



Bay Lake Breezes

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EWM treatments, weather conditions help native species compete effectively

This season started with an early iceout and a very warm March and April, which at first glance made it look as though we were going to have a very bad season for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) growth. Fortunately in May our weather turned seasonal, allowing the native species to compete with the EWM.

We worked our EWM control plan as we have for years. We used Buddy Divers to survey Bay Lake at Memorial Day and then conducted chemical treatments of 33 acres with Lake Restoration Incorporated in late June. These June treatments proved very effective by the end of July.

With normal weather conditions for most of the summer, the native species grew very well and effectively competed with the EWM. By midsummer it was obvious that the EWM would not be as bad as expected. We had areas of native species that grew excessively and were easily confused with EWM.

We continued our tradition of sending out EWM and zebra

mussel ID cards in August, asking homeowners to check their shorelines. Along with the ID cards was a postcard to return telling us what you discovered. I received more than 100 cards, which was very helpful and appreciated.



At Labor Day we again conducted our EWM survey with Buddy Divers and

were pleased to find strong native species growth and EWM that was not nearly as bad as anticipated. There were a few pockets of EWM that were excessive, and we treated them appropriately. We treated 77 acres of EWM in early October. The total treated acreage for 2010 was approximately 110 acres.

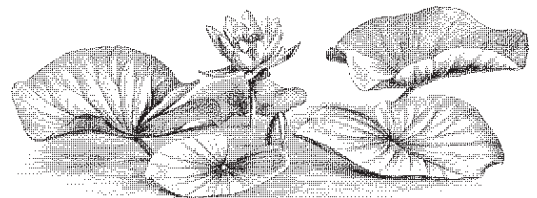
Public access monitoring needs to continue and expand. With the recent discovery of zebra mussels in Gull Lake, we need to be more vigilant than ever if we are to stand a chance of keeping them out of Bay Lake. Please volunteer next summer. Even if you volunteer just a few hours, it goes a long

way to prevent zebra mussels from infesting Bay Lake.

This past spring we collected signatures approving chemical treatment within 150 feet of individually owned properties as required by the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). These signatures are good for three years, and we need them to treat your shoreline. We are missing some, but generally the response was excellent. There will be follow-up mailings or e-mails requesting those signatures we did not receive. Please help your neighbors and the Bay Lake community by sending in your completed signature form if you haven't already done so.

The past five years we have been working with the DNR under a Lake Vegetation Management Plan written in 2005. This plan has been very beneficial to Bay Lake and all involved. We are working on a new plan with the DNR now and expect to have it in place by January 2011.

Please continue to support the Environmental Protection Fund. The cost for EWM control in 2010 will be approximately \$115,000. Our plan to **EMW**, continued on Page 7



Hunting season at Bay Lake

It's that time of year again — hunting season. However, what I'm hunting for are a few more people to send in their 2010 membership dues — especially those who haven't gotten around

to sending them in because they thought it might be too late.

It's never too late to join the Bay Lake Improvement Association. The price is right at \$30 for the dues, plus whatever extra you

might want to add for the fireworks fund. Your contribution is always much appreciated, and much needed, to keep our organization running smoothly.

Thank you to all who have joined so far, and a thank you in advance to those who will still join us in 2010. This was the 40th year of the association. We have a wonderful history to look back on, as well as much more to look forward to in working to keep Bay Lake the prize that it is.

You can mail your dues to BLIA, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444, or send them in online at www.baylake.org. Just click on "BLIA," then "Renew your membership online," and follow directions.

If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call me.

Betty Marquardt
Membership Chair
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Remembering ---

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

Cecil Adams, Jr.
Tom Fife
Heather Davis-Peabody
Peggy Owens
Margaret Prosser
Sam Smilich
Joyce Trones

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Protecting Bay Lake

The real threat

The Zebras are coming, the Zebras are coming!

This devious, destructive little mollusk is striking fear into lake residents and businesses all over the Midwest. And we thought Eurasian watermilfoil was our one big concern! Turns out the milfoil nuisance is trite when compared to the devastation that zebra mussels cause. There

is no known way to treat the pest and it spreads quickly once established. Research now shows that mature zebra mussels most often infect lakes by “hitchhiking” on weed fragments inadvertently caught on trailers and boats. Zebras are now our greatest threat.

It was my experience last summer that most all boaters were aware of the invasive species problems and how to avoid transporting them from lake to lake. Few, however, knew of new 2010 DNR (Department of Natural Resources) regulations. It is now **against the law for boats to be transported on Minnesota roadways without plugs removed and water drained.**

Monitoring Bay Lake

Bay Lake cabin owners, others who use the lake and local businesses stepped up this past summer to help monitor boats coming into and leaving the lake,

primarily by way of the public boat ramp near Bay Lake Marine. In July, about 50 new volunteers attended a DNR training at Ruttger’s, joining another 60 who had received the training in prior years. We now boast a pool of well over 100 volunteers who have agreed to dedicate some part of their summers educating boat owners who use Bay Lake about invasive species threats.



It’s a big job

Consider the number of hours we’re trying to cover on the ramp. From mid-May to mid-September, there are approximately 18 weekends; that’s two days times 18 weekends times eight hours each

day for a total of almost 300 hours, and that’s just for weekends. There are many busy weekdays as well. The total number of hours we’d like to cover in a typical summer is about 1,000. All this is to say, we are in need of more volunteers to help us cover as many of the busy times as possible.

DNR conducts the two-hour training session for new monitors, which we’re planning for early June and in July following the BLIA Annual Meeting. Contact me now if you wish to be on the list to receive details about either one of the 2011 trainings.

Finally, a big thank you to all the 2010 volunteer monitors for your efforts to educate boaters and help protect our precious Bay Lake.

Phil Rollins
Boat ramp monitor coordinator
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2010 Bay Lake Holiday Party

Please join us at the annual BLIA Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 11, at Ruttger’s, in Ruby’s Dining Room

Social hour starts at 5 p.m.
with the traditional holiday buffet at 6 p.m.

Mary Jane Peterson will be taking the reservations and payment this year, as I will be absent the week before the holiday party.

See you there!
Sylvia Graff



Another record day for Runtilla

A record number of nearly 600 Bay Lakers ran, walked, biked, skated or cheered on participants at the 26th annual Runtilla in July.

"We were overwhelmed and extremely pleased with the turnout," said event founder and coordinator Jim Bye.

Many stayed to enjoy a picnic, compliments of Dennis "Charlie" and Jackie Charles.

Dan Fitzpatrick was the overall winner with a time of 18 minutes, 42 seconds, while Gina Luke took first in the women's division, finishing in 20 minutes, 24 seconds.

For the second year in a row, racers stayed on Brighton Point Road, starting and finishing at the same spot. The new layout is prettier and safer. It also allows race leaders to connect with other racers on their way back to the finish line, a feature popular with many racers, said Bye.

This year the Runtilla raised \$17,500 for the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund. While the total was not a record, it represented a record number of contributors, said Bye. "In these economic times, we were extremely pleased with the donations and again invite Bay Lakers to give \$50 or more next year to have their name on the t-shirt as a sponsor."

Jackie Sorensen, 20-year-old Iowa State student and lifelong Bay Laker, provided the winning t-shirt drawing.

"This was her last chance to win before she turns 70," said Bye. The contest is open to artists 20 and younger, and 70 and above.

"While this year's contest drew a record number of entries, all terrific, to date no entrants

have been over 70," he said, encouraging those in that age group to tap their artistic creativity for next year.

Bye expressed warm thank yous to Dennis and Jackie Charles for hosting the picnic, White Hawk owners for making their facilities available, the Hansens for their registration help, Minna Gallagher for encouraging children to submit t-shirt design entries, and the more than 25 volunteers who help each year.

"We continue to be overwhelmed at the resurgence of the Runtilla and how it's become a

Here are the 2010 winners:

Age 0 to 10

- 1 - Lily Campbell, 10, 22:30
- 2 - Grace Merrill, 10, 26:10
- 3 - Karli Nixon, 7, 29:40
- 1 - Luke Jessen, 9, 27:24

Age 11 to 15

- 1 - Emily Rose, 13, 23:36
- 2 - Natalie Maus, 11, 24:31
- 3 - Missy Rose, 14, 26:30
- 1 - Henry Jessen, 14, 20:52
- 2 - Westin Smith, 16, 21:08
- 3 - Pablo Sastron, 15, 21:57

Age 16 to 20

- 1 - Gina Luke, 19, 20:24
- 2 - Jenna McElroy, 17, 22:59
- 3 - Molly Noah, 20, 25:07
- 1 - Dan Fitzpatrick, 18, 18:42
- 2 - Connor Ekelund, 18, 21:48
- 3 - Alex Lang, 19, 21:50

Age 21 to 30

- 1 - Lisa Huber, 22:20
- 2 - Karen Rose, 23:37
- 3 - Jessica Donner, 25:40



Even canine runners got in on the fun.

strong fabric of our community," said Bye. "It's a great day for Bay Lakers to share time with Bay Lakers."

Mark your calendar for next year's Runtilla on July 23, 2011. Registration forms will be available online at www.baylake.org or at Hansen's Store by Memorial Day.

- 1 - Peter Kaufhold, 19:23
- 2 - Max Huber, 21:28
- 3 - Robert Rossin, 22:24

Age 31 to 40

- 1 - Jennifer Swenson, 23:31
- 2 - Casey Ritchie, 25:17
- 3 - Kelly McCoy, 25:28
- 1 - Chris Martin, 21:39
- 2 - Jon Birkeland, 22:30
- 3 - Jeff Konen, 22:49

Age 41 to 50

- 1 - Laura Swartz, 21:30
- 2 - Kim Laughlin, 25:12
- 3 - Wendy Smith, 25:50

Age 51 to 60

- 1 - Barbie Laughlin, 23:43
- 2 - Nancy Sorensen, 25:25
- 3 - Chou Eyberg, 27:11
- 1 - Marcus Johnson, 21:32
- 2 - Ted Parrish, 24:03
- 3 - Jerry Peteri, 24:07

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2010 BLIA Fishing Contest brings winners – and fun

Thank you to all adults and kids who participated in the 2010 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest! It was a great summer at Bay Lake, the fish were cooperative, and we appreciate all who helped make our fishing contest a success. A special thanks to Ruttger's Bait House, Woodland Beach and Hansen's Store for serving as registration headquarters. And thanks to Ruttger's Resort for donation of some of the prizes.



Tucker Ness, right, displays his winning sunfish with a friend.

The 2010 contest concluded on Labor Day and will be up and running again in May 2011. The 2010 winners are listed below. Pay special attention to the kids' contest winners, as there are some clear future championship anglers

frequenting the waters of Bay Lake. For the first time we have a double winner, Tucker Ness, in the sunfish and northern categories. And for the first time we have more prizes, as several adults and kids were successful in the drawing. We hope

that you have the chance to get out on the water next summer and look forward to seeing your name in the registration book for the 2011 contest.

Jim Ysseldyke and Joel Kraft
Fishing Contest Co-Chairs

2010 Winners – Kids Division

Tucker Ness (age 7) – Sunfish, 10 inches
Leah VanOrman (age 9) – Crappie, 11 inches
Bowdy Gustafson (age 10) – Largemouth Bass, 19 inches
Tucker Ness (age 7) – Northern Pike, 30 inches
Samuel Schwartzbauer (age 7) – Walleye, 18 inches

2010 Winners – Adult Division

Lukas Gaunt – Sunfish, 9 inches
Steven Mariano – Crappie, 13 inches
Alex Yudell – Largemouth Bass, 20 inches
Clint Larson – Northern Pike, 35 inches
Ron Helmke – Walleye 27, inches

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Age 61 to 70

- 1 - Mary Maus, 26:32
- 2 - Jeanne Larson, 32:24
- 3 - Carolyn Mogen, 50:30
- 3 - Meredith Poland, 50:30
- 1 - Gregory Garmer, 23:02
- 2 - Roland Anderson, 23:34
- 3 - Sherm Malkerson, 25:55

Age 71 to 100

- 1 - Betty Helseth, 44:07
- 2 - Darla Fescher, 45:04
- 3 - Joanne Renquist, 47:52
- 1 - Ken Hodges, 39:38
- 2 - Mark Paper, 40:00

Winner of \$15 Gift Certificate for Lunch at Zig's
Tom Kraft

Winners of \$15 Gift Certificates at Tutt's Bait and Tackle
Cal Thorson and Sam Contes

Winners of \$15 Gift Certificates to Ruttger's Garage
Jonathan Paquette and Alex Poland

Winners of a Free Ice Cream Cone at Auntie Em's and Free Admission
to the 2011 Bay Lake Picnic

Bowdy Gustafson, Tucker Ness, Samuel Schwartzbauer, Leah VanOrman,
Sam Contes, Cal Thorson, Alex Poland and Jonathan Paquette

Trophies will be awarded at the 2011 Bay Lake Picnic. Gift certificates will be mailed to winners.

Echo Bay and the pioneers who settled it

In 1883, George and Maggie Hunt homesteaded the land between what are now Hunter's Bay and The Oaks. In 1903, the land they owned on Echo Bay was sold to Harry Adams. In 1931, Adams sold the prominent point that is now owned by Mike and Julie McGlynn to Hans and Della Rosacker. This is their story.

It was the Great Depression, so the cost of land (for another \$1,000 they could have purchased the rest of SW Echo Bay), materials (the logs, which are balsam pine from Askov, Minn., were cut, peeled, numbered and delivered for \$800) and labor (10-50 cents/hour) was low. In contrast, the Rosackers' Minneapolis florist business was doing well, at least partially because of a major flu epidemic. In those days funerals were held in the homes, which filled with flowers at funeral time.

Before purchasing their property, Hans and Della had stayed at Ruttger's Lodge, and they often stayed there over the two years it took to construct their cabin.

In the early years the property was known as "Hemlock Point" because it was thickly forested with hemlock trees. The lake level was much lower than it is today, so the causeway to the point was larger and lined with 10-inch diameter pine trees.

Della and the children spent their summers at the cabin and Hans commuted on weekends. The roads were gravel north of Onamia, so the trip was four to five hours long and often involved a flat tire.

Soon after they purchased the point, Adams subdivided some of the land to the south as Adams Bay Lake Park. He sold



the rest of his land to Stanley and Mary Vanek, who later operated what became Birkeland's Bay Lake Lodge.

In about 1935, the Vaneks sold the third lot north of Rosackers' to the Glass family, the lot immediately west of Rosackers' to Milo and Florence Smith (now Gravel), and a lot on what is now Bluffside Road to Charlotte Rovik. One of the Rosackers' sons, Don, remembers his folks discussing their respective log home construction projects with "Aunt Charlotte." (Note: Charlotte's cabin was later sold, but the families of two of her nieces, the Johnsons and the Knutsons, now live on Bluffside Road.)

In 1938, the Vaneks sold the land between what is now Gravels' and Sissabegamah Camp to Gordon and Gladys Gray, who operated a small resort and millworks (see the story of Gordon's parents in the Fall 2009 Breezes).

Later Don Rosacker became the owner of their lovely point. Neighbors knew when he came and went because it was by float plane. And sightings of Don's (noisy but exciting) air boats and his air-propelled snowmobile were common events.

The Rosacker family enjoyed their point for 60 years.



History presentation: Railroads and Mining

We live less than 10 miles from the heart of the Cuyuna Iron Range, but few of us know its stories of discovery, entrepreneurs, accomplishment, and boom and bust towns. So our first mini-presentation, "Bay Lake Area History: Railroads & Mining," is now posted on baylake.org. I guarantee you will enjoy this presentation.

Please visit baylake.org today.

Paul Erickson

Another great year for Bay Lake Camp

Greetings from Bay Lake Camp! 2010 marked 84 years of camping on Church Island.

July 4, 1926, was the first time a group of youth from First Lutheran Church of St. Paul enjoyed our beautiful lake country. What a legacy we have been able to continue all these years.

We continue this history by drawing clients from a wide variety of Christian and civic settings: from Boy Scouts, 4-H, theater groups and churches of various denominations, to business and nonprofit groups. Our Red Cedar Lodge was well used, hosting many family reunions, wedding parties, quilters and crafters. Our unique island setting brought a number of weddings to the busy summer schedule! Remember BLC when planning your business and church retreats, family reunions, weddings and celebrations. Check out our website at baylakecamp.net.

Our worship services brought an average of more than 200 people together each Sunday, despite quite a few wet Sunday mornings! On Labor Day Sunday, 360 people all worshiped together and then celebrated with our third annual Art Jam and Raffle to raise funds to "Send a Kid to Camp." Thank you, Bay Lake Area businesses who donated items, and the talented Bay Lake friends who made up theme baskets and hand made items for the raffle, and thanks to all of you who purchased tickets.

Another fund-raiser in August was the first annual



Thank you, Labor Day work crew — you are awesome!

Swim Relay to raise funds to Send a Kid to Camp. Swimmers Debra Flam, Diane Meyer, and Jane and Nikki Hansen swam from Hansen's Sports dock to the White Hawk! Together they raised close to \$1,600. Plans are being made to expand this fundraiser in 2011, so watch for details in the Spring Breezes. Maybe you would like to form a team? Thank you, swimmers, you are awesome!

Join us once again on Saturday, Jan. 1, for our annual New Years Worship Service. We will gather at noon around the campfire at the outdoor chapel, weather and ice conditions permitting. Check with Hansen's Store or the Maleks to confirm. Come, let us welcome in the New Year with music, praise and fellowship.

In closing, thank you for your continuing support of Bay Lake Camp. A special thanks to all of you who help each year with our Sunday worship services and other projects,

especially our dock workers! We couldn't do it without you!

As the holiday season approaches and you think of gift giving, remember our Send a Kid to Camp program. A gift of a \$250 campership will send a kid to BLC for a week next summer. Thank you for helping us serve campers who cannot afford this experience without our help.

See you on the island,
Brenda Olson, Camp Director
and Carol and Gary Malek
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control EWM works. Your financial support is the reason that we are able to control EWM in Bay Lake.

Thank you.

David Devins
Aquatic plant management

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Our community website has gone through a remarkable makeover. It's user-friendly, interactive and absolutely filled to the brim with current, informational, educational and often entertaining content. Although winter is our dormant period, there are more than 50 "articles" (i.e. pictures with commentary) and "contests" posted with links right from the Home Page for you to read and enjoy.

Please visit baylake.org today.

Paul Erickson



A cheering crowd met Runtilla participants in July. Story and winner list on Page 4.

Cuyuna Trail print available

The Cuyuna Lakes Trail Association has designed a print of the Cuyuna Lakes area titled, "OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP" for you to enjoy.

The Cuyuna Range History Timeline print is available at Hansen's Store, Ruttger's and the White Hawk.

Print prices are: Large (16X20) \$8, Med. (11X14) \$6, Small (8X10) \$4.

To view the print, please go to the BLIA website, www.baylake.org.