



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

WOW! What a year for your Deer Lake Association. There isn't enough room in this newsletter to list all of the activities and accomplishments of the association for 2007. It was a busy one with lots of people stepping up to help accomplish the mission of the DLA. The focus for the association this year was to socialize with and educate the membership. The DLA has received recognition and accolades from other associations throughout the state that admire our strength and determination to preserve the quality of Deer Lake.

General meetings were held this year with programs designed to help us all understand lake quality and offer ways for us to continue to improve it. Social events were held to bring the membership together. These gave us chances to get to know each other better and share common interests. Fishing contests helped bring more young people together to have a good time. Mark Hoffman served as chairperson for a very successful Lake Side Frolic. More than 250 people enjoyed a great summer afternoon with a delicious BBQ. This event will continue to make it possible to keep dues for this next year at \$25. (You have all renewed your membership haven't you?) Many of you have contacted your Area Communicator to provide input to the association. Please continue to get involved. Your association is only as strong as it's membership.

Over 200 members have donated more than \$150,000 to the Deer Lake Management Fund. This fund continues to help pay for legal fees for zoning and permit litigation happening on Deer Lake. The response from members has been unbelievable! The Deer Lake Conservation Committee (formerly DL Management Committee) continues to be actively involved in all aspects of Deer Lake conservation.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the DLA. They are a wonderful group of people! The membership can rest assured their Association is in good hands.

If you are reading this and aren't already a member of the Deer Lake Association, I have to ask "Why Not?" If you are reading this and are already a member, please get involved with your association. Let us know what we should be doing and then help us do it. The association will prosper and remain strong but only with your help.



**Have you renewed your DLA Membership yet?**

Please send dues to:

**Deer Lake Association**

**%Anna Hoffman**

**38841 Oklahoma Hill Rd., Deer River, MN 56636**

**\$25.00 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, adult offspring, 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.

# 2007 BIG FISH CONTEST WINNERS

## Musky

7/8/07 G Pass 50.25" 32#8oz

### *Honorable Mention-Greg Pass*

Greg was visiting. He is not a DLA member.

## Northern

6/5/07 M Nielsen 37" 14#

### *Winner-Mike Nielsen*

## Walleye

6/5/07 J Nielsen 32" 11 1/4#

6/19/07 B Bedient 29.5" -

6/19/07 D Bedient 28" -

### *Winner-Jeff Nielsen*

## Large Mouth Bass

7/9/07 J Brickley 18" 3# 2oz

7/20/07 G Ritzinger 13" 1 1/4#

6/14/07 G Ritzinger 12" 1#

### *Winner-John Brickley*

## Small Mouth Bass

8/14/07 S Klassen 17" 2#13oz

8/30/07 P Ritzinger 16" 1# 8oz

6/15/07 P Ritzinger 14" 1 1/4#

### *Winner-Steve Klassen*

## Red Eye (Rock) Bass

6/15/07 P Ritzinger 9" 3/10#

### *Winner-Pat Ritzinger*

## Perch

6/15/07 P Ritzinger 9" 1/4#

### *Winner-Pat Ritzinger*

## Crapie

*No Entries*

## Blue Gill

7/16/07 P Ritzinger 7.5" 1/4#

6/14/07 G Ritzinger 7" 1/8#

### *Winner-Pat Ritzinger*

## Requirements:

- Be a 2008 DLA member.
- Fish caught with hook and line.
- Weigh fish using Deliar or similar device.

Take digital or film picture if possible



**The Big Fish Contest** will again be held in 2008 to recognize Association members and their families who catch the *biggest* fish during the summer months.

Winners will be announced in the Newsletter and Website, and will be awarded a special plaque in spring of 2009.

Start date is Minnesota Fishing Opener, and ends at the conclusion of Labor Day Weekend.

Report your catch to Contest Central:

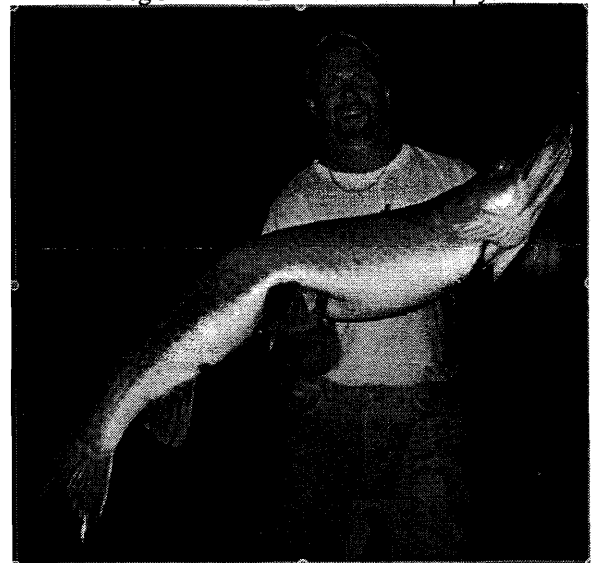
**George Ritzinger**

33422 N Portage Trail

Grand Rapids, MN 57744

[gbrper@peoplepc.com](mailto:gbrper@peoplepc.com), (218) 327-4826.

Greg Pass and his Deer Lake Trophy!



**Water Quality:** Al Cibuzar of A.W. Research is presently helping us follow up with investigation of significant nutrient loading sites discovered in the aerial analysis. He has consulted with several Deer Lake residents and has reported that many sources of problematic impact including some septic system replacements have been or are in the process of correction and mitigation.

One family, after looking at their flyover report replaced their septic system *and* completed an extensive shoreland restoration project. Their efforts have distinguished the property as a ***Certified Backyard Habitat*** by the National Wildlife Federation.

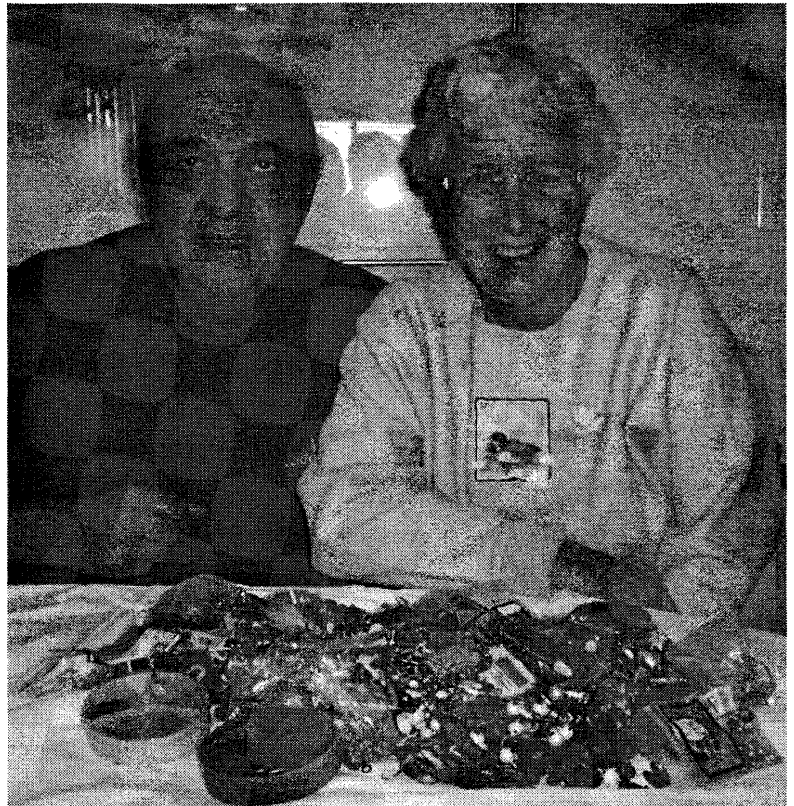
## 2008 Deer Lake Book Group

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Wed. May 28 4:30pm	<u>The Plot Against America</u>	Philip Roth	Chatterton's	D. Chatterton
Wed. June 25 4:30pm	<u>The Book Thief</u>	Markus Zusak	Marier's	M. Chatterton
Wed. July 23 4:30pm	<u>The Highest Tide</u>	Jim Lynch	Bogenrief's	T. Bogenrief
Wed. Aug. 20 4:30pm	<u>The Tipping Point</u>	Malcom Gladwell	D. Johnson's	D. Johnson
Thurs. Sept. 11 4:30pm	<u>Double Blind</u>	Chris Bohjalian	Erickson's	D&J Erickson



### **Get the Lead Out!**

We want to thank the DLA Members who exchanged their lead sinkers and jigs for the new non-lead tackle. The Deer Lake Assn.'s, "*Get the Lead Out Drive*" was funded through our assn.'s "*3 in 20 Program*". The MPCA recognized that Deer Lake is the only lake association operating it's own exchange. We are happy to say we collected 25 lbs. (which will no longer be used in Deer Lake.) Non-lead fishing tackle is an effective alternative and protects loons, eagles and other wildlife. Please continue to replace your lead tackle. Ask for the non-lead products when you purchase new tackle and remember lead cannot go in the trash. It has to be taken to a hazardous waste site.




Questions? Contact Joan or Gerry Ratzlaff  
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## ATTENTION GOLFERS

Hack and Slice, the devilish Divot Duo, announce the golf schedule for 2008. Do mark your calendars so that you don't miss out on whatever creative mayhem they may have dreamed up over the winter. Surely there will be some interesting surprises that await you. *Tee time is 1pm at Blueberry Hills Golf Course* and we usually follow up with a *BBQ at 5:30pm*.

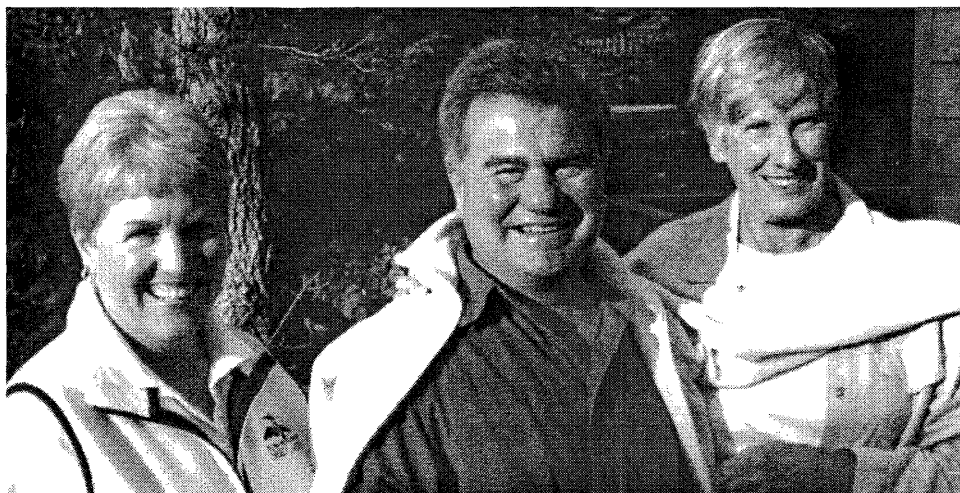
June 19  
July 17  
August 21  
September 18

## THE HACK & SLICE SCRAMBLE

 The 2007 Deer Lake Association golf season concluded with its now annual event, the infamous Hack & Slice Scramble and Banquet held at Wendigo Golf Course. This year's event pitted three threesomes and two foursomes against each other, but using devilish rules devised by that dastardly duo, the Divot Boys. The players were limited to only three clubs, had to count all players' putts on one hole, had their score doubled on one hole, but halved on another hole.

When all the players finished and the profanity died down, the team of Dave Chatterton, Jim Bogenrief, and Steph Hunter narrowly edged the team of "Rang" Rangel, Gerry Ratzlaff, and Pam Brown by a half stroke.

George Ritzinger won the "closest to the pin" contest. At the banquet, special recognition was given to Peg Brown for her outstanding participation in DLA golf for a lady of such a young and tender age, and to Paul Jorgensen for his attempts to golf despite seeing more golf balls to hit than are supposed to be there.



Lt. to Rt. Pam Brown, "Rang" Rangel, Margot Chatterton

Hack and Slice were appointed by the DLA President to lead the golf group for yet another season. The appointment was approved by all present.

Thanks to everyone who supported and participated in the 2007 DLA Golf program.

**\*\*Hack & Slice**

A.k.a. George Ritzinger and Dave Chatterton

# In memoriam...

*Honey Threinen...*

*Red Lundeen...*

*Darrell Stokes...*

*Cherished friends. Deer Lake will not be the same without you.*

Memorial donations may be made to the Deer Lake Association to honor a loved one who has passed.



**THE DLA SPAGHETTI DINNER** held Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Sherwood enjoyed the largest attendance ever and our hostess wasn't feeling her best. **"Don't worry about me!"** Gunny said. The next day she finds out she's got walking pneumonia...at least we assume it was the walking variety because she was on her feet all evening! Thanks Gunny for another wonderful event!

**DNR: Deer Lake DOCK DATA 2007-** Because the cumulative impacts of "so many and so large" on fish habitat seen around the state has caused remarkably diminished fish diversity and populations the DNR is considering increasing dock regulations. Below is the 2007 data from Deer Lake.

1. Total number of first tier homes    N = 290
2. Total number of docks                N = 323    (15 of these are commercial, 308 are private)
  - A. Docks part of commercial properties    N = 15  
6 Resorts, 3 Campgrounds, 0 Marinas, 6 Shared Access (all of these are legal size)
  - B. Private docks                                N = 308  
287 (97%) are Legal size, 15 (5%) Temporarily exempted, 6 (2%) are Illegal

Most of the illegal sized docks are in the 180 - 190 sq. ft. range. Only one is extremely large and that one is 400 sq. ft.

Current regulations permit one dock per parcel installed to reach navigable water, provided the dock is no larger than eight feet wide and doesn't obstruct navigation. Dock platforms no larger than 10.5' by 16' (or 170 sq. ft.) were temporarily exempted for the summer of 2007.



## **2007 Deer Lake Frolic Mark Hoffman Chairman**

We are pleased to announce a profit of \$2718.00 from this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual community fundraiser!

Please plan to join the fun next year on July 12 at Camp Hiawatha starting at 3pm!

## **2007 Deer Lake Boutique Trish Bogenrief Chairman**

Creation of the Deer Lake Cookbook among other items earned an impressive \$1830. this year!

We all owe **Mark Hoffman and Trish Bogenrief** a big "Thank You!" because of th efforts our dues have remained the same while the cost of everything else including printing and postage has increased. These proceeds offset club expenses including this newsletter!

# WINTER FUN TIME SIGN-UP

Hello all. Below are names of folks who expressed interest in winter activities last year. Please fill out the spaces below if you would like to participate this wintertime. Circle your interest, from cross country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, or ice fishing. If you would like to suggest additional activities, please note them. If you wish your name removed from the list, please indicate that. A new interest sheet will be sent to all those who sign-up by Christmas.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY (circle the ones you are interested in):

Cross Country Skiing   Snowmobiling   Snow Shoeing   Ice Fishing

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE



Return to: **George Ritzinger**                      or by e-mail: [gbrper@peoplepc.com](mailto:gbrper@peoplepc.com)  
                  **9042 Sutton Drive**  
                  **Eden Prairie, MN 55347**

## 2007 WINTER FUN TIME

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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<b><u>Snowmobile-Coordinator-none assigned</u></b>		
Mark Hoffman*	218-246-2011	
Bob Shidler*	218-326-4566	
<b><u>Ice Fishing-Coordinator-none assigned</u></b>		
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Barney Penning*	218-326-9272	
Marilyn Gartner	218-326-1563	
<b><u>Undefined-Coordinator-none assigned</u></b>		
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Tom & Judy Dimich*	218-246-2595	tdimich@mncable.net
Dave & Alice Stark	218-246-2317	dstark@goldengate.net

\* Year around resident    \*\* County Commissioner-District 2    \*\*\* County Commissioner-District 1

## **Minnesota DNR Loon Study 2007 Data**

THE LOON COUNT ON DEER LAKE was 43 adults and 2 chicks. The 2006 study found 35 adults and 4 chicks.

This year's count was taken on July 15, 2007. On that day 4 chicks were hatched and counted but 2 chicks did not survive by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were more nesting pairs this year and one pair laid twice (2 weeks each attempt) on the nesting platform located by Bear Island. Sadly the nest was destroyed both times by high winds. Deer Lake saw a very stormy May and June, which resulted in several nests being blown and washed away.

We need residents to tell us when they know the location of a nest. This DNR survey is also interested in how large a number of loons gather in August and September on each lake.

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**Recent Algae Bloom:** Deer Lake underwent one of the most significant algae blooms in it's history this year.

Dr. Jack Jones, Limnologist, commented that the bloom may be due to the drought the area has suffered followed by runoff of heavy rain causing nutrient loading.

MN Pollution Control Agency states, "An algae bloom may turn the water to a neon green, blue-green, or reddish-brown pea soup; may cause a bad smell and taste in the water; and may form a foam or scum on the water's surface. The algae may periodically use up oxygen in the water, killing fish."

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that humans not ingest, swim or wade in water near an algae bloom, or let children or pets enter it. If contact does occur the material should be washed off thoroughly, paying special attention to the swimsuit area. If your pet comes in contact with a bloom, wash off your pet's coat to prevent the pet from ingesting the algae while self-cleaning. If you suspect the animal is sick from the algae, call a veterinarian immediately.

\*To maintain or improve the water quality of Deer Lake a shoreland buffer is recommended. A shoreline buffer of natural vegetation traps, filters, and impedes rainwater runoff and septic seepage. Creating a "no mow zone" by the shoreline will allow native plants and flowers to flourish. The DNR says a 50' vegetative buffer has been proven to reduce nutrient load to lakes by 60%.

# **DLA CALENDAR, 2008**

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am PROGRAM  
JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm, ANNUAL MTG  
AUG. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am PROGRAM

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm ROCK BASS TOURNEY  
AUG. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm DEER LAKE FROLIC  
AUG. 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm SPAGHETTI DINNER

## **SUMMER GOLF OUTINGS**

JUNE 19, JULY 17, AUG. 21, SEPT. 18  
(See inside for details)

## **BOOK CLUB**

MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 23, AUG 20, SEPT. 11  
(See inside for details)

## **SUMMER BBQ'S**

JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUG. 13, SEPT. 10



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DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER EDITOR

## **DLA BOARD MEETINGS**

MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am  
JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am  
JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm  
AUG. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am  
SEPT. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

## **DLA OFFICERS**

Thomas Brown, President  
Holly Newton, Vice President  
Anna Hoffman, Treasurer  
Patricia Bogenrief, Secretary  
Gunny Gunsolly, President Emeritus

## **DLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Robert Baker  
Paul Dealy  
Rev. Lew Johnston  
Dr. T K Nelson  
Janna Nemeth  
Col. Douglas Routt

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Little John	LeWin	246-8503
Hiawatha	Eaton	246-8830
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Baker Rd.	Baker	326-1807
Bonnie Pt, Sears Bay Pine Bay	Kinnunen	327-8677
Bonnie Point Comfort Cove	Chatterton	326-0827
North Portage Tr.	Isackson	327-2023
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