

## EWM light in 2009; could be more challenging in 2010

The Bay Lake Improvement Association continues to control Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake — this will be our 19th season.

Last year was a relatively light year for EWM, especially after a couple of cooler, wetter seasons. These seasons were preceded by winters with good snow cover, which slows EWM growth. This past winter had decent snow cover until late February.

What we can expect this season for EWM is anyone's guess. If you consider the early ice-out and sunny, dry weather in March and April, it might make for an interesting season for EWM growth.

The good news is that our plan has dealt with these ups and downs before, and successfully at that. EWM is not the dominant plant in Bay Lake, and last year the native weed re-population was impressive.

We will be surveying the lake as we have all these years around Memorial Day by doing surface and underwater surveys. We will chemically treat for EWM in late June and repeat this process starting around Labor Day.

Last year was not too bad as far as EWM goes. We stayed under the budget of \$125,000 and treated approximately 105 acres. Thanks to everyone in our community for their contributions. We would not be able to do this without you, and we all have made a difference by not bowing to the threat. As I said, it appears that this year could be a little more of a challenge because of the weather so far this spring. We know our program works and we will continue to aggressively go after it.

### Your authorization needed

It's time to gather signatures for approval to chemically treat for EWM on your shoreline. We have to have the authorization of all lakeshore owners to treat within 150 feet of their property; without it we will not treat that area. If I am missing your signature, we can skip your property. If the lack of your signature makes it difficult, treatment may be dropped altogether, which is not fair to your neighbors.

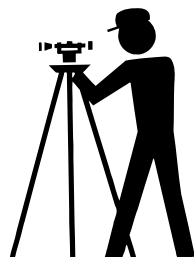
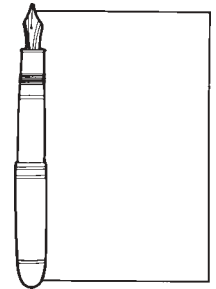
The response so far has been excellent, just as in the past. Please ask your

neighbors if they've signed their authorization letters. There will be copies at Hansen's to sign and send to me or leave for me to pick up. We will have one online that you can print, sign and send to me as well. These approvals will be good for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

We are continuing to monitor the public access in an effort to keep zebra mussels out of Bay Lake and EWM from leaving Bay Lake and infesting another lake. Please volunteer for the public access monitoring; it is critical in keeping zebra mussels out of Bay Lake.

In August we will be sending EWM and zebra mussels ID cards out asking you to inspect your shoreline and immediate area. Make sure you send the card in whether you found something or not. You may also take samples to Hansen's for me to look at to see if it is EWM.

I apologize if I can't get back to everyone about the status of the samples. I try but sometimes there are too many of them. Thanks for your support.  
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# Celebrate BLIA's 40th anniversary by being a member

When Chris Ruttger, our new president, sends out the traditional spring letter, there will be a membership card included, which you can immediately fill out along with your check for 2010 dues and a contribution to

the fireworks and mail to the Bay Lake Improvement Association.

The other alternative is to contribute online. Either way your membership responsibility will then be taken care of for the year.

A little bit of interesting information — the Bay Lake Improvement Association is 40 years old this year.

Betty Marquardt  
Membership

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## Remembering

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

Joan Blistain  
Shirley Carlson  
Shirley Hunt  
Les Malkerson  
Lura Metsa  
Kermit Olson  
Terry Phillips

## Photo Contest

Do you have a dandy dock? Do you have a lovely photo of a dandy dock? Let the "Minnesota Dock Shot Contest" begin!

Submit a photo you have taken of your (or someone else's) dock. All you need to submit is your name, e-mail and street address, phone number and an attached 3 MP (or high quality) digital or scanned photo file.

Lake and shore views accepted. Preference given to photos featuring docks alone — with no people and little stuff on them.

Submit your excellent dock photo to: [dockshots@gmail.com](mailto:dockshots@gmail.com) to enter our contest and be considered for our 2011 "Northern Dock Shots" calendar competition.

Contact Susan or Kate at [dockshots@gmail.com](mailto:dockshots@gmail.com) for additional information or clarification.

Deadline: July 10, 2010.  
Winners win \$50.

# Public access monitoring to increase hours to 24-7 with Internet help — human help still needed

As of Dec. 31, 2009, Bay Lake was monitored for 598 1/4 hours by the Bay Lake Improvement Association, Deerwood Lions, DNR (Department of Natural Resources) and Bay Lake Camp.

Monitors inspected 1,151 motorized crafts from 94 lakes, 11 states (Florida, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, North Carolina, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Washington and Wisconsin) and Canada.

During its inspection process, the DNR found 64 boats out of 613 inspected, or more than 10 percent, had come to Bay Lake from a body of water in Minnesota known to be infested with zebra mussels. The majority of the watercrafts were coming from Mille Lacs Lake and the Mississippi River.

During the 2009-2010 year we explored the possibility of installing an I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) for environmental sentry protection. I-LIDS use an automated, voice-activated, video monitoring device that captures the boat license, condition of the bottom of boats and trailers, prelaunch clean-off activities and post-launch clean-offs. Studies have shown a significant drop of attached vegetation and increased self-inspections when boats were observed on monitored video.

Due to the large increase of DNR interns being used on more Minnesota lakes, the rate increase to \$15.25 an hour including drive time, the three-day notice of their change with a minimum purchase of a 500-hour

block, monitoring hours to be determined and/or changed by the DNR and the possibility of losing future DNR hours, the BLIA Board voted to purchase an I-LIDS container for the public landing to increase our daily inspections to a 24-hour basis, as several other lakes have done. We are now in the process of meeting with the DNR for inspection and for them to tell us what is needed to obtain a permit for installation.

## What I-LIDS means to Bay Lake

1. Continuous and additional monitoring hours as well as voice activation at the public landing.
2. An easier job placing our trained monitors at the public landing. However, there is still a need for additional BLIA members, Deerwood Lions and the Bay Lake Camp to monitor. (You can't beat in-person monitoring.)
3. Awareness of visiting boatowners that they are being monitored 24 hours a day for invasive species control.
4. Education and instruction for boaters on cleaning, using signage and audio.
5. Joining other Minnesota lakes, such as Gull and Minnetonka, in using I-LIDS.

I-LIDS are installed on a flush level ground plate to protect the unit from vehicle impacts and have a bulletproof video glass that includes date, time, location, vehicle ID, users and presence of weeds on the boat.

For additional information go to [www.environmentalsentry.com](http://www.environmentalsentry.com).

Installing I-LIDS has no bearing on the DNR/Sheriff patrol of Bay Lake waters.

More good news is that Phil and Jane Rollins have offered to help with the monitoring. So listen for their phone call as they help set up the Bay Lake hours.

Also, for volunteer monitors, there is a black locked mailbox in the wooden enclosure at the landing, where you can place your evaluation sheets each time before you leave the landing. This will save a lot of hassle in returning them to us at the end of the year.

Thank you to all who monitored last year — keep up the good work.

Sylvia Graff  
218-678-2543



**An I-LIDS container will enhance BLIA's access monitoring program, especially when human monitors can't be around.**

## Enjoy good times, good food, good company — and support Bay Lake at the same time

The fourth annual BLIA Golf Outing and Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Ruttger's.

Golfers of all abilities are invited to enjoy an afternoon on the golf course with friends and family for the traditional nine-hole golf scramble, begin-

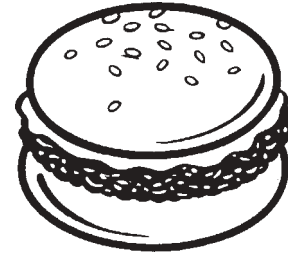


ning about 4 p.m. After golf everyone is welcome to join in the Family Picnic at the golf shelter near Zig's, where they'll find scrumptious food, a chance to catch up with Bay Lake friends and of course the opportunity to win door prizes.

So come join the fun. You'll also be supporting the lake: All

proceeds from the event go to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

Watch for more information later this summer. See you there!



## New Runtilla traditions continue

Put on your running shoes, grab your bike or warm up your cheering voice and head to the 26th annual Bay Lake Runtilla on Saturday, July 24. Skates and walking shoes are welcome, too.

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

Last year the 25th annual event created a new route to avoid construction on Hwy. 10. The route was so popular that this

year's event will take the same path. Participants will start at the traditional finish line and go 1.55 miles down Brighton Point Road to a marker and return. The route proved to be safer and prettier than the traditional route and added to the camaraderie, as participants farther back in line were able to greet race leaders who were on their return trip.

After the awards ceremony Bay Lakers are invited to stay for a cookout featuring BBQ hot dogs, brats and other goodies, compliments of sponsors Dennis

“Charlie” Charles, longtime owner of the White Hawk, and the Lonesome Pine. The Lonesome Pine will also sponsor a band and enter a float in the race.

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 winning design was one of 44 hard-to-choose drawings.

As always, sponsor names will appear on the shirt. Last year's sponsorships totaled \$20,200,

in spite of a tough economy, bringing the 25-year total to more than \$156,000, according to Jim Bye, Runtilla founder. “The Runtilla is extraordinarily thankful for these contributions,” said Bye.

All proceeds go directly to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund and BLIA's effort to maintain the lake's water quality.

Design entries, sponsorships and participant entry forms should be submitted at Hansen's by July 15. Although participants can enter the day of the race,

they should register early to ensure they receive a t-shirt.

Participant entry forms will be available at Hansen's beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Last year's Runtilla drew a record number of participants and others cheering them on. “Whether you walk, run, bike or watch, the most fun is to have people there,” said Bye. “The event continues to be all about Bay Lake people enjoying Bay Lake.”

## Minnow Camp to be June 26

The annual Bay Lake children's party (aka Minnow Camp) will be held Saturday, June 26, on Church Island from 10 a.m. until noon. All children ages preschool to 12 years old are welcome to attend. Family and cabin guests are welcome.

Please join us for this fun-filled morning of crafts, games and songs, and get to know other Bay Lake children and families.

Volunteers are needed to help run activities. Please call Minna Gallagher at 952-474-0329 or minpat@skypoint.com if you are interested in helping out!!



# Annual Tree and Shoreline Plant Giveaway to be May 29

The 2010 Tree and Shoreline Plant Giveaway will be at Lonesome Pine on Saturday, May 29.

A total of 500 Norway Pine transplants and 500 white spruce transplants will be available from 10 a.m. to noon, or as long as supplies last.

The Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) is once again donating money to provide native wildflowers to BLIA members to preserve and restore our delicate Bay Lake shoreline.

As in past years the BLIA is giving away roughly 1,300 native plants. We will try to serve as many members as possible by providing six plants per membership. Remember, the event runs from 10 a.m. to noon, but we encourage you to attend the giveaway as close to 10 a.m. as possible, as the plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis and only as supplies last.

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We can and will continue to control EWM in Bay Lake. Our program does work. Your support and involvement is very much appreciated. What our community has done in supporting these efforts is amazing. Please continue to give to the Environmental Protection Fund so we all can continue to use and enjoy Bay Lake as we have.

Thank you,

David Devins  
Aquatic Plant Management  
Committee

The following is a list of plants scheduled to be given away at the 2010 Tree and Shoreline Plant Giveaway. These are the varieties of native wildflowers ordered, but the list may change according to availability. Please feel free to do some research on the varieties listed and come with requests for specific varieties that are best suited to your individual shoreline. We will do our best to accommodate you depending on the availability of your selections.

### NATIVE WILDFLOWERS-SHADE

Columbine  
Marsh Marigold  
Virginia Bluebells

### NATIVE WILDFLOWERS-SUN

Blue Wild Indigo  
Cardinal Flower  
Great Blue Lobelia  
Monkey Flower  
New England Aster  
Northern Blue Flag Iris  
Purple Coneflower  
Sneezeweed  
Turtlehead

### NATIVE GRASS-SUN

Little Bluestem

Steve Souder and Tamara Johnson chair the Tree Giveaway; Tiffin Tripp coordinates the Plant Giveaway.



## Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas project coming to Bay Lake

There now is a statewide survey, using volunteer citizen scientists, to document breeding birds. This will result in the Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas and is a nonprofit bird conservation project.

Chase Davies, a retired environmental educator, has the Atlas block, a nine-square-mile area that includes most of Bay Lake. She will spend about 20 hours in the area between now and August, and may return next year for additional field surveys.

You may receive a letter requesting permission for her to spend some time watching birds on your property because you may have one or more habitats

that attract bird species that she has not yet recorded in this Atlas block. Bird observations are not identified as being on any particular property in the block. If you give permission, she will assume full responsibility for her welfare and be careful to not disturb you or your property.

If you want a list of the birds observed, let her know. In addition, she would be grateful to receive any information that you may have about birds nesting on or near your property. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Chase at [ccdavies@aol.com](mailto:ccdavies@aol.com) and check out the Atlas website at [www.mnbba.org](http://www.mnbba.org).

## Join us for another busy season

Spring Greetings from Bay Lake Camp! With an early ice-out the camp dock and pontoon were in the water by April 1, and we're off to another busy season at camp.

Starting in early May we have hosted several campers already. With the new Red Cedar Lodge we can easily accommodate groups in the spring. Come on over and check us out. We have a perfect spot for your next family reunion or your overflow guests.

As always, we extend an invitation to attend our Sunday Worship Service, beginning May 30 at 10 a.m. Come by boat or catch the pontoon shuttle from the Brighton Point camp landing beginning at 9:30. We'll have special music many weeks including Memorial Day Sunday and July 25, with Churchyard Grass leading a bluegrass service.

### Other opportunities to be involved with Bay Lake Camp:

Saturday, May 29, 9 a.m. – help put in camp docks and ready the outdoor chapel and paths for worship.

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. – Minnow Camp – lunch included.

Camping sessions open to your camper:

6th grade - 9th grade: June 14-18  
3rd grade - 5th grade: Aug. 9-13  
Women's Retreat/Fall Fling,  
Leader Pastor Chris Berthelsen:  
Sept. 17-19  
Call First Lutheran at 651-776-7210 or check out our website at [www.baylakecamp.net](http://www.baylakecamp.net)

Sunday, Sept 5, Labor Day  
Sunday Worship and 3rd annual  
Bay Lake Camp Raffle and Arts

Jam, complete with music, food and crafts. All summer we will be selling raffle tickets to raise dollars to help send kids to camp. Watch for more information on all of the many handmade items from supporters and donations from local businesses.

New! Oct. 2-10, Island Folk School: Timber Frame Wood Fired Sauna. Join us as we work together to build a timber frame sauna. Class participants will learn basic mortise and tenon wood joinery to complete a 13x13 wood-fired sauna on Church Island. Each class participant will receive a set of plans and materials list for future use to build your own. Come, take a sauna over New Year's break during winter 2011!

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!

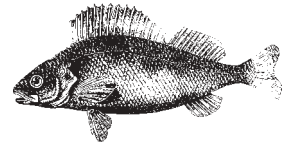
Brenda Olson – Camp Director, Camp 218-678-2271  
or First Lutheran Church 651-776-7210

Carol and Gary Malek,  
218-820-3329 or 218-820-3338

## Calling all fisherfolk

The 2010 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest will run from Saturday, May 15, through Monday, Sept. 6.

Trophies will be given for the largest Walleye, Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Sunfish in each of two age groups. Those 15 years of age



and younger will compete in the kids' contest, and licensed anglers 16 years of age and older will compete in the adult category. Anglers may register their fish at three places on the lake: Hansen's Store, Woodland Beach Resort and Ruttger's Resort.

Fish will be measured by length (down to the quarter inch). The signature of a witness in the registration book or a photo of the fish is all that is needed to enter. You need not provide the actual fish.

All who enter the contest will be eligible to win one of two \$15 gift certificates to Tutt's bait store in Garrison. A drawing will be held to select certificate winners. Even if your fish isn't the biggest, please take part in the contest. Maybe we'll help take a bite out of your bait bill next summer.

Winners of the 2009 contest will receive their trophies at the BLIA Family Picnic Aug. 14. Names of 2010 contest and gift certificate winners will appear in the fall-winter issue of the Bay Lake Breezes, and contest winners will receive their trophies at the 2011 BLIA Family Picnic.

## 12 shorelines complete history books; 11 books now progressing: Is your's one of them?

We are in the *final year* of the first stage of the Bay Lake History Project. Twelve of our “shorelines,” representing well over half the lake, have completed their Shoreline History Projects:

Ruth Hall Property  
Battle Point  
White Hawk  
Brighton Point  
Wakeman Road  
Woodland Beach Association  
Echo Bay NE  
Pleasant Shores  
Bluffside Road  
Adam's Bay  
Birkeland's  
Hunter's Bay Point

In total, more than 250 Bay Lake residents have contributed submissions (*and gotten copies of their Shoreline History Book*). Ask any of those residents and you'll hear that it was well worth the effort. Perhaps the best thing to happen to their shoreline neighborhood in years, decades...or ever.

Throughout 2010, the History Committee will continue to help shorelines that are actively working on their Shoreline History Projects, including (listed with the respective Shoreline History Coordinators):

**North Shore East** – Wally & Cecy FASTER, Jim & Faye Ysseldyke

**Greg Road** – Kim Waffensmith, Dave Twomey, Mary Swanson

**Sand Beach Park** – Marcia & Marshall Anderson, Meredith Poland

**Woodland Beach East** – George & Mary Lu Hansen, Leigh & Bernie Paulsen

**Evergreen Trail** – Sandy Commers, Herb Kahler

**Bluffside Road** – Debbie Mirau  
**Echo Bay SW** – Tom Lunacek, Tom Murphy

**Scotland Shores** – Lisa Baumgartner, Marlys Keefe, Marlene Albertson

**Eaglewood** – Becky Roloff, George Johnson, Betty & Meritt Marquardt

**Bay Lake Shores/Doty's Addition** – Barb Anderson, Dale & Vi Klungness, Barb J. Anderson, Dianne Goolsbee, Dave & Nancy Ness, Don & Carolyn Hardle

**Pioneer Bay** – Tom & Mary Parks, Jim Miller

*But whether or not your shoreline is a part of this initiative is up to you.* These Shoreline History Coordinators ***NEED YOUR SUPPORT***. You can't imagine how frustrating it is to have a neighbor promise to send a submission and then not do it. Nor can you imagine how happy people are when they get their book...or the regrets of those who didn't participate. Unfortunately, some of the shorelines that are listed above may not succeed...***unless YOU get motivated.***

Bay Lake is special because it's more than a “lake.” It's a community that, with effort, has the potential to be exceptional.

What began as a “history” project is already paying “community strengthening” benefits and, for the money, it may well have more long-term benefit than anything else we've done or can do.

If your Shoreline History Project is done, thanks. You'll never regret it. If your shoreline project is still underway, support your Shoreline History Coordinators. They need encouragement and, more importantly, ***they NEED YOUR SUBMISSION***. If your shoreline wasn't listed (or if you have questions), contact me.

Folks, I/we need your help. Please don't miss this opportunity.

Paul Erickson  
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### History on the Web

After dealing with technical challenges, we've now posted the “Bay Lake History 101” presentation on our website ([www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org)). Learn about our early pioneers and arm yourself with facts that will perk up your boat rides.

## Watch for these exciting events:

### Bay Lake Improvement Association

May 29 Tree and Plant Giveaway, Lonesome Pine  
June 26 Minnow Camp, Church Island  
July 2 Fireworks, near Ruttger's  
July 10 BLIA Annual Meeting, Ruttger's  
July 24 Runtilla, near White Hawk  
Aug. 14 Golf Outing and Summer Picnic, Ruttger's  
Dec. 11 Holiday Party, Ruttger's

#### BLIA Board Meetings

June 12 Ruttger's  
July 17 Ruttger's  
Aug. 21 Ruttger's  
Sept. 11 Woodland Beach  
Dec. 11 Lonesome Pine  
Everyone is welcome

### Other events

June 19 Lonesome Pine  
Customer  
Appreciation Day  
July 4 Church Island  
Beach Party with  
live music  
July 19 Bay Lake Lions  
Golf Tournament,  
Ruttger's  
Aug. 21 Bay Lake/Deerwood  
Lake Lions Auction  
and Rummage Sale,  
Bay Lake Marine  
Oct. 23 Ruttger's Oktoberfest  
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