



Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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Spring/Summer 2011

2011 starting well for milfoil control

We continue our plan to control Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake as we have in previous years. We began our annual spring survey just before Memorial Day and will plan on treatments before the end of June.

The weather has been on our side the last couple of years and this year is off to a similar cool, wet start. We had good snow cover this winter, which with the current weather conditions should work in our favor again this year. With that said, the EWM is not going to go away, rather it should be a little easier to control.

Last year we saw strong native growth actually displacing the EWM in some cases. We treated approximately 105 acres at a cost of \$110,000 and expect about the same this year. We will have a new five-year Lake Vegetation Management Plan in place this year similar to what we had the last five years with the DNR. This is a great tool that makes it very easy to work with the DNR and conduct our program.

Still need approvals

We still need some signatures, so if you have not sent yours in, please do so or we will not treat



your shoreline. This not only affects you but your neighbors as well.

We will send out our shoreline inspection request later in August. This is a very important part of our program. Your participation has helped immensely over the years, and we ask that you would continue to be involved.

Important to build reserves

While our costs have been lower the last few years because of weather conditions, we have to accept that there will be years ahead with little snow cover, low water and/or hot and sunny, drought conditions, making for explosive EWM growth like we experienced four or five years ago. Everyone has done a fantastic job of supporting our cause, but the last few years'

donations have been down and we have spent more than we have taken in. If everyone could give just a little more, it would go a long way in closing the gap.

It is important to have a reserve. Without the reserve we would have been in big trouble in 2006-2008, when we needed to spend significantly extra dollars with little notice to address what at the time was very explosive EWM growth. That extra spending proved to be worthwhile, as that large fall treatment was very successful, especially because the next spring the weather pattern broke to more favorable conditions for our control program.

Thank you for your continued support of our program. We can control EWM, and we will continue to do so with your help.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management



Membership Goal: 511 in 2011

We did it! We made our goal of 500 members in 2010, so thank you to everyone who sent in their annual membership dues. Your support through your dues enables us to keep communicating with all of you

throughout the year about all the BLIA events and activities. For 2011, we have a larger goal of 511 members. I know we can do it if everyone will be sure to send in their own dues, along with dues for your children,

grandchildren, friends, relatives, visitors, etc., etc., etc. Anyone who enjoys the pleasure of spending time at Bay Lake can help support BLIA activities, as well as the newsletter "Breezes," which twice a year offers informative articles of interest and importance to all of us.

So, as usual, I thank you in advance for sending in your membership dues of \$30. It is always much appreciated and always put to good use.

You can mail in your dues in the usual fashion or contribute online by going to www.baylake.org.

Remember — 511 in 2011!

Betty Marquardt
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Remembering

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

Phyllis Bergquist
 Delphie Clark
 Gloria Hales
 Dana Harris
 Elizabeth Hedstrom
 Margaret Hiner
 Gerald McGraw
 Jackie Middleton
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Protecting our precious asset

After a bruising winter, the weather has finally gotten warm, and summer has begun. Thank you to all of the generous donors who gave to the Environmental Protection Fund last year. Your contributions allow BLIA to keep Eurasian watermilfoil in check and help to defray many of the costs associated with keeping zebra mussels out of the lake. Your donation to the Environmental Fund is spent protecting what, for many, is one of your most prized assets: your home on Bay Lake.

While we realize that the economy is not recovering as quickly as hoped, BLIA still

needs your financial commitment to continue our good work.

BLIA is an all-volunteer organization dependent on our membership; as you begin another wonderful summer on the lake, please take a moment to reflect on this precious asset and make a meaningful donation to the Environmental Protection Fund.

Dominic Cirese
Patricia Jespersion
Environmental Protection Fund

County passes new land use ordinance

In March, Crow Wing County passed a new Land Use Ordinance, effective April 22, which governs all properties that are outside individual city limits and lie above the Ordinary High Water line.

The county states that rather than using a one-size-fits-all approach to land use, it will implement site-specific performance standards such as stormwater management, vegetated buffers and septic system maintenance. Key areas the new ordinance addresses are Land Use (Zoning) Classification Changes, Shoreland Alteration Permits, Impervious Surface Coverage, Stormwater Runoff, Shoreline Buffer Zones and Setback Requirements.

The ordinance also requires that a county staff member conduct an onsite visit before issuing any land use permits and that the Development Review Team hold a pre-application meeting for all projects that go to a public hearing, such as variances and conditional use permits.

The final version of the ordinance can be found on the Crow Wing County website: www.co.crowwing.mn.us. On the home page, click on Land Services at the top, then on Environmental Services on the left side and then on Ordinances & Township Comp Plans on the left.

Additional information is available through the Land Services Office, 218-824-1125.

Help protect Bay Lake with your time

This summer, a large group of your neighbors are serving as monitors on the public boat ramp, checking boats coming and going for signs of invasive species.

With the discovery of Zebra Mussels in Mille Lacs, Gull and other lakes, plus the Mississippi River, we need to be ever vigilant to keep these nasty devils out of our lake.

Our association has contracted with the DNR to provide monitoring for part of each week, but we still need more volunteers to help out. The DNR provides monitor training (2 hours) each year and the next is planned for July 9 at Ruttger's. To join us in helping protect our precious Bay Lake, please contact me at philfishing@gmail.com or 415-497-2838.

Phil Rollins
Access monitoring

Don't forget to pull the plug

Just a reminder: When you take your boat out of the water, make sure it's fully drained and free of visible aquatic plants or other invasive species, and if you're transporting it, be sure to keep the plug out the full length of the trip. It's the law.

Find out more about this and other safety and quality-of-life rules at the Bay Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 2. Come at 9 and enjoy a continental breakfast.

Bay Lake celebrates the 4th annual Golf Scramble and Picnic to support the Environmental Protection Fund

It was a cool, but dry, summer day when 74 golfers teed off at Ruttger's on Aug. 14, 2010, for the 4th annual Bay Lake Golf Scramble and Picnic. Following the golf tournament, another 53 adults and 11 children joined them for a picnic in the golf cart shelter, for a total of 138 participants.

Golf Scramble Team prizes were awarded to the following:

First Place Team — Score of 30 — Jim Bye, Heidi Bye, Bruce Johnson, Doug Pansch, Chip Sorenson

Second Place Team — Score of 31 — Brad Hanson, Deb Hanson, Megan Hanson, Tom Knutson

Third Place Team — Score of 33 — Leanne Brecht, Jim Brecht, Pam Boyd, Brent Souder

Closest to the Pin #6 in two shots: Team of George & Mary Hanson and Paul & Sue Erickson

Closest to the Pin #7 in one shot: Team of Bruce Johnson, Jim & Heidi Bye, Doug Pansch, Chip Sorenson

Closest to the Pin #9 in one shot: Team of Marlene Hendricks, Jerry Hendricks, Jim & Faye Ysseldyke

A putting contest was also included this year, with the following golfers making the putt and earning a sleeve of three new golf balls: Pam Boyd, George Hanson, Mary Lou Hanson, Brad Hanson, Deb Hanson, Maxine Hendricks, Chris Leising, Donna Murphy, Tom Murphy. These winners all qualified for the putting finale, which was worth \$100. Chris Leising won the finale and received a \$100 check from Sunshine Golf (George Reynolds). A special putting contest was also held for the children, with prizes for everyone.

Many door prizes were awarded at the picnic, thanks to the generosity of the following individuals and businesses:

Mary Swanson, Dale & Vi Klungness, Hanson Sports, White Hawk Restaurant, Lonesome Pine Restaurant, Witt's End at the Y Restaurant & Bar, Blue Goose Restaurant & Bar, Coaches Corner Restaurant, Ruttger's Resort, Sunshine Golf, Christensen Insurance.

We wish to thank Jack, Ann & Chris Ruttger for the use of their great facilities! And a huge thanks to Greg Snow, golf professional, and his staff for their support and assistance in setting up the tournament!

A special thanks goes to everyone who attended to make this a special event, raising \$2,500 for the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund. Great job, everyone!

On your calendar, mark Aug. 13, 2011 — the second Saturday in August — for the 5th annual Golf/Picnic event! Bring your family, friends, guests to support a great cause! ALL are WELCOME!

George and LaDonna Reynolds
Co-chairs

Children's Party to be July 2

Calling all children of Bay Lake!

Please join us for the annual Bay Lake Children's Party on Church Island from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2. (Please note the new afternoon time!)

All school age children, including lake guests, and their parents are welcome to come and enjoy games, crafts, snacks and fun! It's a great get-together for children to meet new friends on the lake.

Please contact Minna Gallagher at 952-474-0329 or minpat@skypoint.com with the number of children coming and to volunteer. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help the party run smoothly, and they're so appreciated! Older siblings are encouraged to help, as well.

Come enjoy an afternoon with the children!

Minna Gallagher



Join us for the annual fireworks display beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 2, from the east end of Ruttger's.

Check out the summer fun at Bay Lake Camp

Greetings from Bay Lake Camp! You are always welcome to visit the island and see what is happening at Camp this summer. Walk the trails, bring the kids to the playground, experience the labyrinth, check out the Red Cedar Lodge for your next family reunion or attend Sunday morning worship. There are many special things happening on the Island this summer:

Sundays through Sept. 4
10 a.m., Worship Service.
Come by boat or catch the pontoon shuttle from Brighton Point beginning at 9:30. Stay for treats and fellowship.

Saturday, July 2
1:30 p.m., Minnow Camp.
Note the new time this year. Bring your elementary age kids and guests to the island for an afternoon of games, crafts and treats.

Sunday, July 10
10 a.m., Church Yard Grass will lead a bluegrass service.

Aug. 23-26
Swim-A-Thon, our 2nd annual swim relay from Hansen's bay to the White Hawk. Watch for details on this fun event (weather permitting) to help raise funds to Send a Kid to Camp. Information will be posted on the BLIA website and at local businesses.

Sunday, Sept. 4
Labor Day Sunday Worship and 4th annual Send a Kid to Camp Raffle drawing and Arts Jam, complete with music, food and crafts after the last worship service of the season.

All summer we will be selling raffle tickets to raise dollars to help send kids to camp. Many beautiful handmade items from supporters and donations from local businesses will be included in the raffle.

Camping sessions open to your camper:
Women's Retreat: July 15-17
High School: July 25-29
Junior High: Aug. 1-5
Elementary: Aug. 8-12

To Register: Contact First Lutheran Church at 651-776-7210 or 651-247-0360

Also this summer, check out our progress as we work to complete our new wood-fired pizza and bread oven! We got a slow start because of the cool spring, but we are making progress. After completion, our wood-fired oven will be used to prepare homemade pizza and bread for island guests and you, our neighbors. Come by on a Sunday morning and see how we're doing and look for tasty treats appearing soon.

Sponsor a camper with a gift of \$250 and help us provide a

camping experience to inner city youth and families. Send your check to BLC, 16257 Brighton Pt Road, Deerwood, MN 56444.

On behalf of Bay Lake Camp and First Lutheran Church of St. Paul, we thank you for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you on the island!

Brenda Olson – Camp Director
Carol and Gary Malek
218-394-0016 or
218-820-3329

Happy Holidays 2011

It's never too early to think about the end of the year and the BLIA Holiday Party. So mark your calendar for Dec. 10.

Thanks to Donna Murphy for the beautiful table floral arrangements, which she donates every year for a lucky person to take home; Mary Jane Peterson for taking registrations, which she said she would do again; and to Ruttger's Lodge for their help, food and accommodations.

See you on Dec. 10!

Sylvia Graff

Food and fun to be part of 27th annual Runtilla July 23

Calling all runners, walkers, skaters and bikers — and others to cheer them on. It's time to mark your calendars for the 27th annual Bay Lake Runtilla on Saturday, July 23.

Check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. near White Hawk, and the starting gun will sound at 9.

Participants will start near White Hawk, go 1.55 miles down Brighton Point Road to a marker and return.

"We've had great comments on this route," said Jim Bye, Runtilla founder and coordinator. The path avoids Hwy. 10, making it safer and prettier than the route used up to two years ago, when road work forced a change.

Following the awards ceremony, new White Hawk owners Cindy and Randy and their staff will host a cookout, and all Bay Lakers are invited to stay for the food and fun.

"Many thanks to Jackie and Charlie for preparing and providing food the last two years," said Bye. Dennis

"Charlie" and Jackie Charles were longtime White Hawk owners.

Bay Lakers under 20 years of age and those over 70 are again invited to submit a t-shirt design for the event. Last year's competition drew almost 50 entries. Bye thanked Minna Gallagher, Children's Party coordinator, for providing entry forms during the party last year and encouraging children to submit designs.

Last year names of a record 66 sponsors appeared on the shirt. Every dollar raised goes to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund and BLIA's effort to maintain the lake's water quality.

"It's wonderful that people continue to support this activity and their community even in tough economic times," said Bye. "Since the Runtilla began, we've raised close to \$175,000, and our goal is to reach \$200,000 this year. Many thanks to all who contribute."

Design entries, sponsorships and participant entry forms should be submitted at Hansen's by July 12. Forms are available at Hansen's or at www.baylake.org.

"The Runtilla is always a great event," said Bye. "It speaks to wellness and camaraderie, but it's Bay Lakers themselves who make the fun. We have many three- and four-generation families participating, and attendance grows each year."



One of the reasons the Runtilla has been so strong is that everybody can do it, from babies in strollers to adults in wheel chairs, said Bye. People not able to participate can cheer others on.

"The best part of the event is seeing all Bay Lakers — families and individuals — there with smiles on their faces."

BayLake.org is better than ever

Last summer our community website went through a remarkable makeover. It's now more user-friendly, interactive and filled to the brim with current, informational, educational and entertaining content. This summer we'll be adding to the more than 50 "articles" and "contests" that are already posted.

Start your week (or your weekend) at BayLake.org.

Paul Erickson



Shoreline History project nearly done

This is the final year of the Shoreline History portion of the Bay Lake History Project. By fall 90 percent of our residents will have participated and, therefore, have their Shoreline History Books. This summer Eaglewood, Cottage Hill/Indian Point, Pioneer Bay and North Bay (north shore east of Ruttger's) will all have celebration parties, and hopefully Evergreen Trail, Scotland Shores and Bay Lake Shores will do so as well.

Last fall our first mini presentation was posted on BayLake.org. It's a short (five minutes) but interesting

DNR wants to give up...

BLIA efforts to increase Bay Lake walleye population continue

Bay Lake is blessed with Good Fishing! Excellent crappies and bass — OK, sunfish — but walleyes are almost non-existent.

The problem is a severe overabundance of small hammer handle northern pike (NP). Based on the 2008 DNR netting, Bay Lake's NP population is four times the state average, while the walleye population is less than 1/3 the state average.

These trends have worsened over the last 10 years. Over the last eight years the BLIA has aggressively worked with the DNR to increase walleye stocking and develop a plan to control the NP population. We have not been successful. In fact, the DNR Lake Management for Bay Lake indicates that unless the NP population is brought under control in the next several

presentation about the development of mining and railroads in our area. Just click on the link in the Bay Lake History: Railroads & Mining article, which is currently located in the "What's New?" section of the BayLake.org home page. This year we hope to create and post similar presentations regarding the Historical Resorts and Boats of Bay Lake.

I want to personally thank all 80-plus Shoreline History Coordinators and the 400-plus submission contributors who made this project a success.

Paul Erickson

years, it will stop all walleye stocking in Bay Lake.

The DNR acknowledges the goal they set is not realistic nor obtainable. Simply put, they will give up on Bay Lake and put their resources elsewhere. We, however, will not give up and will continue to pursue alternatives with the DNR.

For those interested, additional information will be available on the BLIA website under Fishing Resources, including the DNR Lake Management Plan and a recent article in the StarTribune titled "The Great Northern Pike Debate."

Feel free to contact me with any input at malekonbay@gmail.com.

Gary Malek
Fishing resources



BLIA cancels Fishing Contest

With very low participation for the past three years, the BLIA Board has decided to discontinue the fishing contest on Bay Lake.

However, you can still show off your angling ability this summer by submitting digital photos of fish you catch for our website. We welcome pictures of fish you or others have caught, especially those caught by children.

Simply send the pictures via e-mail to Paul Erickson at ericksonpaulsue@aol.com indicating the length of a single fish and watch for them on the website. We also encourage photos of nice catches (for example a limit of crappies).

We look forward to seeing your pictures!



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Watch for these exciting BLIA events:

July 2 BLIA Annual Meeting, Ruttger's
9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Meeting
July 2 Bay Lake Children's Party, Church Island
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
July 2 Fireworks, near Ruttger's
10 p.m.
July 23 Runtilla, near White Hawk
9 a.m.
Aug. 13 BLIA Golf Outing and Picnic, Ruttger's
Dec. 10 BLIA Holiday Party, Ruttger's

BLIA Board Meetings, all at 9 a.m.
July 16 Ruttger's
Aug. 20 Ruttger's
Sept. 10 Ruttger's
Dec. 10 Lonesome Pine
Everyone is welcome.