



Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake

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Optimist or pessimist about zebra mussels?

With the continued expansion of zebra mussels and other invasive species into Minnesota lakes and rivers, some say our prevention efforts are a waste of time and money. Some say that given the large number of boats that access contaminated lakes, it's a virtual certainty that over time, watercraft will spread invasives to **all** popular Minnesota lakes and rivers.

Your BLIA Board sees it differently. We believe that the cost of DNR (Department of Natural Resources) inspectors and the volunteer time spent administering the prevention program are well worth each season that passes without new invasives. And for each year that passes without a new infestation, scientists are one year closer to

finding a solution to the zebra mussel contamination. Although we can't know for certain, it's likely our robust inspection program has helped keep us free of zebras and other new invasives. So yes, we will be optimistic and continue our inspection program in the 2014 season.

Over the past several years, we have watched as some of the most well-known local waterways, such as Gull, the Whitefish Chain, Pelican and the Mississippi, to name a few, have become invaded by zebras. So far, Bay Lake is not on that list. One important factor working in our favor is that we have only one public access. While some other area lakes have multiple access points, which makes the monitoring or inspecting of boats difficult or impossible, we are blessed with only one. And with only one, we can focus all of our efforts there. Imagine the challenge of trying to inspect boats on two or three or five different access points.

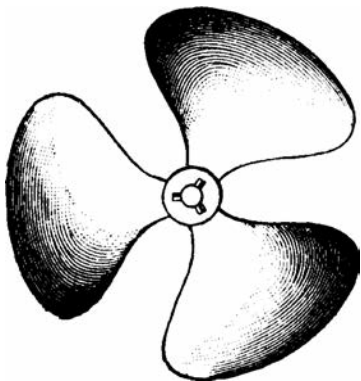
Another critical factor for Bay is the strong financial and volunteer support provided by the BLIA membership and community. The 2014 BLIA public access inspection program



has a budget of \$26,500, most of which is used to pay for DNR Class 1 inspectors. With this continued support, in 2014 we will be scheduling DNR inspectors from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, May 10 through mid-September.

To enhance the program, we applied for and were awarded DNR grant funding to subsidize up to 500 hours of DNR inspection time, equal to about \$4,000. And we will again utilize the iLids camera on the access, which captures video of each launch and retrieval. Many of the videos are reviewed, and if regulation violations are observed, boaters are reported to the DNR.

Our volunteer monitors continue to play an important role in the overall program. With the best of intentions, the scheduling of DNR inspectors isn't perfect, and there have been and will continue to be times when



SPRING! SPRING??? SPRING!!

Where, oh where has our spring gone, or has it even come??? It is lightly snowing as I pen this article.

No matter how discouraging our weather has been and continues to be, WARM weather

WILL arrive, sooner or later. Probably later! Regardless, we will have another great summer on Bay Lake, with beautiful days, lovely evenings, great events and much socializing taking place.

Once again I remind you that your yearly dues of \$30 will be needed to support our spring and fall issues of the Breezes, all our printing and mailing, postage, buoys, printing of membership and environmental fund cards, printing of decals, and other items in the day-to-day support of our BLIA. All of you have been so gracious and affirming in this support, that I am continually thankful and gratified by your willingness to keep our association the best and strongest in Minnesota, and to help keep Bay Lake the truly great place it is.

Thank you in advance for your 2014 membership dues, which are still only \$30. About the only thing that hasn't seen an increase. You can mail your dues to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood 56444 or go online to www.baylake.org to pay your dues, along with (we hope) a generous contribution to the fireworks.

See you on the lake!!

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Share your shelter

As we head into summer, the possibility of severe storms is always with us. Many cabins on Bay Lake are strictly summer residences, meaning they likely don't have basements. If you have a storm shelter and you're willing to share that protection with your neighbors, please let them know. You'll be helping everyone stay safe.

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With heavy snow cover, late ice-out, EWM should be light this year

After a brutal winter, there should be a silver lining! And that is that the EMW (Eurasian watermilfoil) should be fairly light this year. The heavy snow cover all winter and late ice-out should slow EWM growth, which will be an advantage to native species during the upcoming growing season.

We have been fortunate the last several years to have the weather on our side, making our efforts to control EWM that much easier. The way we conduct our treatments in years like this allows the native species to fill in and actually crowd out EWM.

In 2013 we treated 55 acres using liquid 2,4-d. The treatments and our plan continue to be very effective, and we will work the same plan again. Buddy Divers will do a full lake survey starting around Memorial Day, and Lake Restoration will conduct a treatment at the end of June. They will survey again around Labor Day and do treatments in the first part of October.

Last year everyone received an authorization form to sign allowing us to chemically treat along their shore if needed. The signatures are good for five years, so if you have not signed an authorization form, please do. The form is available on the Bay Lake website. Without your

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Later this summer we will be asking you to inspect your shoreline for EWM and zebra mussels and to report back. Returning the post card with your observations and comments has been very helpful in the past, and I expect it will be again this season.

We have a very supportive community that really cares and has always been willing to support our efforts to keep Bay Lake the way we all remember. Please continue to give to the Environmental Protection Fund, which supports not only the EWM effort, but also the public access monitoring program run by Phil and Jane Rollins. They have really worked hard to get a great volunteer and paid inspection program in place.

We have to remember that these issues will continue, and there are or will be other threats to Bay

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we need a volunteer to fill in when an inspector is unavailable. In recent years, we have had as many as 130 volunteers participating. Now, with the bulk of the access inspections done by paid DNR inspectors, we have pared down the volunteer list. However, we are always looking for new volunteer monitors, so if you are interested, please contact me: philfishing@gmail.com or (415) 497-2838.

I can think of three things BLIA members can do to help. First, be a smart boater and follow the DNR regulations

Lake. We have to be vigilant with our plans and programs. We are fortunate to have a very supportive community and an excellent lake association. The BLIA is organized to handle whatever comes our way. Your continued contributions are what is helping your lake association do what it is doing for all at Bay Lake.

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Thank you to everyone for your help and support.

David Devins
Aquatic plan management

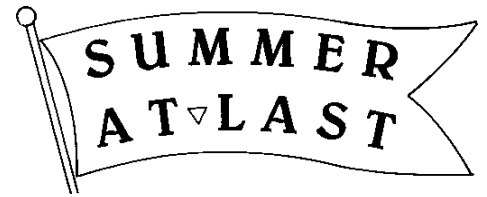
regarding the cleaning and moving of boats. Second, talk to your friends and neighbors about these regulations and the terrible effects brought on by a zebra mussel infestation. And third, please continue to donate to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Thanks for your continued support.

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Public boat ramp monitor
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**Save these dates
for special fun this
summer**



**Attention Brighton Point
cabin owners!**

Karen Schwartzbauer is planning another Brighton Point Picnic. It will be **June 21** at Bay Lake Camp. Are you interested?

If you want more information, please send Karen an e-mail so she can get your e-mail address on her list.

Delivering fliers to everyone on the point is a chore, so I am depending on e-mails. Please talk to your neighbors who might not have e-mail. Since we don't have the White Hawk, this is the only way we can gather and socialize.

Mark your calendar to save the date!

Karen Schwartzbauer
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3rd Annual Bay Lake Amazing Race — July 19

The third annual Bay Lake Amazing Race will be held on July 19. Once again you are encouraged to create a four-person team for this fun event on Bay Lake. This year teams will have 10 to 15 challenges at various locations on the lake. Entry fee is \$10 per person, with a start time of 10 a.m. on Church Island. The actual race time will be approximately two hours, with a gathering at the Lonesome Pine afterward for the award ceremony. All proceeds go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Anyone interested in forming a team should notify Nancy

LaTourneau at 612-240-5959 or Lisa Gray at 218-851-9088 for more information. Volunteers are needed at each location, so call for that info as well. Entry forms will be available online at www.baylake.org or may be picked up at Hansen's Sports. They will also be available at the BLIA Annual Meeting.

Don't miss your opportunity to be an Amazing Race sponsor. Consider a donation of \$50 or more to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund to assure the name of your choice on the backside of the Amazing Race t-shirt. Call for that information as well.

8th Annual Golf Scramble and Picnic

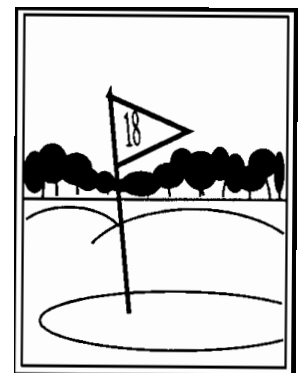
Aug. 9

The eighth annual Golf Scramble and Picnic Benefit at Ruttger's is coming soon! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, Aug. 9.

Proceeds will support the Bay Lake Improvement Association Environmental Protection Fund. Registration information will be available in July.

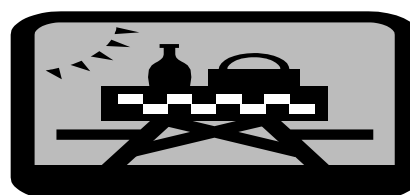
Bring your family and friends! Everyone is welcome!

George and LaDonna Reynolds
Co-chairs



Fireworks — July 5

**Join us for the annual
fireworks display
beginning at 10 p.m.
(dusk) Saturday, July 5,
from the east end of
Ruttger's.**



Another busy summer of fun in store at Bay Lake Camp

Spring greetings and a warm welcome from Bay Lake Camp! It was another hard Minnesota winter, but as the end of April nears, the ice is finally gone and the official spring/summer schedule begins at camp. We look forward to all the good things that are happening at Bay Lake and Church Island. Make Bay Lake Camp a part of your family's traditions and join in all or any of the following:

Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.

Before the worship schedule begins for the summer, we need your help putting in camp docks and readying the outdoor chapel.

Worship on the Island begins Memorial Day Sunday, May 25, at 10 a.m. and runs through Labor Day Sunday. Come by boat or catch the shuttle from the Brighton Point landing beginning at 9:30.

Special Sundays include:

May 25 - Opening worship, led by Greg Meyer from Salem Lutheran

July 6 - First Lutheran Church Congregational and Heritage Sunday

July 13 - Churchyard Grass Bluegrass Band

Aug. 31 - Final worship and sixth annual Send-A-Kid-to-Camp Auction and Arts Jam. Music, food, crafts after worship. Many unique and beautiful items donated by friends and local businesses will be up for auction.

Camping sessions available:

Gardening Retreat: May 30-June 2. Contact director Brenda Olson (651-247-0360).

Women's Retreat: June 20-22. Contact Pastor Chris Berthelsen (651-247-8926)

Leadership Camp: July 9-13. Check out baylakecamp.com. Elementary Week: July 14-18.

Check out baylakecamp.com. Middle School Week: July 28-Aug. 1.

Check out baylakecamp.com. Youth Theater Camp: Aug. 11-15. Contact Julie Magnuson at julieamanda@gmail.com. Women's Stitch and Craft Retreat: Aug. 15-18. Contact Keli Moffat at kelimoffat92@gmail.com.



Other Fun Events on Church Island:

- Saturday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon: BLIA Children's Party, affectionately called Minnow Camp. A light lunch included.
- Saturday, July 26. Fifth Annual "Big Swim." Come join the fun and help Send a Kid to Camp. Watch for details on this fun event on the BLIA website and area posters.
- Wednesday, July 23: Second annual bridge/500 tournament. Watch for details.

Finally, perhaps you are brand new to the Bay Lake community and this summer will be your first. We want to remind new neighbors and old friends alike that it wasn't so long ago — in 2007 — that First Lutheran Church as owner and operator of Bay Lake Camp worked with you, our friends and neighbors, to put the island in a conservation easement. This conservation easement protects Church Island from development in perpetuity and invites you to share in stewarding the island's wilderness resources. This is why, as always, we invite you to camp to simply walk the paths, visit the playground, walk the labyrinth, check out our gardens and see the beauty the Island has to offer us all. Our Red Cedar Lodge is perfect for your family reunions or retreats. Come and check us out.

In closing, remember to help us provide a camping experience to so many kids whose families cannot afford the fee. Your gift in any amount is appreciated. Send your check to BLC, 16257 Brighton Point Road, Deerwood, MN 56444.

Thank you for your support. See you on the Island!

Brenda Olson, Camp Director
651-247-0360
Carol and Gary Malek
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Bay Lakers to celebrate 30 years of Runtilla fun

When Runtilla runners dashed forward to the crack of the starting gun in 1985, who knew that the event would be as popular as ever 30 years later?

This year Bay Lakers will gather as always near White Hawk on Aug. 2 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Bay Lake Runtilla. Runners, walkers, bikers and skaters of all ages — and a few canine participants — will travel the 5K course.

The event has seen a few changes. In 2009 road work on Hwy. 10 forced participants to stay on Brighton Point Road. The new route proved to be prettier and safer, and so popular, that it became the new tradition. The same year another tradition was born: a picnic after the awards ceremony, where participants and those that cheer them on celebrate their accomplishment over good food and conversation.

What hasn't changed is the enthusiasm of Bay Lakers for the event. Hundreds turn out, even on the few event days that have seen some rain.

As usual, this year registration will begin at 8:15 a.m., and the starting gun will sound at 9. Participants will go 1.55 miles down Brighton Point Road to a marker and return. The top three male and female runners in each of nine age-group categories will receive awards.

Following the awards ceremony, Bay Lakers will enjoy the now traditional picnic, with good food and a few



Runtilla is a family event and has become an annual tradition for many Bay Lakers.

surprises to celebrate the event's 30-year milestone.

"Come and see what the picnic will be!" said Jim Bye, Runtilla founder and coordinator.

Bay Lakers age 20 and under, and 70 and over are invited to create an original design to go on the front of the 30th anniversary Runtilla t-shirt. Winner gets a \$50 certificate to Lonesome Pine. Drawings must be to Hansen's by Sunday, July 13.

The shirt also includes the names of Runtilla sponsors. A \$50 donation earns the sponsor a mention on the back of the shirt, while a \$250 contribution secures a place on a sleeve and \$1,000 or more, space on the front. Every dollar raised goes to the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund.

Sponsorship and registration forms are available at Hansen's and online at www.baylake.org. Completed forms are due at Hansen's by Wednesday, July 23.

Bye encouraged participants to pre-register.

"Unfortunately, many did not get the shirt they wanted last year,

as our walk-up supply is limited," he said.

Bye thanked the sponsors, who collectively have raised more than \$200,000 over the last 30 years.

He also thanked all the volunteers and in-kind contributors who have made and continue to make the Runtilla such a great Bay Lake tradition.

"We're looking forward to celebrating 30 years of fun," he said.

Ruttger's offers Bay Lake extras

Ruttger's specials for BLIA members only:

- 20 percent off regular room rates Sunday-Thursday, based on availability.
- Half-price appetizer with the purchase of a dinner or sandwich at the Bear Pine Bar or Zig's.
- 10 percent off regular priced merchandise at The Country Store, The Garage, the Golf Shop and the Lobby Shop.

Enjoy these special events:

- Girls' Night Out and Savorfest, a new wine, beer and food tasting event on Saturday, June 14
- Reggae music with Ipso Facto, 8-10 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the Beach Bar

Help preserve the lake we all love

BLIA is an all-volunteer organization, and besides relying on our members to take an active role on committees and on the board, we also rely on you to help fund the many ways BLIA acts to protect and preserve Our Lake.

This year we again plan to have Class 1 inspectors on the lake from sunup to sundown, Memorial Day through Labor Day. We will also treat Eurasian watermilfoil as we have done in the past. These activities consume considerable sums of money.

New date, time for Holiday party

To accommodate busy holiday schedules, the annual Bay Lake Holiday Party will have a new date and time this year.

We are moving the party from the second weekend in December to the first weekend and from a Saturday night to a Sunday night, and starting earlier than in the past.

This year the social hour will begin at 4 p.m. instead of 5, with dinner in Ruby's Room at 5:30. The new time will better allow Bay Lake guests to drive home a little earlier if they so desire.

Several people have requested these changes, and I'm very glad to accommodate.

Registration materials will go out the first part of November.

See you on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. for our annual Bay Lake Holiday Party in Ruby's Room.

Sylvia Graff

Thank you to all of you who have so generously contributed to the Environmental Protection Fund in the past; we ask you to again donate in a capacity commensurate with your love for the lake and your capacity to give. If you have not donated in the past, please consider a gift, of any size, this year.

Thanks to the munificence of our members we will be able to share the lake we care so deeply about with future generations.

The BLIA Board

Join us this summer

You should have recently received my spring letter detailing the busy summer BLIA has planned at the lake.

I again encourage you to attend one of the monthly BLIA Board meetings, and I highly encourage you to join your neighbors at the BLIA Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at Ruttger's.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

See you at the lake,

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President
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Remembering

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

Roy Bogen
Mary Pennington
Christensen
Sara Eifrig
Walter Gravel
Curt Hansen
Ron Helmke
Ardys Hohenstein
Karl Kubin
Albert Miller
John Nermyr
John "Ted" Parrish
Lucille Perry
Barbara Ritchie
Grace Sander
Dorothy Sosey
Marjorie Thompson

Please let us know

The Bay Lake Improvement Association wants to let as many BLIA members as possible know when a past or present Bay Lake community member is deceased. Some of us do not hear about the sadness for months or years.

As a service, we are informing BLIA members of recent passings by e-mail.

Please have a family member or friend contact Lynn Hansen at (218) 678-2051, and Lynn will have Paul Erickson e-mail members. Once the information is published in the newspaper, it is public and we can publish it.

Thank you.

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Watch for these exciting BLIA events:

May 24 Tree & Plant Giveaway, Lonesome Pine
10 a.m. to noon
July 4 Music on the Lake, Church Island
1 p.m.
July 5 BLIA Annual Meeting, Ruttger's
9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Meeting
Dusk Fireworks, east end of Ruttger's
July 12 Bay Lake Children's Party, Church Island
10 a.m. to noon
July 19 Amazing Race, Church Island
10 a.m.
Aug. 2 Runtilla, near White Hawk
8:15 a.m. Registration
9 a.m. Race start
Aug. 9 BLIA Golf Outing and Picnic, Ruttger's
3:45-6 p.m. Golf
5:30-9 p.m. Picnic
Dec. 7 BLIA Holiday Party, Ruttger's
4 p.m.

BLIA Board Meetings

June 21, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
July 26, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
Aug. 23, 9 a.m. Ruttger's

Tree/Plant Giveaway Saturday, May 24

After our long, cold winter, it's time to give your yard or your shoreline a treat.

Come to the annual BLIA Tree/Plant Giveaway from 10 a.m. to Noon Saturday, May 24, rain or shine, in the Lonesome Pine parking lot.

This year four-year-old transplants will be available, including 16-inch white spruce and 24-inch Norway pines.

Please bring one or more containers to carry your plants home in. Plants will be available **beginning at 10 a.m.**, no earlier.

See you there.

Sept. 20, 9 a.m. Ruttger's
Dec. 6, 10 a.m. Lonesome Pine
Everyone is welcome at all BLIA Board meetings.