



Greetings from DLA President, Tom Nelson

Welcome back to the Lake!

As you can see in our DLA newsletter, the 2016 summer season will hold many opportunities for both fun and community service. We all look forward to the wonders of our beautiful Deer Lake for families and friends to come together and enjoy. Thanks to Bill Rutt for taking on the Newsletter editing and production! Bill and Janna Nemeth have also put the DLA into the 21st Century with a Facebook page: please join the “closed group” (to protect our privacy). We are asking for you to join or renew your membership by May 1 in order to take full advantage of DLA activities and communications. A membership application is attached for your convenience.

Speaking of *Beautiful Deer Lake*, that is the title of the newly revised Deer Lake Handbook. It contains important information about many aspects of rural lake living. Please keep the booklet handy as reference for your own household, and show it off to your visitors. Long-time Deer Lakers Abby Marier and Joan Ratzlaff originally compiled the handbook almost 20 years ago. The editor of the new edition is John Davis, who also serves as the Neighborhood Communicator program coordinator.

Please thank all our volunteers and board members for all their good work for Deer Lake! The new edition of *Beautiful Deer Lake* has an expanded section on Aquatic Invasive Species AIS. 20 years ago we could not anticipate how great a threat and challenge this would become. Like last season, the county will provide trained inspectors and decontaminators at our public access on a regular basis. Of course, the Itasca AIS program cannot provide 24/7 protection everywhere. Deer Lake is considered a priority/high-risk lake and will be provided a significant base of inspection hours. To further supplement this effort, the DLA has provided matching funds for even more inspection hours. DLA Board member Rich Anderson is our chief inspector and crew leader. You will also see county crews monitoring the lake for early detection of AIS and to control the one invader we have already: purple loosestrife.

We also need *your* help to prevent the invasion of these harmful non-natives. Please keep your family and visitors aware of the danger. If you have a private access, be sure to do your own inspection before allowing a boat or other item (a used dock or boat-lift) into Deer Lake. If you need decontamination, especially of zebra mussels, you can call on Rich who is certified and has the equipment. We could also use your help at the access. Please join Rich and his crew as a volunteer (no training necessary).

Finally, it is with some alarm that I must remind you of the danger presented by disease-spreading ticks. Indeed, as I write this in mid-March with snow on the ground, there are already deer ticks being pulled off our family dogs. Apparently the tick season never ends! Itasca County has become an epicenter for Lyme disease and several more related maladies that can even prove fatal in a short time. Yet another bacteria spread by ticks has recently been discovered. Please be sure to check yourself, your children and pets regularly. For further information about ticks and Lyme disease, please see our web-site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=11526>

So, with our events all scheduled, and you on the way, we will all have an enjoyable and safe summer season on Deer Lake!

See you at our meetings, the Frolic, and out on the lake,

Tom



DLA News Spring Edition

Opening Remarks:

I am writing this as of the the 18th of March, and we are looking at Spring coming early. Yahoo! It's time to start thinking about summer on Deer Lake.

Calendar:

- Jun 18:** DLA Mtg 1000 (Hiawatha)
- Jul 9:** Annual DLA 4:30 (DR Town Hall)
- Aug 6:** Deer Lake Frolic 4:30
- Sep 3:** Spaghetti Feed (Hiawatha)
- Jun 10 & Sept 9:** County Road Cleanup

DLA Golf Scramble for 2016

(3rd Tuesday/Month)

- May 17th** – 2:30 PM – Pokegama Golf Course – Dinner at Pokegama Grill
- June 21st** – 1 PM – Blueberry Golf Course – Dinner at Cedar Creek Grille
- July 19th** – 2:30 PM – Sugar Hills Golf Course – Dinner at Otis's Grill
- August 16th** – 1 PM – Eagle Ridge Golf Course – Dinner at Cedar Creek Grille
- September 13th** – 2:30 PM – Pokegama Golf Course – Dinner at Pokegama Grill

All DLA members are welcome to join us for these fun and informal golf scrambles.

Couples and singles both are welcome.

We play on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except September as we need to move it up as many leave early – if we are rained out we still meet for dinner. If someone volunteers to host a potluck dinner in either June or August, then we will change the venue. When playing at the other courses we stay there for dinner. If interested in attending you must call or email your desire to join us at least one week ahead of the play date. ***We are always looking for participants and will be happy to add you to our email list! It is vital that we let the golf course know how many tee times and dinner reservations we will have so they can schedule accordingly. We enjoy reduced rates that include a cart. Cart use is not optional as it speeds up the game.*** Call or email either: Trish Bogenrief 326-3824 tjbojie@paulbunyan.net or Gerry Ratzlaff 246-9652 joanandger@aol.com

Bear Island Clean-up 2016 Schedule

June 3rd -- July 8th -- August 5th -- September 2nd

The Bear Island monthly clean-up will again be coordinated by **Bob Baker**. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by the DLA, who purchased it with donations from lake residents and took advantage of a State matching funds program to protect it and make it available for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and cleaning up any trash left by Mother Nature or people. The first Friday of each month, June through September is when this event occurs. The only exception to this is July, where we go the second Friday so we can avoid the holiday weekend and are able to clean after that busy time. If the weather is bad then we go the next day. You can call Bob Baker at 999-5823 to see if it is still planned or just arrive at 9 AM on the schedule day by the DNR sign. **Bob will not be calling people – if we have had a bad storm during the month – please give some extra thought to helping.** Bring gloves, wear long pants and bring equipment (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag. We hope to see you!!

DLA “Deer Readers” Book Club '16

- May 31:** Brown, Daniel, THE BOYS IN THE BOAT, hosted by Jan Hill, led by Dave Johnson
- June 28:** Hosseini, Khaled, AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED, hosted and led by Don and Ellen Ardery
- July 26:** Larson, Erik, DEAD WAKE: THE CROSSING OF THE LUSITANIA, hosted and led by Dick and Joyce Erickson
- August 30:** Aslan, Reza, THE ZEALOT, hosted and led by Alice and David Stark
- Sept 13:** Conrad, Joseph, HEART OF DARKNESS, hosted and led by Glenda and Tom Kleinkauf

All sessions begin at 4:30 pm with dinner at a local restaurant afterward. If interested, please call Coordinator: Dave Johnson. We ask that you RSVP <mailto:johnsond@umn.edu> if you plan to join us, so our hosts know how many to expect, and we can make dinner reservations for those planning to attend.



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Road Cleanup:

Please join us for the DLA road clean up where we combine community service and fellowship! We will gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am on Friday, June 10, 2016, and again on Friday, September 9, 2016. The cleanup takes about an hour. When we're done we come back to our cabin for coffee and snacks. It is great fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb Glader if you are able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195)

Congratulations

New Officers

Rich Anderson – Vice President
Herb Lieftring – Treasurer
Janna Nemeth – Secretary

New Board Members

Diana Lieftring
Hugh Cameron
John Davis

Request:

We request that you (and those you can bring with you) join or re-up your DLA membership by the first of May. Please see the link below for details.

Key Links:

DLA

Website: <http://deerlakeassociation.org>

Click on the link:

[DLA Mission Statement](#)

[DLA BYLAWS](#)

[Join the DLA](#)

Facebook: "Deer Lake Association"

Simply request to become a member of the 'Closed Group' or have someone invite you directly. It is a fun way to share information as well as pictures.

Twitter: @BeautifulDeerLK

Thank you!

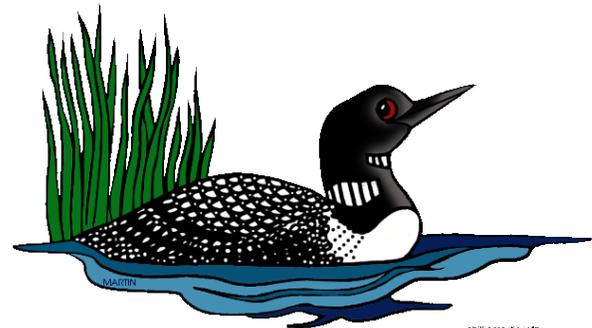
- Doug Widen (And Elise) for your years as Treasurer.
- Holly Newton, our outstanding Secretary
- Bob Shumaker, & Steve Nemeth for your selfless service on the Board
- George Ritzinger for running the Big Fish Contest all these years

Beautiful Deer Lake Handbook:

Enclosed with our spring 2016 newsletter is a copy of Beautiful Deer Lake, the Deer Lake property Owner's handbook. The handbook describes several steps we as property owners can take to maintain and improve Deer Lake water quality. It's meant to provide information and resources so all of us can contribute to our preservation effort. We hope you find it useful.

Quote:

Of those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment of each one of us – recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state – our success or failure, in whatever office we may hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions – were we truly men of courage...were we truly men of judgment...were we truly men of integrity...were we truly men of dedication?
John F. Kennedy



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**New or Renewal Membership Application
Welcome to the Deer Lake Association**

*Please renew by **May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities and communications. New Members welcome anytime.*

____\$25 Membership: Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake. Definition: "Family" shall mean a husband and wife or any two adults who reside in the same household.

____\$12.50 Associate Membership: Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity which does not qualify for membership. Associate members have all the rights of members except the right to (a.) Nominate candidates for the Board of Directors or officers of the DLA. Or (b.) vote in any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless they are actively serving as a director at the time said vote is taken, or any vote of the membership.

Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ Lake address _____

City/State _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

eMail address (please print clearly) _____

Please list here whatever personal e-mail address or addresses you wish us to use in our communications to you.

Our privacy promise to you: We will use your contact information only for official DLA communications, will NOT share it with any other organization, nor will we display it on our web-site.

As a courtesy to Members, the DLA periodically creates and distributes to members-only a directory showing DLA Members and contact information. If you do **NOT** want your contact information to appear in the DLA Directory, please check here ____.

*The DLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **Donations** of any amount to support our lake-water quality efforts and other work are encouraged, **welcome** at any time, and tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You may include a donation if you wish. Donation amount _____.*

We need help from volunteers to make the DLA go and grow. Are you in a position to volunteer and help out? July is our Annual Meeting and Election. Please consider volunteering to run for an Officer or Board member position. Let us know your area of interest:

Officer ____ **Pres.** ____ **Vice Pres** ____ **Secretary** ____ **Treasurer** ____ **Board member** ____

or
DLA Lake Management Committee ____ **DLA Neighborhood Communicator** ____

Special interest: volunteer to form a committee and explore possibilities. If you have an area of special interest, concerns or any suggestions regarding Deer Lake and the DLA, please pass them on to us. Thanks.

Be sure and visit the Deer Lake Assn web site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/>, the DLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>, and follow us on Twitter @beautifuldeerlk

Please complete and mail application and check to: Herb Lieftring, DLA Treasurer, 36264 Christmas Point Trl., Grand Rapids, MN 55744