

DEER LAKE Association

APRIL, 2007 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER PROGRAMS

JUNE 23, 10 am Sat. Camp Sherwood

Shoreland Workshop



The aerial survey of our Deer Lake analyzing the lakeshore conditions relative to septic systems, vegetation and ground water run off will be presented to all Deer Lake residents by Alan Cibuzar, President of A.W. Research Laboratory and Mary Beckendorfer of the Minnesota Extension Service. Details in next month's **NEWSLETTER**.

JULY 7, 3 pm. Sat. at Camp Sherwood

ROCK BASS TOURNAMENT



The Second Annual Rock Bass Tournament will commence at Sherwood Dock under the direction of Doug-Oh Rutt. *Go fish!*

JULY 14, 5 pm. Sat. Camp Sherwood

DLA ANNUAL MEETING



Get acquainted time followed by election of officers and new board members, reading of minutes and committee reports, closing with call for any old or new business, and adjournment. Followed by-

6 pm. POT LUCK SUPPER

Please bring a dish to share;
A to K - Hot dish or Veggie
L to Z - Salad or Dessert

AUGUST 11, 10 am Sat. at Sheerwood
BORDER WARDEN

Murray Mills, author of a hilarious book called "Border Warden" will be our guest speaker. Over the years he has collected some fascinating sagas about game wardens protecting our wildlife. Bring the kids. See write up on page 3.



AUGUST 14-3pm TUES. at HIAWATHA

DEER LAKE FROLIC

*How Sweet the Music !
How Good the Food !
How Fun the Games !
How Great the Company !*

Come join together for the 2nd annual ALL Deer Lake Frolic. Everyone from the lake and community is invited for an afternoon of music, food, games and fellowship....

Bring your friends



SEPT. 1, 5pm Sat. at Camp Sherwood

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our end-of-the-summer Labor Day Weekend gathering when all lake residents and their families are invited to be guests of the Association.

Refreshments at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Please call Gunny at 246-8670 so we can have a count of how many to prepare for.

DLA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Respectfully submitted, Tom Nelson, (Chm.), Janna Nemeth and George Ritzinger **ARTICLE III, SECT. 2 OF THE DLA BY-LAWS:** "The slate is to be presented to the voting membership for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Candidates not presented by the Nominating Committee may be considered upon nomination and seconded by members in good standing at the Annual Meeting. Any person nominated, however, must be present to accept the nomination in person or written acceptances shall be provided by the nominee at the meeting. Such written acceptance shall be mailed by the member to the Association Secretary so that it is received at least three (3) days before the Annual Meeting." The following persons have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected to these offices;

PRESIDENT (1 year term). **Tom Brown.** Tom first came to Deer Lake when he was four years old. Now, along with his wife Pam and his three children, he has been coming back every summer (except two) since. He was one of the charter members of the DLA. Tom was part of the original Bear Island Group and DLEAP committees. He has helped raise funds for critical habitats and for legal expenses pertaining to protecting valuable lake shore. Tom states that he is excited about what progress was made last year and is anxious to move forward even more this year protecting the lake and furthering the Association.

VICE-PRESIDENT (1 year term). **Holly Newton.** She and her husband Michael built their home about 25 years ago here on Deer Lake. They have two daughters Michelle and Natalie. The Newton's love to sail windsurfs, canoe, kayak, hunt, and fish. Holly has served many years on the Deer Lake Management Committee and is presently the Vice President of the DLA and Secretary of Itasca Coalition of Lakes Association. She has been active and served as an officer in many local organizations: Itasca Music Club, Celebration of Arts, Reif Center, American Association of University Women, Lightning Hockey, to name a few. Holly is a pianist and music educator. She states that she is optimistic about this years prospects for the DLA.

SECRETARY (1 year term) **Trish Bogenrief.** Trish and her husband Jim, have owned their home on Bonnie Point for 16 years but have only lived there for the past 5 years. Trish has served on the DLA Board of Directors for 2 years, and as co-chair of the summer BBQ committee for the past 5 years. They have both been volunteers on the road and Bear Island clean-up groups and Jim monitors the lake level for the DLA. Professionally she has recently retired as the vice-president of a major corporation, directing their business operations. A nationally known expert in a specific area of law, she frequently gave seminars and continuing legal education training for law firms and financial institutions nationwide. Since retirement in addition to consulting she has been invited to assist the United Nations and the World Bank in establishing both business and financial services areas in third world countries to stimulate international commerce. As a Director of a non-profit association, and serving as a member and officer on numerous others, she brings over 40 years experience in volunteer service. Her professional and prior volunteer experience well prepares her for the DLA Board continuing efforts to help make Deer Lake the best place in the world to live and play!

TREASURER (1 year term) **George Ritzinger.** He and his wife Pat purchased their property on North Portage Trail in 1995 and remodeled it the following spring. They immediately became involved with the DLA showing their cabin in 1997 as part of the annual cabin tour. They joined the road cleanup committee that year and he became Chairman of it in 2003. He also has been active with the canoeing group, Bear Island cleanup and trail maintenance group, nature hiking group and has co-chaired the golf group. In addition, he serves on the Conservation Easement and shoreline development committee and chairs the Membership committee of the Board. Currently serves as DLA Treasurer.

BOARD MEMBER (3 year term 2007-2010) **Mark Hoffman;** Mark Hoffman (46 years young) and wife Anna (she say's 29 and holding) are year-round residents since April 2001. They are active in supporting the ideals of the DLA and also supportive of the local officials (and their election campaigns) who see the value in clean, clear lakes and the economic value they create. Mark enjoys boating, swimming, scuba diving and golfing in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter season. He would be honored to serve on the DLA board to help continue the fine work of the other members both past and present.

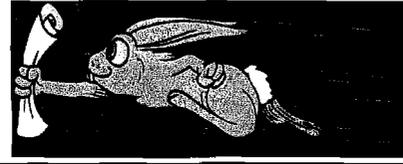
BOARD MEMBER (3 year term 2007-2010) **Doug Routt** Doug is a retired Air Force bird colonel fighter pilot and Vietnam vet. retired school science teacher. Currently, FAA flight instructor. Loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather to one three and ten respectively. Renowned giver and defender of the oppressed, women and small children. A renaissance man in the modern world. Doug-Oh also celebrated Bass fisherman and organizer of Rock Bass derby.

BOARD MEMBER (3year term 2007-2010) **Lew Johnston.** Founding member and former VP of DLA, active in acquiring Bear Island and Kocemba Bay wildlife and aquatic management areas, member Endowment, Lake Management, Conservation Easement committees. He wants to get even with whoever nominated him and also wants to retire as Coeditor of the **NEWSLETTER** for the last decade to devote more time to fishing (holds record for Dog fish) and sailing (holds lake record for most times turning turtle)

PROXY FORM. The By-Laws of the DLA (Article III, Sect. 5) authorize voting by proxy if a member is unable to attend the DLA Annual Meeting. The following form may be completed and submitted to Elise Widen, DLA Secretary, authorizing a designated DLA member to serve as your proxy to vote on your behalf at the 2007 Annual Meeting on July 14th. I, _____, (Please print your name) hereby designate _____, to serve as my proxy for the 2007 DLA Annual Business Meeting, July 14th and authorize them to vote on my behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT REMINDER!



If you have not already sent in your check for **2007 DLA membership**, please **do it now**. Dues are for the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

Please visit the DLA web site for more information on goals, accomplishments and advantages of membership. (<http://www.mnlakes.org/deerlake/>)

Please consider making an additional contribution \$25, \$50 \$100 or more to: DLA General Fund to help with general operating costs.

Deer Lake Management Fund, which is designated to assist in the cost associated with zoning issues

DLEAP, which is the endowment fund designated for lake quality improvement and conservation.

Please return this form with your check to DLA Treasurer,
George Ritzinger, 9042 Sutton Drive, Eden Prairie, MN, 55347.

NAME _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____

WINTER PHONE # _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____

SUMMER PHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE? YES ___ NO ___ AREA OF INTEREST? _____

DLA Annual Membership Dues - \$25.00

Optional Additional Contribution to:

DLA General Operating Fund - \$ _____

Lake Management Fund - \$ _____

DLEAP Endowment Fund - \$ _____

Total - \$ _____

Border Warden by Murray Mills ...DLA Program Sat.10 am, Aug.11

A Minnesota game warden's hair-raising tales from his 25-year career have been woven into a book by a local author. "Border Warden", written by Murray Mills, recounts warden Lloyd Steen's true stories. Mills said the book was about 10 years in the making. "I write by inspiration and I'm not inspired real often," Mills joked. This is his first book. He has had a varied career that included owning Coast to Coast in Elk River from 1968-1984 and owning the Eagle Wing Resort on Lake Kabetogama in northern Minnesota from 1984-1993. He also has a tree farm near Zimmerman and is a pilot. Mills is married to Carol, who is the retired president and CEO of Guardian Angels. He met Warden Steen while running the resort and over the years they became friends. Mills said he has always been fascinated by wardens, and originally planned to locate wardens whenever he and his wife were traveling, interview them, and compile their stories into a book. He did some of that, interviewing wardens in Canada, Montana, Minnesota and South Dakota, but said it was like pulling teeth. "It just didn't work," he said. Then he realized that Steen had a treasure trove of his own stories to tell. Mills broached the idea of turning them into a book, and Steen agreed. Mills wrote the first story, "Diabetic Walleyes," in about 1993. It turned out to be one of his favorites. It's the story about how Steen caught an elderly couple who had stashed their illegal catch of walleye in a cooler the woman claimed was being used for her diabetic husband's insulin. Another of his favorites is "Bitten Twice," which recounts the saga of Steen trying to free a wolf caught in a trap. He eventually did, but only after a long ordeal that included the wolf biting him in the leg. "That tells you a lot about Lloyd, what he's like," Mills said of the wolf story. "He could have shot that wolf and dragged him off in the woods and nobody would have known the difference. But, no, he's not supposed to do that so he risks his neck to release that thing." Steen, a native of the International Falls area, is a game warden in the Kabetogama/Namakan lakes district in northern Minnesota near the Canadian border. Mills described Steen as a congenial person who typically has a smile on his face. But he is dedicated to his profession and protecting the resource. All of the stories are true, although names have been changed and photographs have the faces blurred to protect people's identities.



Bad Bugs from Firewood.

Protect our forests from ~~3bad bugs2~~; don't move firewood warns Mike Albers, DNR, Division of Forestry, and Forest Health Specialist.

Most cabins and lakeshore homes are nestled into forest settings because Minnesotans like trees and feel at home in the woods. We burn up the wood from dead and diseased trees and even bring firewood from home to fuel bonfires and wood stoves while up north. Did you know that firewood harboring insects and diseases and that they can be inadvertently spread to new locations by transporting it? Moving firewood around the state, Midwest, and even country has never been too much of an issue. News about yet another exotic insect or disease in this country seems so distant to our experience because we are so removed from the usual points of introduction; until now. Finding that firewood is the primary means of spread of emerald ash borer (EAB) out of quarantined areas in Michigan has changed our views about firewood movement and, hopefully, our actions here in Minnesota.

Transporting firewood is problematic. Firewood travels at 55 mph and so do the forest pests hiding inside. And, EAB is not the only ~~3bad bug2~~ lurking in firewood. Oak wilt, Asian longhorned beetle, Sirex woodwasps, gypsy moths and ~~3bad bugs2~~ we don't even know we have can hitchhike on firewood from New York, Michigan and from our own backyard. So, in just a few short hours, EAB or another forest pest could be unknowingly spread into the forests of Minnesota.

Emerald ash borers spend most of their life cycles hidden between the bark and the wood. If the tree dies or is cut down, the EAB will survive and adults will emerge during the growing season to start the life cycle over again in nearby live ash trees. Currently, the entire lower peninsula of Michigan, parts of Maryland and all of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are under EAB quarantines.

In light of this information, Minnesota DNR is proposing to restrict firewood brought into state campgrounds and onto DNR administered state lands in order to protect our forests from EAB and other exotic pests that cause harm. The DNR is requesting that campers, hunters, anglers and other recreationists use ~~3approved2~~ firewood while on DNR lands. Approved firewood is: Purchased from an approved dealer (approved by Dept of Agriculture or Natural Resources), or purchased/ provided at the state facility, and clean, untreated dimensional lumber.

Moving personal firewood supplies from your home to your cabin or lake home is not regulated like transporting them into state campgrounds. It's up to you to prevent the ~~3bad bugs2~~ from moving into the trees and forests near your land. So, leave your firewood supply at home and make sure that your firewood supply is purchased from an approved dealer near your destination.

DNR NEWS

TREE SALE

The Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is currently in its fifth year of offering native conservation grade trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses and sedges. Additions that were made this year include wildflower and grass seed mixtures, and the addition of Blackberry. Available seed mixtures include a versatile upland site mix, and a wetland edge mix. Blackberry was added to include a large edible fruit bearing species, and as a natural barrier option. The ordering deadline is April 27th, and stock will then be available for pick-up at the Itasca County Fairgrounds, May 3rd and 4th. For more information contact Andy Arens at the Itasca SWCD office at 1889 E Hwy 2 in Grand Rapids, MN • 218-326-0017. Ordering materials are also available on the Itasca SWCD website, which is www.itascaswcd.org ES

HOW BIG IS YOUR DOCK?

"Most people know that docks are regulated, but many do not know what those rules are, but that does not trump the public's right to use the full surface of the lake said Kramka. DNR NW Region hydrologist, (218) 755-3637 in Bemidji or call Mike Peloquin, DNR NE Region hydrologist, (218) 327-4417 locally.

How big is your boat dock? It may be bigger than state rules allow. Just as the average size of a new house has more than doubled in 50 years, it seems that docks have been getting bigger, too. (DNR) has also seen increasing attempts to use docks as decks and efforts by some dock owners to restrict the use of water by neighbors, boaters, anglers and other lake users. DNR regulates the types of structures that can be placed within public waters. Lakeshore owners have a right to access to navigable water depths of the lake, but according to Kramka, the law details what kind of dock can be placed in the lake and whether a permit is required. Under the law, one may not have a dock more than eight feet wide without a DNR permit. Typically, the DNR would not issue a permit for a dock wider than eight feet for the average residential lot. In addition, docks cannot be roofed or walled or turned into decks or gazebos. "The purpose of the dock rules is to access to the lake while providing for public safety and protecting natural resources," Kramka said. Local units of government may have additional dock rules. Ownership of shoreland and a dock does not entitle the owner to keep the public from using the surface water near shore. Dock owners are occupying a public space. Conflicts sometimes occur when lakeshore owners try to discourage anglers in boats from fishing near their docks. Many citizens are concerned about the impact of lake home and shoreland development on fish and wildlife habitat and of the visual impact of large docks. Of course, most lake homeowners do not intend to harm fish and wildlife habitat with their docks or piers, but the negative impacts of some structures are well documented.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR MY DOCK?

No permit is needed to install, construct or reconstruct a dock if it meets the following conditions:

1. structure is not a hazard to navigation, health or safety
2. the structure will allow the free flow of water beneath it
3. the structure is not used or intended as a marina
4. the structure is consistent with the guidelines of the local unit of government
5. the dock is no longer than needed to achieve its intended use, including reaching navigable depth
6. the structure is not more than 8' wide, not combined with other similar structures to create a larger structure
7. Docks placed on rock-filled cribs are located only on waters where the bed is predominantly bedrock.

RESTRICTIONS ON DOCKS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

People may not place a dock or other structure in public waters if the structure:

1. Obstructs navigation or creates a hazard,
2. Is detrimental to fish or wildlife habitat,
3. Is placed in a posted fish spawning area,
4. Is intended to be used for human habitation
5. Is designed or intended to include walls, a roof or sewage facilities
6. Will take threatened or endangered species.

DLA CALENDAR 2007

Time to mark it for this SUMMER

BRING A FRIEND TO-

GENERAL MEETINGS, Second Saturdays;

JUNE 23 10am PROGRAM at Camp ~~Hiawatha~~ **Sherwood**
JULY 14th, 5pm, ANNUAL MTG, Camp Sherwood
AUG. 11th, 10 am PROGRAM at Camp Sherwood

DLA BOARD MEETINGS

MAY 12th, 4 pm at Tom Brown's
JUNE 16th, 9 am at Tom Nelson's
JULY 14th, 3 pm at Camp Sherwood
AUG. 11th, 9 am at Camp Sherwood
SEPT. 8th, 9 am at Camp Sherwood

SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 7th, 3 pm Sat. ROCK BASS TOURNAMENT
AUG. 14th 2nd Annual DEER LAKE FROLIC
SEPT. 1st, 5 pm, SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUMMER GOLF OUTINGS 31-41 ROOM

JUNE 19, JULY 17, AUG. 21, SEPT. 18

OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

President: Tom Brown
Vice-Pres.: Holly Newton
Secretary: Elise Widen
Treasurer: George Ritzinger
Board Members: Bob Baker, Trish Bogenreif, Paul Dealy, Dave Johnson, Janna Nemeth, Tom Nelson, Doug Routt, with Gunny Gunsolly as Board Advisor.



NEW BIG BBQ COOKER

A new portable trailer-mounted BBQ cooker with a standard hitch fabricated by the Deer River HS metal shop has been donated by the Mike Newtons and the Tom Browns for use by

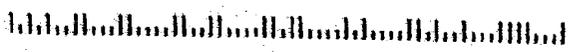
any DLA members. Between times it will be parked at Camp Hiawatha.

SUMMER BBQ'S

JUNE 13, JULY 11, AUG. 8, SEPT. 12 - Places to announced in May issue of the DLA NEWSLETTER

DEER LAKE Association

Lew and Ginny Johnston, EMAIL: vljohnst@ku.edu
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DLA COOK BOOK

Trish Bogenreif reports that she still needs lots more recipes. She has received a flood already and wants to expand it to any and all kinds...not just BBQ's that you would like to share. Send as many as you wish. She hopes to have the cook book printed by next summer. You can



email them to her at: Tbogenri@aol.com. Or to her, at 33853 Bonnie Point Road, Grand Rapids, Mn, 55744

DLA WANT ADS

NEED HELP?

House cleaning, window washing, painting, raking or mowing. Call Dana at 327-9023

