



Bay Lake Breezes

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EMW control continues; help needed with new threat

by David Devins
Aquatic Plant Management

Our plan to control Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) is working. EWM is not the dominant specie — it is under control in Bay Lake. We treated approximately 100 acres of EWM in 2005. The size of the sites were smaller than in previous years, and we were able to successfully treat more of them. By doing so we are getting to the EWM before it can grow out of control and take over a specific area of the lake.

We will do an underwater as well as a surface survey this May

and early June, followed by a chemical treatment later in June. We will repeat this process in August and September. We did a test site of one acre in bulrush between Malkerson's Island and Bird Island late last October to evaluate the possibility of treating several very dense areas of EWM in bulrush. It is currently against DNR (Department of Natural Resources) rules to chemically treat in emergents like bulrush and lily pads. This is an

experimental program, and if the bulrush goes undamaged from this test, we will give a separate treatment to several very large areas of dense EWM this October.

We had talked in years past about replanting, but have put that on hold because we are seeing native regeneration happening on its own with the way we are conducting treatments. We will continue to monitor this and will at some point consider pilot programs to do native specie replanting if it is necessary.

We continue to work with the DNR on our agreed-upon Aquatic Plant Management Plan

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BLIA to give away aquatic plants

by Tori Peterson
Shoreline Protection

Hello, water and plant enthusiasts. 2006 brings us a larger budget for our annual plant giveaway, thanks to the very generous and supportive action of the BLIA Board. Many thanks to all of these people, The Hawk, and your support of BLIA. With the increase in funds, we are expanding to include emergent — or aquatic — plants this year. This is very exciting, as there are multiple reasons for lakeshore

owners to encourage this aspect of shoreline restoration. A healthy lake bottom supports a healthy shoreline, and a healthy shoreline means a healthy lake.

When you have a balanced emergent plant growth in a lake, the sediments and shorelines are stabilized and water clarity increases. This is because plant roots help to anchor sediments and prevent their suspension,

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**BLIA
Annual Tree and
Plant Giveaway
Saturday, May 27
The Hawk on Bay
10 a.m. to noon
or while supplies last**

Please remember to support BLIA with your dues

by Betty Marquardt
Membership

Spring has finally arrived at Bay Lake, and we're all happy that we can start enjoying the outdoor summer activities. While we are doing that, please remember to

send in your 2006 membership dues of \$30. These dues are used to print the Breezes, mail out all the information on Bay Lake activities for the year, keep you

posted on current issues facing us, and keep our buoys in repair. These are ongoing expenses and need your support, which is always greatly appreciated. Bay Lakers are wonderful and caring people who want the best for our lake. Thanks for your help in making Bay Lake one of the very best!

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Annual tree giveaway to be May 27

The annual BLIA tree giveaway will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 27, in The Hawk on Bay driveway. It will run simultaneously with the shoreline plant giveaway (See Page 1).

This year 500 white pine and 500 white spruce will be available. They will be four-year-old transplants, the biggest trees BLIA has ever given away.

As in other years, the procedure will be first come, first serve. The giveaway will continue until noon, or while supplies last.

Don't miss this chance to make your property a little greener!

Memorials

The Bay Lake Improvement Association greatly appreciates memorials given in memory of Bay Lakers. Please send memorials to P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444 and indicate whom the gift is honoring. This will make it easier for the family to acknowledge the gift.

Bay Lake maintaining its water quality

by Mark Roloff
Water Quality

This past winter, as since 1985, water samples were taken to assess the water quality of Bay Lake. Each year we take four samples from the northern to southern parts of the lake. Our goal is to sample the nutrient levels at a time of year when the lake is most stable and not affected by seasonal wind and rain. Nutrients we are most concerned about — phosphorus, nitrates and ammonia — directly affect growth of algae and plants. Also, nutrients and chemical reactions that affect the health of fish and other aquatic animals are sampled to review the water pH, alkalinity and dissolved oxygen levels.

TSI most important

While sampling measures nine different nutrients and water chemistries, the most important number for us is a measurement known as the Trophic State Index (TSI). TSI correlates to the geological age of a lake or its trophic state. Bay Lake has ranged around the mesotrophic state, which is characterized as having temporary algae and aquatic plant problems. On a numeric scale, 0 to 100 (worst), a mesotrophic lake has a range of 41 – 50. Bay Lake, in 2006,

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had a TSI of 50, which places Bay Lake on the cusp of the next trophic state, designated as eutrophic. With sampling records going back to 1985, our TSI has been as high as 55 (1987) and as low as 39 (1995). The important point is that within the past 20 years, Bay Lake has continued to maintain a status of a mesotrophic lake.

The TSI is also used by the Minnesota DNR (Department of Natural Resources) Fisheries in assessing the best water quality for fish stocks in a lake. Based upon the TSI goal of the DNR, our number should be at 42.2.

Measuring clarity

Another means by which to judge water quality is by using a secchi disk to visually gauge water clarity. At our winter sample sites, secchi readings range within 10-15 feet. These readings are within the range of past winter tests, which is also good news.

As you know, nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrates and ammonia are compounds found in fertilizers. Lakes naturally age over time, but using fertilizers can noticeably accelerate the aging process. Small amounts of fertilizers can create algae blooms as well as increase weed growth.



How you can help

Strongly consider, along with stopping the fertilizing, establishing a buffer zone of grass and plants along your lakeshore. While creating an interesting view, the plantings will also trap nutrients, thus preventing them from entering the lake. Small changes that are within the power of each of us to make can have a great impact in increasing the quality of water so important to our enjoyment and preservation of Bay Lake.

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All the fun we'll have this summer...

Time to dust off your fishing pole!

by Joel Kraft
Fishing Contest

The 2006 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest will run from Saturday, May 13, through

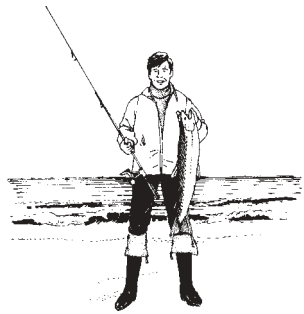
Monday, Sept.

4. Trophies will be awarded for the largest walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie and sunfish in each of two

age groups. Anglers 15 years of age and younger will compete in one group, and those 16 years of age and older will compete in another.

Fish will be measured by length (**down to the quarter inch**) and may be registered in the contest at Hansen's Store. The signature of a witness in the registration book or a photo of the

fish is all that is needed to enter. The actual fish need not be provided.



We will also have a drawing that includes the names of all who enter for two \$15 gift certificates to Tutt's bait store in Garrison. Even if your fish isn't the biggest, please stop in at Hansen's and take part in the contest. Maybe we'll help take a bite out of your bait

bill this summer. Names of trophy and gift certificate winners, along with information on how they will be distributed, will be listed in the Fall/Winter issue of the Bay Lake Breezes.

This should be a great summer of fishing on Bay Lake, and I look forward to many of you participating in this year's contest.

Minnow Camp to be July 1 on Church Island

The Bay Lake Improvement Association will again sponsor the annual children's party at Church Island on Saturday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Minnow Camp is a rain-or-shine event with craft and game activities appropriate for preschool to early-elementary-aged children accompanied by an adult. A "shore lunch" will also be provided. Siblings and weekend guests are welcome. Participants should meet at the east end of Church Island at the flag pole at 10 a.m.

Contact Joyce Kohnen at 218-678-2209 if you or your older children would like to sponsor a craft table or help the little campers.

Runtilla calling for t-shirt designs, sponsorships

Grab your running shoes, skates or bikes — or just come and cheer — for the 22nd annual Bay Lake Runtilla on Saturday, July 29, at The Hawk on Bay. Starting gun will sound at 9 a.m.

This year, to add to the fun, Josh and Amy Goolsbee of the Lonesome Pine will have a float, which will travel behind the other participants. Anyone interested in entering another float is welcome to create some "competition."

If you're 20 years old or under, or 70 and above, you're invited to enter an original

design for the front of the Runtilla t-shirt. Allison Bye was the winner of last year's contest.

Sponsors are also welcome. For \$50, you can have your name or business name on the back of the t-shirt; \$250 will earn you a place on a sleeve, and \$1,000 will place your name on the front. The goal is 50 sponsors, says Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator. Several sponsors have already confirmed, but spaces are available in all categories. The entire amount raised goes toward the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund.

Please send your design artwork by July 1 and sponsorship donation by July 14 to:

Jim Bye
2482 Lafayette Rd.
Wayzata, MN 55391

"Thanks to the Hansens and owners of the White Hawk, who have done a marvelous job of supporting the Runtilla through the years," says Bye. "We're looking forward to working with our newest neighbor, Craig Jones, and the new Hawk on Bay down by the lake."

Bay Lake Camp offers outdoor fun, ways to help

by Gary and Carol Malek
Bay Lake Camp

Welcome to First Lutheran Bay Lake Camp (BLC) during our 80th season of camping on beautiful Bay Lake. First Lutheran Church, located on St. Paul's east side, invites you to share in a full summer of activities.

- ◆ Worship Services (nondenominational) begin Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day at 10 a.m. Come by boat or catch the pontoon shuttle beginning at 9:30.
 - ◆ Camping sessions open to your camper:
 - 7/31-8/4 for 7th and 8th Graders
 - 8/7-8/11 High School Leadership
 - 8/11-8/18 3rd through 6th Graders
- Register your camper with Brenda 651-776-7210 or bolsonplace@aol.com.
- ◆ Young Artist's Initiative Theater Week, June 25-July 2. Register campers through www.youngartistsmn.org. (Godspell Production)
 - ◆ Godspell Performances open to all, Friday 6/30 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday 7/1 at 2 and 7 p.m. Volunteers needed prior to the shows.
 - ◆ Minnow Camp on the island, Saturday 7/1, 10 a.m. till noon.
 - ◆ BLIA Family Picnic on the island, date to be announced.
 - ◆ 80th BLC Anniversary celebration, Sunday 7/23 at 10 a.m. Worship.
 - ◆ Volunteers needed on Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m. Come help with docks and spring cleanup at the outdoor chapel area.
 - ◆ Come and see the new gazebo, built in loving memory of Sherry Hanson by family and friends, located near the new labyrinth east of the swimming beach.
 - ◆ Sponsor a camper with a gift of \$175. Help us provide a camping experience to an inner city youth or family. Send your check to BLC, 16257 Brighton Pt. Rd., Deerwood, MN 56444 and indicate for camperships.
 - ◆ Come walk the trails, enjoy the children's playground, have a picnic or just take in the natural status of much of the island.

We take this time to thank you for your ongoing support of our mission, and as we head into the final days of our fundraising, we ask for your help in reaching our goal to Preserve Church Island for years to come.

Have a great summer!
Carol and Gary Malek 218-678-3712
Bay Lake Camp 218-678-2271

Bay Lake/Deerwood Lions to host annual Home Tour

by Sylvia Graff

Please join us for the fifth annual tour of homes on July 28 and 29, followed by a buffet lunch at Ruttger's Lodge. Refreshment and parking will be available at 8 a.m. at the Bay Lake Lions facility across from Zig's.

Tour cost is \$38, most of which is tax deductible. Proceeds

will go to the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, the Cuyuna Range Youth Center and the Senior Community Center in Crosby.

Group and individual registration forms are available at Hansen's Store and several other area businesses. Gather your

group and enjoy a great day.

Mail checks and reservation forms to: Mavis Jordan, 2512 Woodridge Lane, Brainerd, MN 56401, or mail checks to the above address, but send reservation information by e-mail to mij33@charter.net, or phone 218-832-1183.

Bay Lake history

Woodland Beach memories begin in the 1930s

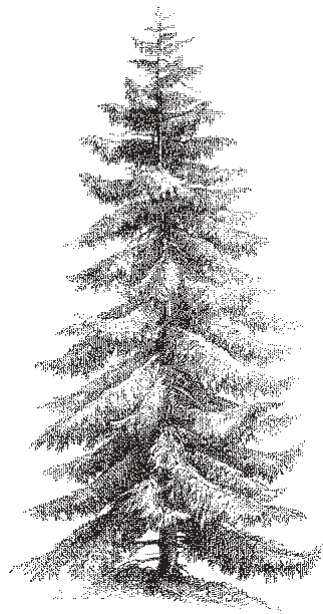
The following article was written by a former resident of the Woodland Beach area. It's a terrific example of how one article can serve as a foundation for many individual submissions. I'm currently developing a similar foundation article for our area, Hunters Bay Point (the original Hunt Homestead). We'll eventually build on it by adding the stories of our neighbors. If you have an individual submission and/or you're willing to develop a foundation article for your area, please contact me at efiman@aol.com or 218-678-3400. Paul Erickson

History of Woodland Beach – Ollie Erickson, 1988 (Edited to fit space constraints.)

In 1930, John Erickson and Oscar Bronson started Bronson-Erickson, Inc. They developed Brighton Point and started White Hawk Addition. Subsequently, Hunters Bay was developed in 1935, Bay Lake Shores in 1936, and Eaglewood in 1939. In April of 1932, the land platted into Woodland Beach was optioned from a farmer named Ed Harr, who owned and lived on the farm east of Woodland Beach. Mr. Harr, at one time, owned all the property from Woodland Beach Resort south to Hunt's Point on the north end of Echo Bay.

The sale was completed in October 1932 for \$10,000, payable in five years, with no interest and lot releases at \$3 per foot on the lake and \$1 per foot on inside lots. The road construction, which was done by Mr. Harr and his team of horses, was included as part of the purchase price.

Woodland Beach was all fenced, and Mr. Harr ran beef cattle on the property. There was a large barn full of bats and manure, where a lot of us played during the summer. He also had a couple of large haystacks that provided us with a lot of good jumping, a practice not appreciated very much by him.



The plat of Woodland Beach was approved on May 5, 1933. It was surveyed and staked by M. J. Berscheid, a Minneapolis surveyor — 95 lots, 50 feet wide along the lake, and 30 across the road. Although the country was in a depression and the trek to Bay Lake was mostly over gravel roads, sales were brisk, down payments being low, and monthly payments \$5 to \$7.50 if necessary.

The area at one time had a large number of huge pine trees, as evidenced by the many old pine stumps, some as much as four to five feet in diameter. We used to haul wheelbarrow loads

of pine knots to burn in our fireplace.

A number of the original cabins were built by a good-looking French-Canadian carpenter named Chester LaSalle, who also built part of Woodland Beach Resort and Hunters Bay Store, which he owned and operated for a while.

No electricity was available in the early years, so residents used kerosene or gas lanterns, and lights-out came early. Radios, if any, were few and battery-operated. Outhouses were the rule, and cooking was done on kerosene or wood stoves. Wells were hand-driven and fairly shallow. Pumps were hand-operated. Water was hauled from the lake for many purposes, including washing clothes in a tub with the old corrugated scrub board. Baths generally were a ritual accomplished in the lake.

Fishing was great! The lake was full of large fish. It was also full of minnows. My brothers and I made all our fishing tackle and State Fair money seining minnows and selling them to the resorts.

LaBrant, the first Woodland Beach Resort owner, maintained an ice house at the resort to stock our ice boxes so that we could

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PRESERVE CHURCH ISLAND UPDATE

Heading toward the finish line!!

by the Preserve Church Island Task Force

Last year at this time, we reported that the campaign to preserve Church Island was moving into the summer months with great momentum, having hit a fundraising total of just over \$750,000, with 63 Bay Lake families in combination with donations from members of the First Lutheran Church and a significant contribution from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. *We now have received commitments from more than 305 families, with total commitments of more than \$1.2 million!*

As you may recall, upon completion of the target fundraising goal, the church will sell a conservation easement over Church Island, which will perpetually restrict development of the property beyond its current development footprint. The easement will protect the natural and scenic values of the island, and protect the shoreline from development, thereby maintaining the water quality of Bay Lake while simultaneously providing the church the funds to improve and maintain Bay Lake Camp, a Bay Lake institution for more than 75 years. In essence, by meeting our goal, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve 8,000 feet of wilderness character shoreline for future generations of Bay Lakers.

During the past year we have learned that islands are kind of tricky when it comes to real estate issues. We have also learned that the wheels of government have lots of ground to cover, and that our project is not always on the front-burner. That being said, we also know that the DNR is very strongly committed to this project and steadfastly supports our efforts.

We are now hoping to coordinate our project completion with the 80th anniversary of the Church Island Camp, July 23, 2006. Excitement is indeed building as another generation of campers are preparing to share life experiences at the camp this summer, and as we head around the final curve of our campaign.....heading for the home stretch.

For more information on how you and your family can help, please contact:

Carol or Gary Malek, Bay Lake Camp Managers: 218-678-3712

Brenda Olson, Bay Lake Camp Director: 651-785-6225

Jane Prohaska, Minnesota Land Trust: 651-647-9590

Or visit the web:

www.preservechurchisland.org or www.mnland.org

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keep our food from spoiling. The ice was cut out of the lake and hauled up to the ice house, where it was layered and covered with saw dust to keep it from melting. Milk and eggs were purchased from Beulah Harris, who bought the Harr farm. She had her own dairy cows and separator, and had a regular milk route through the area.

Boats were, for the most part, propelled by two pieces of wood called "oars." A 5-

horsepower motor was pretty fast, and we used to race sitting in front with a rope tied to the steering handle and bent low to cut the wind resistance. Few big power boats existed on the lake in the mid 30s. A Mr. Deiss, across the lake, had an old wood-strip Chris Craft that was the envy of all.

Lots of young people spent summers at Woodland Beach. We'd make the trip to the mailboxes each morning, hoping

for mail and to plan the day's activities. Many families spent the entire summer at the lake. One of the goals of young people was to swim across the lake from Woodland Beach to the shore by the entrance to Hunter's Bay, accompanied, of course, by an adult in a boat. When that was accomplished, one felt pretty mature.

Ruttger's Lodge plans improvements

by Chris Ruttger

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Ruttger's has some plans in the works. In the next few years there will be some major improvements to the main lodge building, construction of new deluxe guestroom units and removal of some cottages. We have been working with Nor-son architects and Landecker engineers for more than a year to put together a plan that allows us to keep up with the market's needs, and to keep our shore beautiful. Our plan was approved by Crow Wing County in April, and we are now on our way to putting it into place.

Plans call for a new grand lobby that will take the place of the present indoor pool and act as a hub. Gather here to relax, read a book, play a game, or watch the wood fire in the 25-foot-tall fireplace on a rainy day. From here it will be an easy walk to the old lodge and Ruby's log dining room, the outdoor pool and lake, the front desk and conference rooms.

Down the hall past the front desk will be a new recreation center, complete with indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, fitness center, game room and a kiddy pool with zero entry.

Even though the new addition will be 250 feet back from the lake, it will still offer a view of Bay Lake from the pool. We are removing three cottages to make that possible. On sunny days a glass wall will open to an outdoor patio and lawn.

We expect to break ground for these improvements this fall, at the conclusion of our annual Octoberfest celebration. In future years, we will also be building new duplex units near the Country Store area, which will be offered for sale to investors as resort rental units. In addition, we will remove the four little cabins that are right on the shoreline on the east end of the resort and one other small one near the lake, and replace them with one building behind the setback line.

Many of you know that the resort has operated one condominium development on the golf

course and one at Battle Point for about 20 years. They were sold to investors and used by the resort as rental units. We have owned a

number of those condos for quite a few years and will be selling our units to help fund our project. The Battle Point condos are being turned from resort use to residential units, while the golf

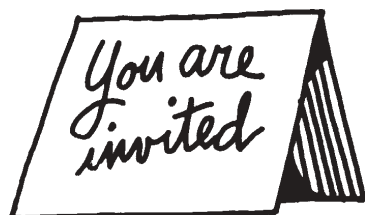
course units will stay in the rental program.

We are excited to share more details with anyone who is interested. Please feel free to contact me or stop by this summer.

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Join the celebration at Lonesome Pine



You are invited to the Lonesome Pine's second annual Customer Appreciation Party from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, on the restaurant's lawn.

There'll be complimentary food and beverages and live music. Bring the family!

Lonesome Pine opens daily at 4 p.m., with family and group specials until 5:30. The restaurant also features "Happy Hour" from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. until close Friday and Saturday.

The Hawk on Bay...coming soon!

by Craig Jones
The Hawk on Bay

I think we all have a story, memory or experience from the MANY years that the White Hawk (now The Hawk On Bay) has been a part of Bay Lake. Many of you grew up inside the walls of this establishment.

When The Hawk burned down last year, it was like the loss of a true friend! We have all had to come to grips with this loss in different ways. We the owners of the Hawk have been on an emotional roller-coaster ever since that day. At first we considered throwing in the towel and just walking away from what seemed a daunting task of rebuilding. What kept eating at us with that decision was all of you who supported us, partied with us and became true friends during our short time owning The Hawk!

How can we let a landmark such as The Hawk go away? Game on, we bit the bullet and started dreaming of the rebirth of the Hawk! After what seemed like endless hoops, permits and financial juggling, we broke ground late in the winter! As many of you have already seen, we are close to having The Hawk back on its feet very soon. Please stop by and see for yourself! Our plan is to open the bar and kitchen by Memorial Weekend, with our two-level dining room close behind.

We have set our GRAND REOPENING celebration for July 7 and 8; we have already booked the band R-Factor to come back for an outdoor concert both

evenings. This time we will have all the festivities right down next to the water's edge, off our new, very large patio. Also, you may consider arriving by boat, as we have a brand new state-of-the-art dock system, provided by Farm Island Repair and Marine!

We thank all of you who supported us through the tough start-up times last year, when we were getting our feet wet learning the business, and all of you who kept coming back day after day!! We promise not to disappoint you with what we are planning for the NEW HAWK! Please come on in and share in our enthusiasm!



EMW, cont. from Page 1 **Let's keep Bay Lake the special place it is**

for Bay Lake. One of the components of that plan is working with our homeowners to better understand the value of the native plants in Bay Lake. These native plants are critical to the survival of the lake habitat. You should always avoid disturbing or removing any plants other than EWM if possible. We are seeing the strong native plant community fight off the EWM and regenerate. In many areas where this is happening, the EWM is not returning with the same vigor as before. We need these native plants. You may experience, as some did last fall, areas of native vegetation that seem much heavier than normal. These cycles of plant growth are fairly normal, and areas like these are most likely traditionally weedy. Be thankful and support this growth. Never remove emergent plants like lily pads or bulrush. Without the native weeds and our program, EWM would be the dominant plant in Bay Lake.

Watching new threat

Another invasive specie to watch for is Zebra Mussels, as they are now in Mille Lacs Lake and the Mississippi River from just north of Crosby to the south. Please volunteer to be a public access monitor this season. You must be trained for this, and more training will be available this summer. To those who took the training last year, please give any hours you can this season. Any time we spend monitoring the access lowers our chance of

allowing Zebra Mussels into Bay Lake. Keeping them out is the only solution, as there is no fix once they are in. This is a very serious threat to our lake ecosystem that I believe is not being taken seriously enough at all levels throughout the state, including at Bay Lake. Once we get this program running, I think we will see it is really quite easy, and we can have some fun with it. Get a group of relatives or neighbors and take the training, then volunteer together if you would like. We really need your help. Tiffin Souder is going to be running this program and needs volunteers. Please contact her at tsouder@bearpath-golf.com or 952-215-2643.

Native plants are critical to the survival of the lake habitat. You should always avoid disturbing or removing any plants other than EWM if possible.

As always, we need your authorization to chemically treat within 150 feet of your shoreline. The signatures we have are good through 2006. We will be required to get new signatures next year covering 2007-2009. A notice will be mailed to you in late winter. If you recently purchased your property and have not signed the authorization, we need an updated signature.

In August we will again ask homeowners to check their

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shorelines for signs of EWM. This is a big help, and each year a number of treatment sites that might have been missed are found by concerned homeowners. You can pull and remove up to an area of 50' X 50' adjacent to your shoreline without a permit. Please only remove the EWM, as native plants are critical to the health of Bay Lake.

The Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund needs your continued support. Our Eurasian Watermilfoil control program cost \$107,000 in 2005 and is budgeted to cost the same or more in 2006. Our property values are strong because EWM is under control, so please be generous with your contribution. Remember, it is tax deductible. We have come a long way these past 15 seasons. Our plan works! Our plan is to control EWM in Bay Lake, and that is what we are doing.

Thank you for your support. Our plan works because you have supported it over the years. Bay Lake is a special place — let's keep it that way.

Shoreline, cont. from Page 1 **You're invited to the Annual BLIA Plant Giveaway**

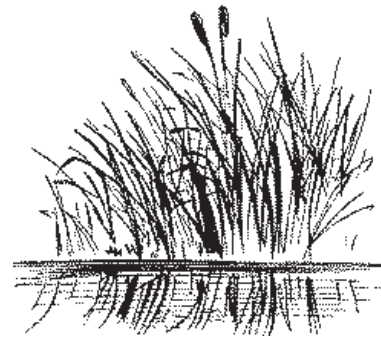
which would otherwise produce murky waters. Aquatic plants also provide food, shelter and breeding areas for fish and other living species. A healthy native emergent plant population helps keep invasive plant populations in check. Emergent plants are an important source of oxygen, absorb nutrients from runoff, and protect shorelines from wave action. Wave action on a lake's substrates results in a muddy shoreline. It is widely thought that if you remove vegetation, a sandy beach will emerge. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** Removing vegetation will result in more soil action, which encourages muck and turbidity.

Benefits plus beauty

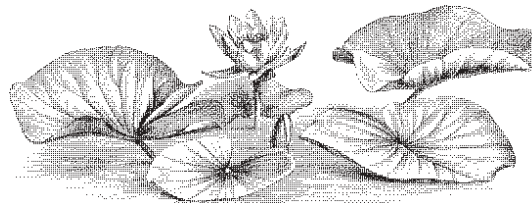
As you can see, emergent plants have many benefits, and the native species we are offering will provide not only benefits but beauty as well. Aquatic plants do not necessarily indicate a problem needing corrective action. Problems arise for

homeowners when plants interfere with recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing. With careful and thoughtful lakeshore planning, we can live in harmony with aquatic plants.

Emergent plants are easy to maintain once they are in the water. There are several ways to protect them against wave action during their first years of growth: for example, barriers such as coconut logs, brush fences, fabric or plastic fences. Once established, the plants will maintain your natural shoreline and are far more cost effective than man-made methods.

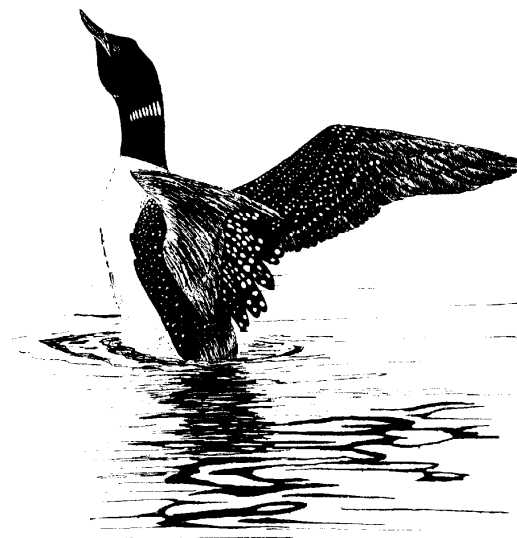


We invite you to come pick up some of these lovely plants (complete with directions and lots of other information) at the Annual BLIA Plant Giveaway.



LARRY THE LOON says,

“Pick up some aquatic plants at the annual BLIA Plant Giveaway on Saturday, May 27, and help preserve the water quality of Bay Lake for your family and mine.”



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*BLIA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 15
9:30 a.m.
Ruttger's
Come early for coffee and
conversation with friends*

*Runtilla
Saturday, July 29
9 a.m.
The Hawk on Bay*

*Fireworks
Sunday, July 2
East end of
Ruttger's*

*Minnow
Camp
July 1*

*Call Tiffin Souder
to volunteer as a
public access
monitor
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