

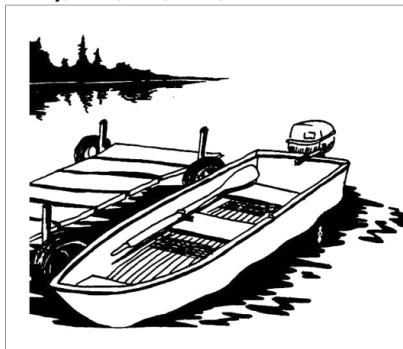
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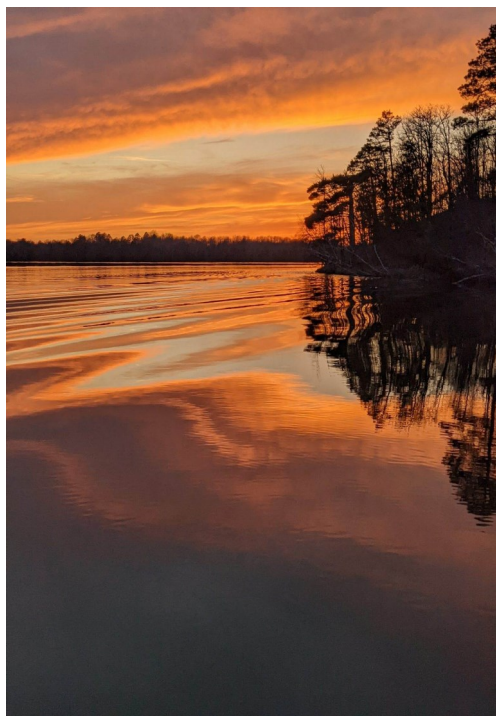


Lakes Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *RANDY TURNACLIFF*

We have another beautiful summer on our 6 lakes wrapping up and while this is sad for most it also gives way to other wonderful seasons in the north woods of Minnesota, fall and winter. The lucky few who are able to spend time in our area during the fall and winter season feel equally blessed as the crowds and busyness of summer peel away and leave a quiet serene wonderland of nature. I hope those that can find some time to return to the area to enjoy these other seasons to see the fall colors and once snow falls to enjoy the winter activities that make our area unique.

As I've stated in our spring newsletter the lake association will continue to monitor and maintain the environment we're all blessed to enjoy on behalf of the membership. If you would like to become involved we encourage you to please reach out to myself or any of the current board members as we need new member engagement in order to stay vibrant and successful in our missions we work on behalf of the Our 6 Lakes association membership.



I would like to again thank our current Board Members for all their work as without them none of what we do would be possible. Listed below are areas of help we need within the organization:

Vice-President
Membership
AIS Team Lead
Fisheries Team Lead
Kerr Lake Rep

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. It has been my pleasure and I wish you and your families a wonderful fall and winter season! (Photo credit: Sunset on Man Lake, Lois Anderson)

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Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about your lake, please contact your lake representative listed within this newsletter.

Association News



No Wake Zones

by Greg Olund

Anyone who has traveled through Tussler's Bay on Baby Lake during the boating season has likely noticed the three "No Wake" buoys in the bay. Initial installation of the buoys was allowed shortly after the MN DNR constructed the

public access on a portion of the site that previously housed Tussler's Resort. No Wake status was pursued to provide some level of management over the presumed boat traffic increase that would come with a public access.

Your lake association facilitates the No Wake buoy program along with other buoys placed in our lakes. Until recent years, all buoys were installed and removed by lake association members. Today a majority of buoys are installed and removed by a local marine contractor.

What does No Wake mean?

A 'wake' refers to waves created as a watercraft travels through water. A "no wake zone" is a section of waterway where watercrafts are expected to travel at slow speeds to minimize wake. A "watercraft" includes a boat, pontoon, personal watercraft, etc. The State of Minnesota has actually codified a definition of "Slow-no wake" in 2021 Statutes: Section 86B.005 Definitions, Subd. 16a: "Slow-no wake" means operation of a watercraft at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, but in no case greater than 5 miles per hour. (Source: revisor.mn.gov)



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Thank you: Donations for Door Prizes

Thank you to the people and organizations who contributed door prizes to our annual meeting. These generous gifts allowed six lucky winners to leave with well-stocked gift bags, which were provided by Sue Ready. Thank you to all who donated and all who attended.

Crow Wing Power	6 umbrellas, 6 small coolers
Mike Gulbrandson	10 jars maple syrup (homemade)
Rob Chapman	7 bottles of wine, Gift certificates
Greg Olund	2 bottles of wine
Laura and Randy Turnacli	3 bottles of wine
Anonymous donor	3 bottles of wine
Swansons	\$25 gift card
Rendezvous Brewing	\$20 gift card
North Lakes	\$60 gift card
North Lakes Electric Bikes	Gift certificate

Membership Dues

Reminder: Please pay \$35.00 dues if you haven't already done. Make checks out to *Our 6 Lakes* and mail to:
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Open Positions 2023

Vice President
Membership Chair
Fisheries
AIS Team
Kerr Lake Rep

2023 Board of Directors Meetings, 7:00 PM - open to all members

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, please check the Our6lakes.org website often for meeting changes and notifications. We will most likely continue to host these in the Zoom virtual platform. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please submit your name through the "Contact Us" page to ask questions or request a meeting link and login instructions. Thank you.

April 18, 2023	Board Meeting	Virtual (Zoom)
June 13, 2023	Board Meeting	Virtual (Zoom)
July 11, 2023	Prep for Annual	Virtual (Zoom)
July 23, 2023	Annual Meeting—9AM	Union Congregational Church, Hackensack
August 22, 2023	Board Meeting	Virtual (Zoom)

Agenda items due to the president one week prior to board meetings or bring to meeting.

Neighborhood News



Climate Change Forum at Deep Portage *Saturday, October 8, 2022*

One of the most pressing issues facing northern Minnesota residents and the natural environment we cherish will be discussed at the Deep Portage Learning Center, east of Hackensack, on October 8, 2022.

The day-long forum, entitled

THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA, will feature a keynote address beginning at 10:30 a.m. by Jessica Hellmann, Ph.D., a nationally recognized scholar and leader in climate change and climate change adaptation research.

After lunch, a panel of local leaders will consider the future of our spectacular forests. Meredith Cornett, Ph.D., Forestry Specialist with the Duluth office of The Nature Conservancy; Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; and Mark Gossman, professional forester and Cass County Land Commissioner will lead that discussion.

A guided tour of the many alternative energy installations at Deep Portage (making it a net zero carbon campus), led by Norm Moody, B.A., M.F., member of the Deep Portage

Foundation Board of Directors and former Cass County Land Commissioner, will conclude the day's program.

Information about the climate change related services offered by several local profit and non-profit businesses and organizations will also be on site, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There will be plenty of time for those attending to join in the conversation.

The forum is sponsored by the Cass County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America and Deep Portage Learning Center.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration and a \$10 fee (includes lunch) by October 1 are required. To register, go to www.deep-portage.org/public-programs. The fee is non-refundable unless the entire event is cancelled due to COVID or some other general emergency.)

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested and join us yourself for an informative and thought-provoking day.



No Wake Zones *(Continued from page 2)*

Environmental impacts of wakes

Large wakes can have negative environmental consequences such as:

**Shoreline erosion*

**Impaired water quality from increased sediment in the water*

**Loss of shoreline vegetation, which provides habitat for fish and wildlife and helps stabilize the shore*

No wake does not mean "off plane." Some watercraft operators have the false impression that if the vessel is not "on plane" they are, in essence, following no wake rules. Rather, being "off plane" and still moving at 10 – 15 MPH is likely producing the largest wake possible.

Property owners in Tussler's Bay appreciate lake users being respectful of the No Wake rules. If you have guests using the public access or simply using that area of the lake, please remind them what No Wake means.



Feature Story: A Lifetime at the Lake

It was October 1964

by Michael Gulbrandson, Historian

Stan Kumpula first set eyes on Man Lake as a high school student in the 1950s. Like many of us, Stan was invited by a friend "Up North" to a family cabin. They fished the Man Lake group. In his college years his passion for fishing continued, and one excursion with a couple of friends found him on McKeown Lake. There, while casting for pike, a giant fish followed the lure up to the boat. *Wow did you see that?* And thus a Musky fisherman was born .

As he followed life's path, Stan met Joni and they married in 1962. Joni matched Stan with her love of nature, woods and wildlife. But they were an unconventional young couple. Shocking many, they didn't buy a house, but looked for lake property FIRST. Stan knew the "6 Lakes" area and naturally gravitated there. It was 1964 when they found a lot on Baby Lake for \$4,000 with 200 feet of lakeshore that had a couple of early log cabins. Next door there was an additional 200 feet of shoreline and acreage offered up at \$2.50 a running foot! With early intuition, they bought that too for \$500.

Those early cabins were primitive; the septic consisted of a rotting wooden box with no drain field. Later, a concrete tank with drain field would come. In 1964, there was a rather poorly maintained township dirt road to the property that was eventually improved as more lots were developed. Continuing north, there were only a couple of ruts running through the forest that crossed over a simple wooden bridge spanning the creek between Kid and Baby Lake. In those days, the creek was passable under the bridge by canoe.

The existing DNR contour map of Baby Lake was the result of 12 depth-finding transits. Stan acquired a more intimate knowledge by completing 85 transits of his own. In 1985, Stan built a boathouse. This was possible through permitting via Woodrow Township that required following some 20 specifications. Since then, as with others on Our 6 Lakes, boathouses have been grandfathered in to the setback requirements. Meanwhile, Joni added flower gardens and nurtured an amazing large landscape of natural Lady Slippers, naming their piece of heaven "Lady Slipper Cove." Stan and Joni began planning & building their year round home in 1992 near the still-existing log cabins and retired in 1994 fulltime on the lake.

In 1964, Baby Lake had three resorts: Tussler's with 3 cabins, Moore's with 6 cabins and Sunset Bay. Today, Sunset Bay is the remaining resort on Baby Lake. At night an occasional wolf could be heard, during the day. In 1964, you might see possibly the first pontoon boat on Our Lakes. The Rottiers (here in 1948) had a homemade pontoon boat with a roof and a hole in the center for fishing. In the northeast corner of Baby Lake was "The Girls Camp." They would come from "out East" and other places and could be found canoeing, sailing, swimming with their singing at night carrying across the waters. Later, this became the French language camp. Jim Swanson had a seasonal place out on Partridge Point, Baby Lake. Jim was part of the Minnesota legislature. Evergreen Drive (those northerly ruts) was improved under his watch and then ceded to the township. Jim noted that the walleye fishing was poor and that the state required a public access in order to stock fish. In 1990, an informal "Neighbors" group began an annual meeting with "Baby Lake and adjoining Lakes." In 1996, the formal nonprofit Lake Association kicked off with getting that public access as one of its activities. Our 6 Lakes mission has grown in importance each year. Stan and Joni have been part of Our 6 Lakes since the beginning. The association would much appreciate volunteers to Our 6 Lakes team.

**I would love to hear stories of the early lake "settlers." Contact me and I will visit with you for Our 6 Lakes newsletter.*



It's Good to Know



About the "Get The Lead Out" (GTLO) Campaign

by Jack Fitzgerald, Secretary,
Cass County Chapter IWLA

The Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency (MPCA), in

cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, began the GTLO campaign awhile back because research was showing that an alarming proportion of premature loon, swan and other waterfowl deaths were caused by poisoning due to the ingestion of lead fishing tackle (mainly split shots and other small sinkers as well as jigs). Loons especially were ingesting the lead tackle either directly (by picking it up off the water bottom while searching for the grit their digestive system requires) or indirectly (by consuming fish that had swallowed lead). Wildlife further up the food chain, such as eagles and other scavengers, were also perishing after consuming waterfowl that had been killed by lead tackle poisoning.

To reduce these deaths, The MPCA asked a number of state and local organizations to partner with them in implementing a "Get The Lead Out" campaign. Among the groups approached by the MPCA as a potential partner was the Izaak

Walton League of America (Ikes). The basic goals of the campaign are to raise awareness of the lethal dangers to wildlife represented by lead fishing tackle and to encourage anglers to switch from lead to lead-free tackle. To promote the recognition of the dangers of lead tackle, the MPCA provides free lead-free tackle sample packets to the partners, who in turn organize tackle exchange (switch) events in their communities. During these events lead from an angler's tackle box is swapped for a free sample packet of lead-free tackle. The Cass County Chapter of the Ikes is one of the local organizations sponsoring exchange events. Funding for the program comes from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Deep Water Horizon settlement. (The Ikes receive no funds for participating in this program.)

Of course, you don't need to participate in one of these exchanges to make the switch to lead-free tackle. Take your lead tackle to a metal recycler and visit your local tackle shops, most of whom now carry lead-free tackle. Help save the loons and other wildlife!

Please contact me (218-682-2941 or jjfitz@tds.net) if you need more information and especially if you have suggestions for groups and organizations with whom we can join to help "Get The Lead Out." Thanks for your consideration!



Summer Memories 2022

Many thanks to the following who shared their photos for *The Lake Link*: Gracie Rudkin Lois Anderson, Sue Ready, Joni Kumpula, Jessica Haapajoki, Whitefish Area Association



Cabin Cooking

Cinnamon Apple Cake

by Sue Ready

Cook's Notes: Fall flavors are captured in this moist apple cake topped with a crunchy cinnamon topping. This is more of a dense cake rather than one that's light and fluffy.

Recipe adapted from pinchofyum.com

Apple Cinnamon Cake Ingredients:

- 1 large egg
- 1- 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 cup buttermilk (or 1 cup milk + 1 tablespoon white vinegar)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. **each** apple pie spice and ground cinnamon
- 2- 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 cups chopped apples (I used 2 granny smiths and 1 Macintosh apple)

Cinnamon Sugar Topping Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon Saigon cinnamon or 2 teaspoons regular ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 9 glass pan. Whisk one egg and then mix it in with the rest of the ingredients in order given, stirring until just combined. Pour batter into a prepared pan. Combine the last 4 ingredients to make the topping. Sprinkle mixture evenly over the batter. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until apples are done. Cake best served warm with little ice cream or whipped cream and a drizzle of prepared caramel over the top.



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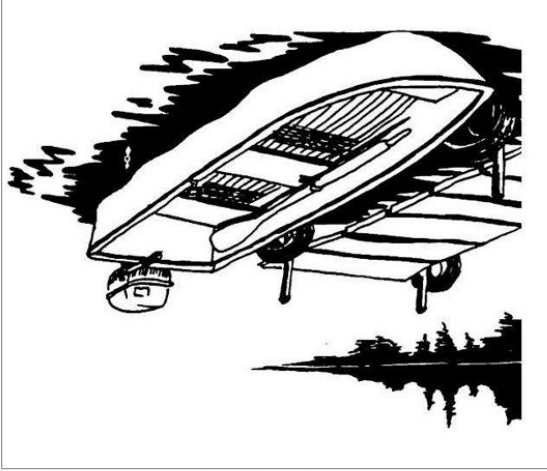
Stories, articles and comments submitted by members are strongly encouraged and welcomed. They may be printed in the newsletter depending on available space and the appropriateness of the subject matter and content. The submitted material may be edited to fit the available space and will be attributed to the person submitting the material. The editor makes the final decision as to whether or not the submitted material will be published in the newsletter. No politically oriented content will be published. Opinions or positions contained in submitted articles do not reflect the association's policies or points of view.

Our 6 Lakes Mission Statement

- To preserve and improve water quality, fish habitat, and the well-being of wildlife in our lakes and the watershed of which our lakes are a part.
- To encourage and participate in activities intended to prevent the emergence of aquatic invasive species in our lakes and the watershed and, if such emergence occurs, to control the growth and expansion of such species.
- To educate our members and other members of the public on proper conservation practices relating to the above purposes.

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