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Spring/Summer 2019

Goals: Keep new invasive species out of Bay Lake, control those already here

This year, our aquatic invasive species (AIS) focus will be to better understand the factors that affect the quality of Bay Lake waters.

We will look to:

- Enhance and protect our shorelines,
- Prevent new invasive species from entering the lake,
- Control the invasives we already have,
- Decrease phosphorous levels,
- Continue testing for Zebra Mussel (ZM) infestation.

Last summer (2018), we found three mature ZM specimens, and the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) discovered microscopic veligers (larvae). However, further exploration failed to find any other signs. We will continue frequent periodic testing and searches during the 2019 season, but our best resource for finding an infestation is YOU. Bay Lakers in, on and around the lake are the ones most likely to find the small ZM shells (the size of your pinky fingernail).

In June, we will meet with the Crow Wing County Soil and Water District. These lake shoreline experts can help us better understand how and where runoff

into the lake occurs and how we might mitigate the inflow of harmful chemicals, especially phosphorous.

In 2018, we provided financial support to the University of Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC). Scientists there are investigating possible methods of controlling and eliminating invasives. Many other lake associations support the center, as does the state. We believe the work at MAISRC offers one of the best opportunities for finding solutions to meet current AIS infestations and to prevent others in the future.

Successful EWM control continues

We are conducting our annual Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) survey now and will follow up with any required treatments in the second or third week of June.

Property owner advanced approval is no longer needed to treat along shorelines. However, if you do not want your shoreline treated for EWM, you need to notify the Bay Lake Improvement

Unfortunately, a handful of more serious invasives are working their way through Minnesota lakes.

We continue to partner with Crow Wing County to provide paid inspectors during daylight on our public access. Inspections started May 10 and continue through mid-September.

A small troupe of Bay Lake volunteers fill in when paid inspectors are not available, but we need more. If you are interested in helping out, contact Sandy Johnson, 612-396-4076 or sanderooj@msn.com.

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415-497-2838

Association in writing to the attention of David Devins at davidd953@msn.com.

We will conduct another survey in September, with treatments around the first week in October, weather permitting.

Thank you for your support; without it we would not be as successful as we have been.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management

Does everyone in your family have a BLIA membership?

First, thank you to everyone who joined last year. It is much appreciated. We had more than 600 members, a first time event! Can we get to 700 this year? What a way to celebrate 50 years as a lake organization. We can do it if

you have a membership for everyone in your family. I'm sure we have the best lake association in the whole state of Minnesota!

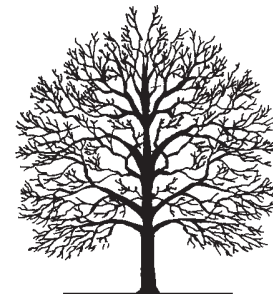
Now, what does membership in the BLIA give you? First, it

offers a community of people who want the best for their lake. We continue to control milfoil and are working diligently to keep Zebra Mussels from spreading, along with other invasive species. We have monitors checking boats that come into our lake. And we have fun events, such as Amazing Race, Runtilla, fireworks, Music on the Lake, picnic event on Church Island and two issues a year of the Bay Lake Breezes to keep everyone updated on what is occurring on the lake.

How do you join? There are two easy ways. The easiest, for me and for those keeping our database, is if you join online. You can go to www.baylake.org and follow the directions. Or you can mail in your membership to Bay Lake Improvement Association, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444. We are happy to receive your membership any way you do it. You can even have your pets join. I draw the line, though, on deer and rabbits. They keep eating all our plants!

Thank you again for all the support of the BLIA. It's a wonderful organization and Bay Lake is the best!

Betty Marquardt
Membership Chair



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Know anyone new to Bay Lake? Our Golden Anniversary is next summer!

The “Bay Lake Ambassadors” are here to welcome new residents to Bay Lake.

If you know of a new neighbor on the lake, we have a Welcome Book for them. The Welcome Book contains everything they need to know about Bay Lake, the Bay Lake Improvement Association, the services we provide as an association, the social life we foster and all sorts of information about water quality, businesses in the area and membership details.

Postcards to provide information on a new resident are at the Lonesome Pine and Hansen’s store. Or you can contact Amy Grady at amy@amygrady.com or 952-818-4148 to give us the contact information for a new Bay Laker.

Share your long-ago Bay Lake memories

We all have fond memories of our time at Bay Lake, even as we continue to make more.

As we look toward celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Bay Lake Improvement Association in 2020, the Bay Lake Breezes would like to publish memories of longtime Bay Lakers.

If you grew up coming to Bay Lake, or began coming here as an adult more than 50 years ago, what was lake life like then? What did you like most about being at Bay Lake? What activities were the most fun for you? How did your

The summer of 2020, we will celebrate 50 years of dedicated service by many, many people who have supported our very active lake association. It is time to celebrate!

In 2020, we will add some special enhancements to our summer celebrations. The HUGE Bay Lake picnic on Church Island will be bigger and better, Amazing Race will have cash prizes, Music on the Lake will have special surprises, we will bring back the decorated boat parade and we will honor our past leaders at a special Annual Meeting, where we together will celebrate our shared history and look to the future as we preserve our beloved Bay Lake.

More information, fun commemorative items and lots of anticipation will come your

way this summer as we prepare for the big summer of 2020.

We know we have very talented people on Bay Lake, and we could use your help as we get ready for the Golden 50th celebration. In particular, if you have a talent in design, videography and/or video production, if you have a personal contact with a band, or have an eye for fun merchandise to commemorate our 50th, let us know. We will contact you with some of our ideas and look forward to lots of Bay Lakers being part of planning this special celebration. Please contact Amy Grady at amy@amygrady.com or 952-818-4148 if you are interested or want to share ideas.

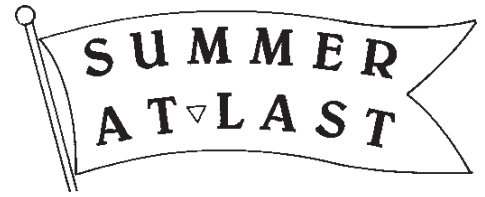
Remembering

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

Jerry Bowman
John Hagman
Ruth Hansen
Jerry Hendricks
Edward Jacobson
Ron Nesbit
Susan (Cox) Platou
David Prosser
Don Rhodes
Lorrie Rosacker
Lenore (Dittman) Ryder
Don (Chunky) Swenson
Jack Tysk
Mike Vanda
Rolf Westgard



**Save these dates
for special fun**



Fireworks Saturday, July 6

Amazing Race July 20

Form a team of four with family members and friends, and join in the 8th annual Amazing Race July 20.

Teams will meet at 10 a.m. on Church Island and compete in a variety of challenges around the lake. All ages are welcome.

Registration forms will be available at Hansen's store and on www.baylake.org.

Contact Nancy LaTourneau for more details.



Bring your friends and family and come celebrate our nation's independence at the annual BLIA fireworks display. Festivities begin at 10 p.m. (dusk) Saturday, July 6, from the east end of Ruttger's.

Block party Aug. 10

With summer finally here, it's time to think about all the fun we can have outside with family and friends.

Plan to bring your family and join your Bay Lake friends at the annual BLIA Block Party Saturday, Aug. 10, on Church Island. As always, there will be lots of fun, fellowship and of course good food.

Event chair Jennifer Qualen is looking for a variety of volunteers to help out, especially that day. If you'd like to help with anything from set-up to take-down to registration and tables, contact Jennifer at 612-741-6874 or qjennifer3@comcast.net. Strong boys or men would be helpful. Any amount of time you can give will be welcome.

Calling all anglers

Grab your fishing pole and head to the lake. The 2019 Small Northern Pike Fishing Contest is underway.

The goal is to catch as many northern pike less than 22 inches long as possible. Under contest rules, every 10 fish caught will earn your cabin a \$5 voucher to Lonesome Pine plus a raffle ticket for bi-weekly drawings. There also

will be awards for Picture of the Week and Biggest Fish Released. Cabin guests may participate, but you must be a BLIA member to win. The contest continues through Labor Day.

Small fish are not to be released.

To participate, send a picture, cabin name and fish count to Baylakepike@gmail.com. You can also post the picture and information on BLIA's Instagram or Facebook page with the hashtag #BayLakePike.

Last year's contest participants removed a total of 3,752 small pike from the lake.

For more information, contact Matt Qualen.



Join in the fun of the 35th annual Runtilla, Saturday, Aug. 3

With friends and family members cheering them on, Bay Lakers of all ages will line up Aug. 3 to run, walk, bike and skate down Brighton Point Road and back for the 35th annual Runtilla.

Registration for the 5K (3.1 mile) run begins at 8:15 a.m., and the starting gun will sound at 9. As always, the fastest male and female runners in each age group will win awards. This year two new age group categories will recognize older runners/walkers in response to the high number of active seniors participating in recent years. Last year a Runtilla participant who was over 90 years old completed the course. The traditional 71-plus age category will become ages 71-77, 78-84 and 85-plus.

Josh Goolsbee and the Lonesome Pine team will be there with their Bloody Mary bar. Following the awards ceremony, everyone is invited to stick around to enjoy the traditional picnic, compliments of hosts Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles.

Bay Lakers age 20 and under, and 70 and older, are invited to submit an original design for the front of the Runtilla t-shirt. The winning artist's name will appear on the shirt with the design.

Sponsorships at any level are also welcome; all proceeds will go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund. The back of the shirt will list \$50 sponsors, while the names of \$250 donors will appear on a sleeve and names of those donating \$1,000 or more will appear on the front.

Last year donors contributed a record total of \$42,370, the first time the annual total had reached more than \$30,000.

Since the Runtilla began, sponsors have contributed more than \$387,000 to the Environmental Protection Fund.

Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, thanked the many donors who have contributed throughout the years, expressing gratitude for

their generosity. He also thanked the more than 30 volunteers who help make the event run smoothly each year.

Sponsorship and registration forms are available at Hansen's and online at www.baylake.org. Completed registration forms, sponsorships and t-shirt design drawings are due at Hansen's by Wednesday, July 24.

BLIA Holiday Party Saturday, Dec. 7

We had an outstanding turnout this year with lots of lively conversation and laughter. Lynn Olson's background music was a nice addition to the evening, and he willingly stepped in to help with Christmas Carols in Anne's absence. We had a Bay Lake Trivia contest, and prizes were provided by the Bay Lake Improvement Association, along with the music. Thank you for being so accommodating and generous.

Thank you to Ruttger's once again, especially Chris, for being such gracious hosts and for providing excellent food and such a beautiful setting for us to get together.

Also, special thanks to Steve Klein for once again entertaining us with "A Cup of Christmas Tea." There was not a dry eye in the house! Many people requested that this be done every year from now on.

The party would not be successful without the additional help of some volunteers who always check in guests and help the evening to run smoothly, and my co-chair, Ellen Brandt. She is a trooper taking care of ticketing.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, for a night of enjoyment with friends. Music will be provided by our Bay Lake neighbor Steve Kovacs and the JS Trio.

Louise Sorenson



Bay Lake Camp forming supportive, member-based association; you can join

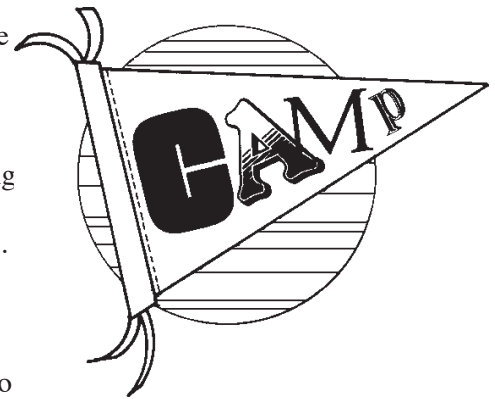
As Bay Lake Camp begins preparations for hosting its 93rd year of summer camping, we are pleased to announce the continued participation of diverse organizations bringing young people and families to experience our unique island wilderness setting. As we emphasize the stewardship of all creation, Bay Lake Camp continues to be a place identified by our welcome and hospitality for all people — and I hope each of you will make it a priority to join in one or more of many opportunities to experience this incredible island treasure we all value.

Moving toward an Association

We are excited to announce the formation of a member-based association of faith communities, nonprofit organizations and private donors working together to preserve our important mission of

Welcome, Wellness and Wilderness! Proclaiming a wide welcome has always been an important vision for Bay Lake Camp, but we are headed further down this road providing a specific welcome for people on the margins. Especially kids.

Over the course of this next year, we will be looking for churches, organizations and individuals who have a desire to support Bay Lake Camp, both financially and via gifts in kind, to develop new infrastructure to support people and property to sustain this work long into the future. If you know of a community or organization, or if you know individuals who might be interested (including yourself) who would like to join, please let us know via e-mail at baylakeislandcamp@gmail.com and we will send you the



appropriate form to become a member.

Summer Worship

Summer worship is on Sundays at 10 a.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Please join us. If you need a boat shuttle from the mainland, they begin around 9:30 a.m. Boat over to dock parking next to and west of the Outdoor Chapel located on the south side of the island. Coffee hour and fellowship always follows worship times. We invite you to spend time with new friends after worship and explore the island trails and many offerings.

Island Cafe and Community Pizza Nights

Thank you for your support of the Island Cafe and Community Pizza Nights as a wonderful way to interact with friends, neighbors and guests to the island — these community gatherings serve as important aspects of our mission to offer job training opportunities for younger staff members. New this year: Join us for staff-led nature walks around the island —



Perhaps you've thought about offering to help on Church Island. We invite you to work with us through any of the following:

- **Assist with worship.** Sign up to bring goodies for coffee hour, usher, read for worship or help with Outdoor Chapel flowers/gardens.
- **Garden Assistants.** Early season help is always appreciated as we split perennials and begin our vegetable gardens for the season, applying mulch and planting our seedlings.
- **The Host with the Most.** Be a host/greeter for one of our Community Pizza Nights or the Island Cafe, greeting friends and neighbors as they arrive.

Thanks to all of our gracious volunteers who make the Island experience so wonderful for so many!

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hear and see the island wilderness! These family-friendly events will open Memorial Day weekend for summer kick-off and be offered many times throughout the summer. Island Cafe hours for opening weekend are Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. We cannot wait to welcome you all and say good-bye to this long winter!

Through First Lutheran's stewardship of Island resources, we welcome thousands of guests to the Island and the Bay Lake community on an annual basis —

countless churches and organizations, individual guests and families, as well as your friends and neighbors at community events throughout the seasons. Whether through summer worship, at weddings or baptisms, the Island Cafe, or our newer community pizza nights, we remain thankful for your continued partnership and support. Be sure to check out our website, www.baylakecamp.com, for a complete listing of the Summer 2019 schedule. If you have

questions, of course you can always call me, Brenda, directly at 651-247-0360.

In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for the summer of 2019.

See you on the Island!

Peace,
Brenda Olson Bingea



A busy summer at Ruttger's

Live music, great feasts, festivals dedicated to blues, bluegrass and yoga, plus the long-awaited return of a waterski show are some of the highlights of Ruttger's 2019 summer lineup — the resort's biggest and most diverse ever. New events include a bluegrass festival Aug. 24.

"Bay Lake is going to be a hopping place," said Ruttger's president Chris Ruttger. "There is something fun happening every single weekend this summer at Ruttger's and most weekends in the fall, too. These events are open to the public and all, especially all of our local friends, are invited."

In addition to new events, 2019 will also feature the return of the Summer Concert Series, expanded to 11 shows; Moonlight Movie Nights, Beer and Bacon Bonanza, the second annual Blues and BBQ Bash and Ruttger's 34th annual Octoberfest.

"There is a wide variety of great events happening, and each one is family friendly," said Chris Ruttger.

Here is Ruttger's summer event schedule:

- **Beer and Bacon Bonanza**

Saturday, June 15

Beer tastings featuring local craft breweries, live outdoor concert by Tail Gunners, live pig races, pork feast PIGnic, an outdoor movie showing of "Footloose" and more.

- **Ski Loons Waterski Show**

Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

Local ski team shows their skills.

- **Blues and BBQ Bash**

Saturday, Aug. 10

Two stages. Three bands. Lots of beer and BBQ. Acts include Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Dee Miller and her band, Minneapolis guitarist Javier Matos and Brainerd's Bruce Archer.

- **Bluegrass Festival**

Saturday, Aug. 24

Two stages, three bands and an all-American picnic. Acts include The Barley Jacks, Sloughgrass, and Jenna & Martin.

- **Farmers Market & Harvest Festival**

Saturday, Sept. 14

Farm-fresh fun for the whole family. Includes a farmers' market; arts, crafts and food booths; hay rides; games and live music by J-Pack.

- **Moonlight Movie Nights**

All movies begin at 9 p.m. and are subject to change.

Friday, June 14, *Footloose*

Saturday, June 22, *Hook*

Sunday, July 7, *Jaws*

Saturday, July 20, *Muppet Movie*

Saturday, Aug. 3, *Dirty Dancing*

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July 5	Music on the Lake, Church Island
1 p.m.	
July 6	Fireworks, Ruttger's Shoreline
Dusk	
July 13	BLIA Annual Meeting, Ruttger's
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Meeting
July 20	Amazing Race, Church Island
10 a.m.	
Aug. 3	Runtilla, Brighton Pt. Rd. & Co. Rd. 10
8:15 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Race start
Aug. 10	Family Block Party, Church Island
3-6 p.m.	
Aug. 25	Trivia Night, Ruttger's
6:30 p.m.	
Dec. 7	BLIA Holiday Party, Ruttger's
4 p.m.	
Dec. 28	New Year's Fireworks, Lonesome Pine
TBD	Shoreline

BLIA Board Meetings

June 15, 9 a.m.	Ruttger's
July 13, 11 a.m.	Ruttger's
Aug. 17, 9 a.m.	Ruttger's
Sept. 21, 9 a.m.	Ruttger's

Everyone is welcome at all BLIA Board meetings.

Ruttger's Summer Concert Series

June 8, 6 p.m.	Wayback Whens
June 15, 7 p.m.	Tail Gunners
June 29, 7 p.m.	King's Ransom
July 5, 7 p.m.	October Son
July 13, 7 p.m.	Ipsa Facto
July 27, 7 p.m.	Mallrats
Aug. 10, 7 p.m.	Dee Miller Band
Aug. 17, 7 p.m.	Copperhead Creek
Aug. 24	Bluegrass Festival
Aug. 31	Betty & the Noise