



Bay Lake Breezes

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Another year without Zebra Mussels

In case you missed it in the October Bay Lake e-mail blast: Zebra Mussels (ZM) have not been found on Bay Lake docks, lifts and boats that have been removed for the winter. While we cannot be absolutely sure, it appears we have managed to dodge a ZM infestation for one more year. We can't get overly confident, however. The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) added several new lakes to its list in 2016 — a total of 35 in Crow Wing County. (See the list of infested Crow Wing County lakes on Page 3.)

Unfortunately, Bay Lake is surrounded by lakes with ZM. So, we will continue our aggressive prevention program in 2017 with daily inspectors from mid-May through mid-October.

County Assessment of Prevention Practices

Over an early October weekend, Crow Wing County surveyed boaters as they launched or removed boats from lake accesses. According to county staff, the results show that 94 percent of Crow Wing County respondents and 90 percent overall at least “somewhat agree” that the current county advertising and messaging

has inspired them to use AIS (aquatic invasive species) prevention practices in the future. And, approximately 95 percent at least “somewhat agree” that they feel well informed about actions they need to take with watercraft and water-related accessories concerning AIS.

AIS Invader Conference

In early October, I attended the second annual AIS Invader Conference in St. Cloud. It is organized by the Minnesota

Lakes and Rivers Advocacy (MLRA), a group that lobbies the state legislature on AIS and lakeshore property tax issues, and The Initiative Foundation, which grants funds to new AIS projects. BLIA is a dues-paying MLRA member and supports its activities, as do I.

About 250 AIS-minded folks attended, representing counties from around the state, lake associations, DNR and companies selling related products and services. More than **AIS**, continued on Page 3



AND THEY'RE OFF! Bay Lakers of all ages — on foot, on bikes and even in strollers — participated in the 32nd annual Runtilla July 30. Story and more pictures on Page 5.

There's still time to send in your 2016 BLIA dues

November has 30 days. as soon as you read this reminder,
 December has 31 days. That's all so we can have a record-breaking
 the time left in 2016 to send in year for memberships.
 your \$30 membership dues. As of late October, we have a
 Please don't be left out in the total of 568 BLIA members —
 cold! Mail in or e-mail your dues the most ever! I'm hoping for

600, maybe not this year, but one never knows! Thank you to all the stalwarts who have already sent in their dues. It is very much appreciated, believe me.

Mail your dues, made out to the Bay Lake Improvement Association, to P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444, or contribute online at www.baylake.org. And don't forget a donation for fireworks. They're the best, and now we have a second chance to see them on New Year's Eve.

Thanks again to all who are already members. To those who are not: It's NEVER too late to join!

Betty Marquardt
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Remembering

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

Hosmer Brown III
 Priscilla (Perk) Jellinger
 Shirley Loftquist
 Joanna Lundblad
 Warren Posthumus
 Dennis Schauer
 Betty Ann Schooler
 Cordelia (Corky) Trones
 Al Whiteford

Summer 2016 weather helps native plants thrive over EWM

This year Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake was spread out as usual, but not as dense and over not as many acres as we were concerned it might be earlier in the season.

We conducted a spring lake survey in May and early June, followed by treatment of 11 acres of EWM, mainly in high traffic areas or near shorelines that were going to be highly impacted by summer EWM growth.

With all the cloudy weather, rain, high water and fairly normal temperatures, the native species outperformed the EWM, keeping it in check throughout the summer.

We conducted our fall survey in late August and early September, followed by treatments of approximately 115 sites equaling 40 acres in the second week of October. These were mostly small sites or very long, narrow strips

of EWM. The conditions were perfect, and I am confident the fall treatments will be a success, and will hope for the winter weather to be on our side with normal snowfall and ice-out going into next season.

Thanks to everyone for your support of our EWM control program. It works very well, and we will continue on again next year.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management

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25 sessions were offered on subjects such as “New and Hybrid Aquatic Invaders,” “Closing Pathways of Infestation,” “Successes in Stopping AIS Infestation” and “Pilot Projects for Innovation and Decontamination.” Suffice it to say that there is much being done around the state as authorities and volunteers struggle to protect Minnesota waters. DNR continues to point out that fewer than 2 percent of 11,000+ Minnesota recreational lakes are infested with AIS, but it sure seems higher than that in our neighborhood.

The AIS prevention program is only possible through the generous contributions to the Environmental Protection Fund made by many BLIA members. Thank you for your past support, and please keep BLIA in mind when making 2016 year-end donations.

Phillip Rollins
AIS prevention

Crow Wing County Lakes with Zebra Mussels (as of Sept. 30, 2016)

Arrowhead	Love
Bertha	Mangan Pit Mine
Big Pine	Miller
Big Trout	Nisswa
Black Bear	North Long
Boom	Ossawinnamakee
Clamshell	Pig
Cross	Pickerel
Daggett	Pelican
Gilbert	Rice
Half Moon	Round
Huntington Pit Mine	Roy
Island	Ruth
Little Pine	Ruth Hen
Little Pine River	Upper Hay
Little Rabbit	Upper Mission
Loon	Whitefish
Lower Hay	

Another great day for the annual Golf Scramble and Picnic

Patrons were greeted by a bright, sunny day and warm weather for the 10th annual Golf Scramble and Picnic. The rains stayed away just as has been the case for all our years.

Nineteen foursomes played golf on the beautiful Ruttger's Lakes Golf Course under the direction of golf professional David Sadlowsky. His instructions were very clear about the day's events, and away they went.

Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger were on-site hosts. It is gratifying to see their support for this event. Thank you, Ruttgers, for your support.



Frank Madden was the 2016 putting champion.

Golf Scramble Team prizes were awarded to the following:

First Place Team

Marty and Sharon Farrell, Jim Techam, Casey Pinnerly

Second Place Team

Brad and Debbie Hanson, Jim and Heidi Bye

Third Place Team

Jo Roloff, Phil Malkerson, Cody Polcari, Tim Wachnen

Team closest to Pin #6 in two shots

Tyler and Brandon Billman, Mike Vanda, Brent Souder

Team closest to Pin #7

Marty and Sharon Farrell, Jim Techam, Casey Pinnerly

Team closest to Pin #9

Lani and Dave Perry, Mary and Peter Mulheran

Team with straightest drive on #2
Debbie and Mike Mirau, Karlynn and Dave Fronck

The Putting Contest was a fun event, with seven golfers qualifying for the finals. The first five players came very close, but none made the long bending putt. Contestant number six, Frank Madden, set his ball between the markers and stroked the putt. It rolled long, took the slope of the green about 10 feet and went into the hole.



Chair George Reynolds announces team winners.

Congratulations, Frank. You are the 2016 putting champion. You get the Green Jacket and the \$100 from Sunshine Golf. Nice going, Frank!

Donations to the Environmental Protection Fund and door prizes were awarded at the picnic, thanks to the following: Jack, Ann and Chris Ruttger, Lonesome Pine Restaurant, Mills Fleet Farm, Hansen's Store and Marina, Fine Line Spa, Knollwood Wine and Spirits, and Reynolds Sunshine Golf. Thank you many times over for the support.

Next year, Aug. 12, 2017, is the date. ALL ARE WELCOME. THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL BAY LAKERS, NOT JUST GOLFERS. Thanks again, and let's make 2017 a whopper year.

George Reynolds
Chair

32nd annual Runtilla biggest ever

Another perfect-weather day greeted the hundreds of Bay Lakers who turned out for the 32nd annual Runtilla July 30. While some ran, walked, biked or skated around the 5K course, others stood by to cheer them on.

Luke Jessen, 15, was the overall winner, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Henry, who has been the overall winner the last three years. Henry did not compete this year.

Jack Malek, grandson of Gary and Carol Malek of Bay Lake Camp, designed this year's Runtilla t-shirt.

Following the awards ceremony, many Bay Lakers stayed to enjoy the now-traditional picnic, provided by "Charlie" and Jackie Charles and family. Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, thanked the Charles family for their generosity.

Bye called this year the "biggest" in the history of the Runtilla, especially in



Jack Malek, who designed this year's Runtilla t-shirt, models his creation with Runtilla Coordinator Jim Bye.

sponsorships. Sponsors contributed more than \$30,000, bringing the historical total to about \$275,000. All proceeds go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Bye thanked the many generous Bay Lakers who contributed. His kudos also went to Josh Goolsbee of the Lonesome Pine, who also had his biggest year at the Bloody Mary bar. Half of Bloody Mary proceeds go to support the Runtilla and the Environmental Protection Fund. Goolsbee also donated bottled water.

Thanks also went to the many volunteers who work hard to make the Runtilla a success.

"The weather was perfect, and everybody seemed to enjoy the event," said Bye. "It was a great day."

It will all happen again next year at the 33rd annual Runtilla, Aug. 5, 2017.



Even canine Bay Lakers got in on the fun.

Bay Lake Camp still offering life-changing experiences in 90th year



Counselors get ready for a fun night with campers.

Greetings from Bay Lake Camp! 2016 marked our 90th year of camping on Church Island. Just imagine the life-changing experiences for the people, children and youth in particular, who have come here over the last 90 years and continue to come here.

Many campers have never swam in a lake before or ridden in a boat. Many have never seen the spectacular expanse of stars at night because they are difficult to see in the city. Many have never been a part of a group who live together, eat together and become deep friends within a week's time, all in the amazing environment of God's creation. First Lutheran Church of St. Paul and Bay Lake Camp are working hard to continue this tradition.

Our clients come from a variety of backgrounds and for many reasons: church groups, nonprofit organizations, Urban

4-H, public schools, theater groups, men's and women's retreats, family reunions, corporate retreats and wedding parties. Come on over and check us out to plan your event.

Our second year of operating the Island Cafe on weekends serving specialty coffees, smoothies and breakfast was very popular.

Thank you to those who supported this initiative. Come and try us out next spring! New this summer was our outdoor wood-fired pizza oven. Many of you know, we had several Pizza Feast nights on the island. Watch our website for details.

We take this time to thank you for your support in so many ways. Coming together on Sundays for worship, helping with docks in the spring and fall, taking part in the annual Bridge Tournament, supporting our annual Labor Day Sunday pie and ice cream social and silent auction! Thank you to all who donated items and/or bid on items. Together we raised funds to help send kids to camp.

Hopefully we can have a New Year's Day worship service this year. Mark your calendars, noon on Jan. 1, weather and ice conditions permitting, as we gather around the campfire. A great way to start the New Year.

Wishing you a safe and Blessed Christmas season. See you on the island!

Brenda Olson, BLC Director
Carol and Gary Malek



Worshippers gather for a Sunday morning service.

Twelve stations challenge Bay Lakers in 5th annual Amazing Race

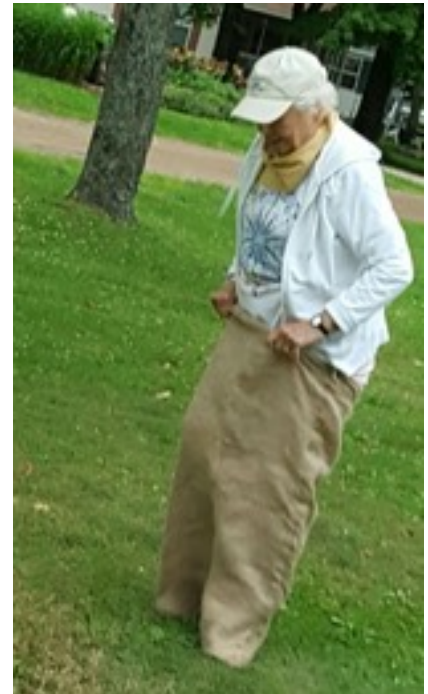


The winning Victorious Secret team shows off their trophies.

The 5th annual Bay Lake Amazing Race was again a fun-filled event on the lake! Nineteen boats stopped at 12 challenge stations and the Totem Pole for team pictures. Challenges ranged from gunny sack races (82-year-old Joan Perlach) to quickly eating a popsicle, minnow races, to a word game. Approximately 45 to 50 volunteers timed and ran the challenges with the winning total of 9.21 minutes by the Victorious Secret team.

First of all, a huge thank you to Brenda Olson and The Church Olson for offering a take-off site! We also extend thanks to our 1)Teams, 2)Volunteers, 3)ChiChi for the Totem Pole photo shot, and a special shout out to 4)Josh, Karen, Kara and Jennifer for providing and serving 35+ pizzas at the Lonesome Pine for the Awards Ceremony.

Most importantly, \$2,525 was raised for the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund! Save the date: July 22, 2017. See you next year, Nancy LaTourneau



82-year-old Joan Perlach skillfully guides her gunny sack toward the finish line.

Thank you, businesses!

The Bay Lake Improvement Association thanks the following businesses for their continued support and contributions. We encourage our members to continue to patronize your businesses. Thank you!

Bay Lake Marine
Hansen Sports on Bay Lake
Knollwood Wine and Spirits
Lake Restoration, Inc.
Lonesome Pine Restaurant & Bar

Mills Fleet Farm
Norson Builders
Reynold's Sunshine Golf
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
The Fine Line Spa
Timber Building Supply/Ace Hardware

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Celebrate the Holiday Season with your Bay Lake friends

Join us at the 2016 BLIA Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 4
Ruby's Room at Ruttger's

Social hour starts at 4 p.m., traditional holiday buffet at 5:15.
Don't forget a favorite Bay Lake memory —
you may win the prize.

You should have received reservation material in the mail.
For more information, call Sylvia Graff, 218-678-2543.

See you there!

