paved shoulder and appropriate clearing and sloping to the edge of the right-of-way.

On the portion between Tame Fish Lake and Bay Lake, right-of-way will be 33 feet, and the remainder of the road will have a 50-foot right-of-way. The road will have to be moved to the west in the narrower portion, which will impact the lake.

Historically, the road rightof-way was wider between the two lakes, but the lake has gradually eroded it away. This reconstruction will restore the road contour to its original shape.

If you have questions about the project, please call Jerry Poland, 218-678-2914.

EWM, continued from Page 1 and our aggressive program, I believe at this point Bay Lake would not be usable as we all know it.

We will continue our fight next year and beyond as we have since 1992. Keeping Bay Lake a vibrant, healthy lake is our goal, and your continued support will ensure that.

Thank you for supporting your community.

Ten win fishing trophies

by Joel Kraft BLIA Fishing Contest

Thanks to all who participated in the 2008 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest! It was a beautiful summer, and I'm glad that you were able to spend part of it fishing the waters of Bay Lake.

The contest concluded on Labor Day, but will be up and running again next year. I hope that you have the chance to get out on the water again next summer and look forward to seeing your name in the registration book for the 2009 contest.

This year's winners are listed below. In addition to trophies being awarded for the largest of each species in both adult and children's divisions, all entrants were included in a drawing for two gift certificates to Tutt's Bait & Tackle in Garrison.

Congratulations to the following 2008 winners!

2008 winners - Kids Division

Aleah Techam — Sunfish, 10 inches JP Rose, Crappie, 12.75 inches Jonathon Burk — Largemouth bass, 18 inches Owen Burk — Walleye, 18.5 inches

Winners of \$15 Gift Certificates to Tutt's Bait & Tackle

Caleb Brennan & Bowdy Gustafson

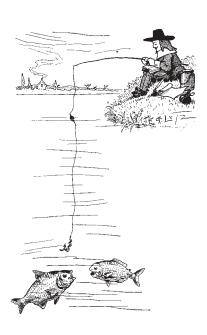
Thanks again to all who participated in the 2008 BLIA Fishing Contest!

Remembering -

Our sympathies to the families of Bay Lakers Charlotte Hall and Helen Picha, who died in September.

2008 Winners - Adult Division

Marilyn Hines, Tom & Jill
Jochum — Sunfish, 9 inches
William Kraft — Crappie,
12.75 inches
Michelle Lonergan Davis —
Largemouth bass, 18.25 inches
Mark Waterloo — Walleye,
25 inches



Annual fireworks

Lake family passion becomes popular Bay Lake tradition, now 20-plus years old

by Linda Orwoll

As a country, we know our celebration of Independence Day would not be the same without fireworks. What has been a traditional celebration for our country has also become a big part of Independence Day fun on Bay Lake. It is one of the events that makes us a community here at Bay Lake.

How much do you know about the special Bay Lake fireworks show? You may know that without sponsorship from the Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, this show would not be possible, but did you know that it is designed, set up and fired by one of our Bay Lake families?

Fireworks have been a tradition in the Orwoll family since Kim and Kent Orwoll were young boys blasting firecrackers all day long, much to the chagrin of their family and lake neighbors. Just as they've become a tradition over the years on Bay Lake, with larger and more glorious exhibitions each year, fireworks have become a much bigger part of the Orwolls' life. In 1974 Kim and Kent joined Pyrotechnics Guild International, a worldwide group of fireworks enthusiasts, and in 1975 began shooting professional displays. Just as



Kim Orwoll stands with the framework for the flag, the traditional ending to Bay Lake firework shows.

the crowds on the lake have grown, Kim and Kent's fireworks shows have grown. Kent has made a career of fireworks. He is a co-owner of RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, a Minnesota company specializing in both indoor and outdoor fireworks events. If you're a Vikings fan, you see Kent's fireworks at the start of each game and you hear Kent's booms following each Viking touchdown.

The history of the Bay Lake fireworks show began more than 20 years ago on Poison Ivy Point on Malkerson Island, with Kim and Kent getting help from their immediate and extended families to bring all of the equipment and fireworks over by boat and pontoon, and trying

to find enough open air space between the trees to actually shoot off the fireworks. Joanie Malkerson's enthusiasm and her family's willingness to offer their wonderful spot on the lake made this show possible. With the help of one of the lakes' big storms, the "air space" improved quite a bit the following year. Ground space was the issue then until the downed trees could gradually be cleared.

In those early years all of the fireworks were hand-lit one at a time and fired from steel tubes buried in the ground. Tubes varied in size from one and one half inches to eight inches in diameter, and were reloaded immediately after each shell was shot. A

Fireworks — a Bay Lake tradition

"shooter" held a burning railroad flare while the team of loaders ran up into the field of burning embers and dropped another shell into the tube while the smoke from the prior shell billowed out of the tube. It's a feeling that the fireworks crew says "takes some getting used to."

Selecting fireworks that the crowd will love is an enjoyable part of the preparation each year, but fireworks are unpredictable. Even with the best preparation fireworks can be surprising even to the crew. For years the crew has noticed how much the crowd cheers when something actually goes wrong from the crew's perspective, such as a shell burning all the way to the ground or blowing up on its way out of the tube.

Safety is very important to the Orwoll fireworks crew. If you think of a loaded gun, a fireworks tube is treated the same as a gun, and no part of your body should be placed over it.

The fireworks must be set up at a safe distance from buildings and the crowd. Several years ago with the support of Chris Ruttger and his staff, the fireworks were moved to Ruttger's Resort. This required the larger shells to be shot from the golf course, with everything else shot from the shoreline. As the fireworks have grown, everything is now shot from the shoreline.

Two years ago BLIA purchased docks that allowed the fireworks to be moved back to the shoreline to improve the viewing and setup of the annual show. In addition to shells, the show consists of large multishot devices, gerbs, salutes, strobes, wheels and the showending American flag. Each type of fireworks is made differently and requires a unique setup.

Each year the Orwolls bring something new to the show. Next year the show will be even better, with an increase in budget recently approved enthusiastically by the BLIA board.

Over the years there have been a lot of changes in the technology for setup and shooting of a fireworks show. Rather than one item at a time with a railroad flare, the entire show is shot by a computer-run electrical firing system. The entire show is designed with software specific to fireworks. Instead of burying tubes into the ground, all of the tubes are connected together in racks set up in varying locations to launch

fireworks into different areas of the sky. What was once a oneday setup has become a threeday process that incorporates dock setup, show setup, and then dismantling of docks and moving everything into storage.

The crew has grown from a number of extended Orwoll family members to include several fireworks enthusiasts and friends of the Orwolls, all of whom have the same love of fireworks, as well as the necessary training. For the 2008 show it took nine guys to set up, shoot and tear down the show, not to mention the errand running and food deliveries from multiple family members.

While the Orwoll family puts together the annual Bay Lake fireworks show, it takes our entire Bay Lake community and their love of Bay Lake to make this event so special. Your continued donations are required to carry this wonderful tradition into the future.



Racks of firework shells stand ready to be filled.

24th annual Runtilla another record-breaking event

With friends and family members cheering them on, more than 500 runners, walkers, bikers and skaters of all ages — and even some canine participants — took to the 5K course July 26 for the 24th annual Runtilla.

Dimitrius Drekoys was the overall winner with a time of 17 minutes, 31 seconds, while Julie Maus ran the course in 21 minutes, 27 seconds to take the women's division. Lonesome Pine added to the fun with a float carrying the band "French Lick."

This year's Runtilla was another record-breaking event, both in number of participants and money raised for the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund. Sponsorships raised almost \$25,000, surpassing last year's contribution record of \$16,200.

"Special thanks to the Hansens, Dennis 'Charlie' Charles of White Hawk and the Lonesome Pine, plus the many volunteers and contributors who help make the Runtilla a success year after year," said Jim Bye, Runtilla founder and coordinator. "We had another great t-shirt drawing, too — one of 50 entries, including one from the 70-and-over age group."

An after-race celebration is in the works for next year's 25th annual Runtilla.

Watch for the date and more information.

Even canine Bay Lakers got in on the fun. Here are the 2008 winners and their times in minutes:

Age 0 to 10

- 1 Sydney Regalado, 8, 26:04
- 2 Lily Campbell, 8, 27:09
- 3 Natalie Wrobleski, 10, 28:08
- 1 Own Burk, 8, 28:54
- 2 Brendan Maus, 8, 30:40
- 3 Connor Rose, 10, 30:45

Age 11 to 15

- 1 Emily Rose, 11, 24:31
- 2 Missy Rose, 12, 27:28
- 3 Touria, 12, 27:47
- 1 Tony Nikodym, 14, 19:03
- 2 Tyler Hong, 14, 21:40
- 3 Austin Parent, 14, 23:42

Age 16 to 20

- 1 Kelsey Rose, 18, 27:25
- 2 Mahryn B., 16, 28:44
- 3 Rachel Parrish, 16, 30:10
- 1 JP Rose, 16, 19:04
- 2 Connor Ekelund, 16, 19:34
- 3 Justin Edmundson, 16, 20:34

Age 21 to 30

- 1 Julie Maus, 21:27
- 2 Ashley Stott, 23:02
- 3 Emily McGlynn, 23:42
- 1 Rob Wilcox, 18:04
- 2 Craig Kahler, 21:35
- 3 Mike Stoffel, 21:45

Age 31 to 40

- 1 Kara D., 21:39
- 2 Heidi McDermott, 22:28
- 3 Suzy Boyum, 24:57
- 1 Dimitrius Drekoys, 17:31
- 2 Stephen Kahler, 20:54
- 3 Chris Martin, 21:27



Runtilla overall winners Dimitrius Drekoys, right, and Julie Maus showed off their trophies as they posed with Jim Bye.

Age 41 to 50

- 1 Carrie White, 23:40
- 2 Nancy Sorensen, 26:06
- 3 Cathy Paper, 26:30
- 1 Rudy Regaledo, 18:19
- 2 Todd Maus, 19:433 Dan Wrobleski, 20:10

Age 51 to 60

- 1 Diane Meyer, 26:42
- 2 Tari Sherry, 27:00
- 3 Bonnie Clementson, 27:50
- 1 Marcus Johnson, 20:55
- 2 Steve Sherry, 25:47
- 3 Jack Gleason, 26:17

Age 61 to 70

- 1 Mary Maus, 26:12
- 2 Karen Danlo, 47:50
- 3 Carolyn Mogen, 48:52
- 1 Roland Anderson, 22:11
- 2 Gregory Garmer, 22:38
- 3 Sherm Malkerson, 27:03

Age 71 to 100

- 1 Thelma Dehn, 48:06
- 2 Pat Meyer, 57:58
- 3 Vi Klungness, 58.7
- 1 Ken Hodges, 34:53
- 2 Boyd Mast, 57+
- 3 Chuck Bard, 57:57



Thank you, public access monitors!

Throughout the summer, Bay Lakers give of their time to help monitor our public access. Their job is to inspect all motor crafts and educate motor craft owners on the importance of proper

Tom Baer Lisa Baumgarter Joyce Behnke Art and Audrey Brunning Dominic Ciresi Phyllis Clemants and Maurice Anderson **David Devins** Mary Erickson Paul Erickson Allison Goolsbee Josh Goolsbee Arnie and Sylvia Graff George and Mary Lu Hansen Gerald E. and Maxine Henricks Tim and Nancy Herberg Ken Hodges Tom and Sue Hunter Bill Joas

cleaning, as well as areas to inspect on trailers, motor crafts and vehicles, especially those traveling from lake to lake. The goal is to avoid the further spread of Eurasian watermilfoil and to

Kathy Johnsen

Bruce Johnson Dave Johnson Kurt and Beth Johnson Bob Kalstead Vi Klugness Wayne and Joyce Kohnen Carroll Kukowski Larry Lange Tom and Margaret Lunacek Carol and Gary Malek Chuck and Cotton Malkerson Phil Malkerson Warren Malkerson Dean and Sue Matthews Mike and Dorothy Mickelson Jennifer Miller Janet Nelson Jim Nelson

keep other invasive species, such as zebra mussels, out of Bay Lake.

Almost 80 persons have taken the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) access monitor training:

Mike and Karen Norman Ron and Mary Jane Peterson Chip Reynolds Phil and Jane Rollins Mark and Becky Roloff Andy Roth Jack Ruttger Tony Scherber Brent Souder and Dawn Dilbeck Tiffin Souder-Tripp Jack and Elsie Strobel Dean Swanson Bob and Laurie Sweeney Don Swenson Jennifer Vanda John and Georgi Walsh Allison Wolf Jim and Faye Ysseldyke

BLIA Golf Scramble, Picnic was a festive event

We were greeted by an 82-degree day with a bright, sunny sky on Aug. 9. A total of 104 players took to the golf course with enthusiasm for the event. The course was in great shape for the second annual Bay Lake Golf Scramble, and the pavilion was perfect for the picnic.

All in all, 176 Bay Lakers attended, which made for a festive event. The low golf score came from the Bob and Lisa Baumgartner, Pete and Diane Donnino foursome. The Bob and Babette Wrobleski, Mike and Karen Norman foursome was

second, with Dave and Karlynn Fronek and Ron and Carolee Randall placing third.

We appreciate the Ruttger's Resort and staff for their always-perfect hospitality. Tee gifts and door prizes were donated by Lonesome Pine, Hansen's Hunters Bay Store, The Deer Stand Restaurant, AFLAC Insurance, John Enright, Sunshine Golf and Ruttger's Resort.

The plan for the future is to keep the event simple and fun. The second Saturday in August is the planned date. Best of all, the Environmental Protection Fund is the big winner. We look forward to seeing you and your friends next summer.

George and LaDonna Reynolds

Looking forward to next spring

Mark your calendar for next year's BLIA Tree and Plant Giveaway — Saturday, May 23, 2009 — at the Lonesome Pine. Watch for more information in the Spring 2009 issue of the Bay Lake Breezes.

Fishing for history

Three-fourths of Bay Lake community participating in history project — is your shoreline one of them?

The Bay Lake History Project is in high gear. Knieff's, Ruttger's, Church Island, Hunter's Bay Point and Woodland Beach Association are done, and 17 other "shorelines" have active initiatives underway! Some (Battle Point, White Hawk, Brighton Point, Wakeman Road, Birkeland's, Scotland Shores, Eaglewood, Echo Bay NE and Pleasant Shores) have had "kickoff" meetings. Others are (or will be) contacting their shoreline neighbors by mail. The list of Shoreline Coordinators is now too long to put in the Breezes, but it's posted on Baylake.org (and see "History Project FAQ" for background information and help in writing your submission). At least 75 percent of the Bay Lake community is involved. If your shoreline is one of the very few that still needs a coordinator, please consider volunteering.

Did you know that:

- 14,000 years ago Paleo-Indian people moved into this area as the glaciers receded, and 400 years ago Kathio on Lake Mille Lacs was a major Dakota settlement?
- Bay Lake was a part of the canoe/portage route between Mille Lacs and the Mississippi River, and more than 300 years ago, French explorer Duluth



Nancy Herberg, Greg Meyer, Barb Gillard and Julie Haben of the Woodland Beach Association "reel in" their history book.

traveled from Lake Superior to Kathio via the St. Louis River, Big Sandy Lake, the Mississippi River and (quite possibly) Bay Lake?

- More than 200 years ago one of the last major battles between the Ojibwe and Dakota took place on Bay Lake's "Battle Point?"
- About 120 years ago approximately half of the land around Bay Lake was given to the Northern Pacific Railroad to offset the construction costs of their line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound (which goes through Deerwood), and most of the remaining land was homesteaded?

- At one time there were 15 to 20 resorts on Bay Lake?
- Everyone who participates in a Shoreline History Project gets a copy of their Shoreline History Book, and that creating a family/property submission is worthwhile and can even be fun?

Check out the picture of the Woodland Beach Association Shoreline History Team (Nancy Herberg, Greg Meyer, Barb Gillard and Julie Haben) reeling in their book. More than 80 people attended their History Picnic.

Paul Erickson (efiman@aol.com)

Bay Lake Camp celebrates the new...

Fall greetings from Bay Lake Camp. Did you get over to the island to see our new Red Cedar Lodge, the new kitchen and dining hall? In less than a year, First Lutheran and construction company Nor Son were able to complete this project and give us a full summer camping season!

Now with our new facility, we can welcome campers this fall, winter and spring! Remember us when planning business and church retreats, family reunions, weddings and celebrations. Just call Brenda for more information.

It was a busy summer for our staff, moving into the new facilities. We thank the many Bay Lake volunteers who helped with cleaning, putting bunks together, making new curtains, putting docks in, rebuilding pontoons, doing grounds work and so much more! We hosted campers of all ages, church groups, two theater companies, 4-H and Boy Scout groups, men's and women's retreats and family camps.

Our Sunday worship services were well attended, with an average of more than 240 people per week! We had two highlights over the summer: our Grand Opening and dedication in July with Robert Robinson, and the Twin City Gospel Choir, with more than 700 people attending worship! On Labor Day Sunday 450 people worshiped together and then celebrated BLC during our first annual Art Jam and raffle to raise funds to send kids to camp. Pie and ice cream, hot dogs and brats, crafts for the kids and the raffle drawing made for a

festive end to our summer schedule. A huge thank you to all of the Bay Lake Area businesses who donated items and the many Bay Lake friends who handmade beautiful articles for the raffle. Thank you to all who purchased tickets.

Our annual Christmas/New Year worship service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 28, at noon, weather and ice conditions permitting. Check with Hansen's Store or Maleks to confirm. We'll have a bonfire, praise, music and fellowship.

Come on over and walk the trails, check out the new buildings, walk the labyrinth, play on the playground...just enjoy our island. Together we have preserved Church Island. Thanks and God Bless,

Brenda Olson, BLC Director 651-776-7210 Carol and Gary Malek 218-820-3329

...and its 100-year heritage

Beginning in January 2009, Bay Lake Camp will begin celebrating 100 years of ownership of Church Island.

Through a unique gift in 1909 from A.F. Landstrom, the First Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church began the process of deciding what to do with this incredible piece of property. Ultimately, the congregation voted to go ahead with the idea of a camp for youth and Christian young people, which continues to this day.

The folks from First Lutheran were not the only ones to support the idea of a camp; others from various churches through the young cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis also joined in, including members of the Lutheran Brotherhood. We continue this history by drawing clients from a wide variety of Christian and civic settings: everyone from 4-H and the Boy Scouts, to churches of various denominations and theological backgrounds, to business and nonprofit groups seeking new vision.

Our brand new facilities and vintage charm will help us continue reaching out to new people, but the heart of our mission remains the same today as it was in the beginning: to offer a wilderness and lake country experience to those who have never had it and never could without our help. To this end, we will be extending an invitation to ALL our friends to support the mission of Bay Lake Camp during the coming year by raising \$100,000 for the next 100 years.

Throughout 2009, Bay Lake Camp will be offering stories of our unique history, and encouraging you to participate. Do you have a Bay Lake Camp/Church Island story? Help us tell it by sending us an e-mail (baylakecamp@mac.com), so we can collect lots of wonderful stories to share, culminating in a book of Church Island history that covers the last 10 decades.

Together we've accomplished so much; 2009 will be an opportunity to share that rich heritage for future generations. See you on the Island,

Brenda J. Olson

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Thanks, Monitors!!!

A big thank you to all the trained BLIA members for their assistance with public access monitoring this summer. Due to Breezes deadlines (we're still monitoring), a report will appear in the Spring edition.

The day of the BLIA Picnic and Golf Tournament at Ruttger's, at least some of the DNR-trained persons attending posed for a picture.

Can you find yourself in the photo? A big thank you again to the trained persons, whose names appear on Page 7.

Sylvia Graff

Bay Lake public access monitors — can you find yourself here?

