

THE DEER LAKE
ASSOCIATION GRILL is
available to association members
free of charge. For information
call Mike Newton 326-8303 or
Tom Brown 246-2565.



Janna Nemeth~ janna_nemeth@deerlakeassn.net

Note: July 18th kids day has
been cancelled.

For Sale:
Southwest facing lot
on Oklahoma Hill. 164 feet by
1200 feet. Perfect for a
walkout. New steps to lake
and lakeside deck with
boathouse. Lot has single car
garage and well. Power to
house site. Call Mark
Hoffman 218-821-3261
asking 399,900.00

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DLA AREA COMMUNICATORS

Area	Contact	Phone
West Deer Lake Rd	Joyce/Dick Erickson	246-2209
West Thorpe Ave	Mary Jeckel	246-2263
E.Thorpe, Pinehurst, Maid Marion	Bob Ludwig	246-8891
Oklahoma Hill	Janna Nemeth	246-2403
Deer Path	Merrily Carlson	246-8911
Little John	Judy LeWin	246-8503
Hiawatha	Joyce Eaton	246-8830
Sherwood Tr.	Dar Nielson	246-8647
NE Corner	Doug Widen	246-2708
Christmas Point	Dave Nelson	326-6311
Baker Rd.	Bob Baker	326-1807
Bonnie Pt, Sears BayPine Bay	Jack Kinnunen	327-8677
Bonnie Point, Comfort Cove	Dave Chatterton	326-0827
North Portage Tr.	Will Isackson	327-2023
South Deer Circle to N. Portage	Steph Hunter	326-5664

It's *Loon* nesting time!



Be aware of loons~ if you see a loon from late June to September, chances are that one or two chicks will be close by. **Keep your distance!**

Watch what loons do~ if you see a loon “dancing” straight up out of the water and slapping with it’s wings, it is alarmed by your presence. If you approach a loon and hear it start to call, this means you are too close, **move away!**

Loons are capable of adapting to a variety of conditions. However, particularly during the breeding season, thresholds can be crossed that will cause a nest to fail or result in the death of chick or adult loons.

Boaters can help significantly by staying away from the shoreline, and also keeping a sharp eye out for loons and other wildlife, while on the water, giving them a wide distance to feed and care for their young.

Get the Lead Out~ Loons, like many birds, ingest small pebbles (grit) in order to help digest their food. Loons often have as many as 20 to 30 pebbles in their gizzard at one time. Unfortunately, if this material contains lead, which can be in the form of small sinkers, jigs or shotgun shot, poisoning of the loon will occur. Non-toxic alternatives such as steel and bismuth are now readily available. **So...get the lead out!**

A note from Joan Ratzlaff, “Loon Watch” coordinator: Thanks to Nancy Swigert who found a dead loon washed up on her shore. She called the DNR and Joan to make arrangements for the loon to be sent to a lab to determine the cause of mortality~ This is important information to help protect the loons. We will let you know the results in late summer.

If you know the location of a loon nest please call Joan Ratzlaff at 218-246-9652 or 651-271-3341.



If you haven’t already, please respond...

Do you ever check your DLA web mail? (It can be accessed from any computer by clicking on the “DLA Email” link located on www.deerlakeassociation.org)

Do you use your DLA account as your primary email?

Do you forward your DLA mail to another email system? (If so, please remember to sign on to your DLA Mail at least once a month and **delete old Email from your DLA address** because it is stored on our server automatically and uses up memory space.)

We are thinking about creating a new DLA phone book and send it out via email in a pdf format so you may view and print from your computer and printer.

If you do not want your name in the book please contact doug_widen@deerlakeassn.net.



DLA MEMBERS SUPPORT ITASCA COUNTY

On June 16, Deer Lake Association came through once again to pick up trash on the stretch of Hwy 62 that the association has adopted.

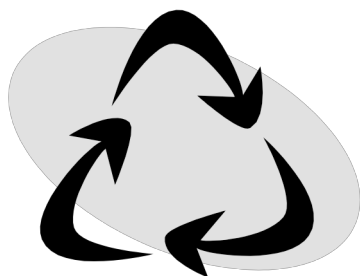
Despite the light drizzle, we had a hard-working crew who made quick work of this necessary task.

Many thanks to our loyal volunteers: Jim and Trish Bogenrief, Margot Chatterton, Mark Hoffman, Bob and Barb Baker, Bob Hennessy, Bill and Mary Tuominen, and Gail and Bob Lyons. Lyons' daughter, Beth, granddaughter, Courtney, and grandson, Vincent also came along to help.

What a pleasure to have these enthusiastic helpers! It really brightened up the day.

*Our next 'clean-up' is scheduled for **Sept. 15**, meeting at Hwy 62 and Christmas Point Road **at 10:00 am**.*

Besides the satisfaction of adding real value to our community and getting some good fresh air and exercise, it is a fun opportunity to interact with other DLA members!

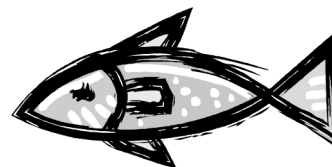


Thank You Deer Lake Association, I am writing this letter as a thank you for awarding me with the Deer Lake Association Scholarship. I am honored to be awarded this out of all the students that applied. The \$500.00 is a great contribution to my schooling next year and I appreciate it very much. Every amount of money certainly helps. I am sorry this took so long for me to reply to you but I have been busy with graduation and wrapping up with school. Thank you again, the scholarship money will help me out with my tuition.

Sincerely:
Colt Anderson

P.S. Here is a Deer Lake Walleye I let go back last year. Thank you.

Editors note: Unfortunately my scanner was not able to get a good copy of the enclosed photo. Colt is shown proudly holding a HUGE walleye! We guess-timate it weighed no less than 6 and 1/2 pounds.



Did you know...

...Deer Lake is one of only 44 lakes (out of 10,000+) remaining in MN that has a naturally sustained Muskie population?

...Muskie rely on clear water and spawning beds located adjacent to wetlands?

...studies indicate Muskie do not, as previously thought, decrease numbers of other fish species in the lake?

...Muskie are very expensive to "stock" and have limited success in lakes that are no longer able to sustain their reproduction?

...natural vegetation and limited clearing of shoreland provides a filter for Deer Lake and protects the Muskie spawning beds?

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TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH: SUPPER & SHOW

5:00 PM: SUPPER — FRONT PARLOR

7:30 PM: FREE MOVIE, "MOTHER OF MIKE" — REIF CENTER

A POIGNANT STORY OF A FINNISH BOY SENT TO LIVE IN SWEDEN BECAUSE OF THE WWII GERMAN OCCUPATION.

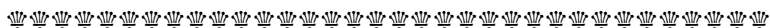
TUESDAY, SEP 1: WENDIGO LUNCH & GAME DAY

12:00 NOON: LUNCH, WENDIGO DINING ROOM

1:30 PM : GAMES ON WENDIGO'S DECK (BRIDGE, DOMINOES, SEQUENCE, ETC.)

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED!!

JOAN RATZLAFF 246-9652 ~OR~ MARGOT CHATTERTON 326-0827



BIG FISH CONTEST REPORT

Fishing opener is history and the 2009 Big Fish Contest is underway. The honor of the first reported catch for this year goes to Greg Pass, AKA Fish Slayer, who reported a 22 inch, 4.1 lb walleye caught on opener weekend.

There will be status reports every two weeks in the DLA Website and in every issue of the Newsletter, so anyone who catches a fish will know if they should report it for the contest. Remember that you **MUST** report it for your catch to be considered. If you captured the catch with a photo, send it in as well. The categories are: Muskie, Northern, Walleye, Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Rock Bass (Red Eye), Perch, Crappie, and Blue Gill.

As a reminder, any DLA member and their immediate family are eligible. To report, send an email noting the date, type of fish, its weight and length, and whether it was kept or released to: pandg.ritz@comcast.net or by phone to 218-327-4826. Good luck, happy angling, and keep watching the website and newsletter.

****Finn Pisces****
Contest Central

GOLF REPORT

The DLA golf group's first 2009 outing was at Blueberry Hills golf course on May 21. Only 5 golfers played; Trish & Jim Bogenreif, Mark Hoffman, Gerry Ratzlaff & Margot Chatterton. Both Hack & Slice were disabled with shoulder injuries, and Steph Hunter withdrew because her dog met a porcupine and the porcupine won. She spent much of the day at the vet.

Anyway, the game was "Topsy Turvy", a Hack invention. Score digits were reversed and total putts added or subtracted as required. Margot Chatterton and Gerry Ratzlaff won the women's and men's prizes, a sleeve of golf balls. Mark Hoffman shot an actual 43 and also won a sleeve of balls.

Our next golf outing is set for June 18 at Pokegama golf course.

SECOND DLA FLORIDA WINTER BBQ

Stan and Lovelle Meester assisted by Don and Mag Shields held the second Winter BBQ at Punta Gorda on February 11. Turnout was very good with folks from Naples, Palm Island, Sanibel Island, and Punta Gorda. Attendees were: Stan and Lovelle, Don and Mag, Daryl and Sue Sauer, Bob and Gail Lyons and their friend, Joe and Jean Mulheran, Steve and Nancy Klassen, and George and Pat Ritzinger. The usual BBQ format prevailed, but Lovelle made up a special turkey burger recipe for all to grill, and what has perhaps become a tradition, Stan shared one of home brewed cordials with all the attendees. A great time was had by all with many thoughts of summer enjoyment on Deer Lake.

June 2009

DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 5:30 PM DLA BBQ	11	12 9 AM Bear Island Clean- up	13 7:30 AM Board Meeting 10 AM – DLA General Meeting
14 <i>FLAG DAY</i>	15	16 10 AM DLA Road Clean-up	17	18 1 PM DLA Golf 5:30 PM DLA Golf BBQ	19	20
21 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i>	22	23	24 4:30 PM Book Club "Mark Twain" @ Baker's then Dinner @Pub	25	26	27
28	29	30 <i>LADIES OF THE LAKE Supper & Show 5 PM Supper: Front Parlour 7:30 PM Reif Center "Mother of Mike"</i>	General Meeting PROTECTING YOUR CABIN AND LAKESHORE and FIREWISE			

July 2009

DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 th OF JULY! 1-3 PM Rock Bass Tournament @ Sherwood
5	6	7	8 5:30 PM DLA BBQ @ Weir & Patsy Sears	9	10 9 AM Bear Island Clean- up	11 2 PM DLA Board Meeting 4:30 PM DLA Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner @ Sherwood
12	13	14	15	16 1 PM Golf Eagle Ridge 5:30 PM DLA Golf BBQ	17	18 <i>Kids Adventure Day CANCELLED!</i>
19	20	21	22 4:30 PM Book Club "19 Minutes" @ Hill's 6 PM Dinner @ Pub	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7 PM DLA Square Dance @ old Sherwood Tennis Courts
2	3	4	5 5:30 PM DLA BBQ @ Browns Deer Path	6	7 9 AM DLA Bear Island Clean-up	8 7:30 AM DLA Board Meeting 10 AM DLA General Meeting
9	10	11 3 PM DLA Frolic @ Hiawatha	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 1 PM DLA Golf Wendigo 5:30 PM Golf BBQ @ Bogenriefs'	21	22
23	24	25	26 4:30 PM Book Club "The Art of Racing in the Rain" @ Bogenriefs'	27	28	29
30	31		6 PM Dinner @ Pub	General Meeting " BEARS- JUST THE BARE FACTS!"...presented by the American Bear Association		

September 2009

DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ladies of the Lake WENDIGO Lunch & Game Noon - Lunch Dining Room 1 PM Games	2	3	4	5 5 PM Annual Spaghetti Dinner @ Sherwood
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 5:30 PM DLA BBQ Don & Abby Marier's	10 2 PM Golf and Banquet (6PM) Sugar Hills GC	11 9 PM Bear Island Clean-up	12 10 AM DLA Board Meeting @ Sherwood
13	14	15 10 AM DLA Road Cleanup	16 4:30 PM Book Club "The Reluctant Fundamentalist" @ Dave Johnson's 6 PM Dinner @ Pub	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Golf Banquet will be at Jack's Grill (Sugar Hills Golf Course Club House)		

DLA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT- Respectfully submitted, Doug Routt, (Chm.), Mark Hoffman and Tom Kleinkauf ARTICLE III, SEC. 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:

SLATE OF OFFICERS (1 year term)

Doug Routt **PRESIDENT**
 Holly Newton **VICE PRESIDENT**
 Janna Nemeth **SECRETARY**
 Doug Widen **TREASURER**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 year term)

Steve Lawrence
 Tom Nelson
 Steve Nemeth
 Bob Shumaker

PROXY FORM The by-Laws of the DLA(Article III, Section 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 Trish Bogenrief, DLA Secretary, 33853 Bonnie Point Road, Grand Rapids, MN 55744, authorizing a designated DLA member to serve as your proxy to vote on your behalf at the 2009 Annual Meeting on July 11th. I, _____, (Please print your name) hereby designate _____, to serve as my proxy for the 2009 DLA Annual Business Meeting, July 11th and authorize them to vote on my behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____

Have you paid your dues yet...?



Deer Lake Association Membership form

_____ ***\$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.

Member Information:

 Name Winter Phone

 Winter Address City, State Zip

 Deer Lake Address Deer Lake Phone

 E-mail address/es

Would you like mail sent to your Deer Lake address during June through August? Yes / No

Mail to: Doug Widen, Treasurer DLA, 36085 Co. Road 19, Deer River, MN 56636



Shoreland Buffers:

Wise removal of vegetation~

In Minnesota we love our lakes. Do you have trees, shrubs, grasses and other plants blocking your view of the lake? If so, consider yourself lucky. All of those plants and even downed trees along the shore or in the water help to protect your lakeshore investment and the health of the lake. Fortunately, you don't have to give up being able to see the water or access the shore to be a good lake steward, but care in vegetation removal does make good sense.

When considering the view of the lake, think about where the deck or windows are or will be. Use caution and remove a branch or two at a time. Then check to see if you have a view and your privacy from lake users. If you do need to remove a tree, do it selectively; removing one small or diseased tree may be all you need. Leave existing vegetation to frame your view. You may be surprised how little it takes to create a beautiful vista.

In planning the path from the house to the lake, it is best to meander the walkway. A direct path may create water runways leading to erosion problems (especially as paths get worn from use.)

Again, remove as little vegetation as possible and do not leave bare soil. Pine needles, wood mulch or mowed vegetative paths (with or without stepping stones) help to protect soil from erosion.

Leave standing dead or downed trees when possible as they provide shelter and attract the insects that serve as food for birds and other wildlife. Downed trees in the water provide sunning areas for turtles as well as shady habitat for fish and other critters.

Vegetation along the shore and in the water helps to protect the shoreline from waves caused by wind and boat activity. Remove only what is needed for docks, boat access or a small wading area, or better yet swim off the dock beyond the vegetation.

Shoreland stewardship practices benefit all Minnesotans and lakeshore owners. If you value your lake, take care of your shore! For more lakes information, email us at lakewaves@dnr.state.mn.us.

From MN DNR "Lakewaves" initiative (8/31/08).

