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THE LAKE LINK

Six Lakes Association Newsletter

President's Message

BY CONNIE JOHNSON-SCHMITT

Happy Spring to one and all.

What a crazy winter / spring it has been. We certainly didn't get as much snow as last year and the ice in our bay went out twice! I saw my first iceberg being blown across the lake and hit a swim dock buoy. You can about guess who won that one.

After serving as the board secretary for many years, I felt it was time for me to step up and take on the role of association president. I am excited to see what we can accomplish together.

First off though, I would like to thank Laura and Randy Turnacliff for their efforts over the last 4 years. They worked very hard updating our policies and procedures for the association, all with the goal of setting us up for success.

For this year, we are looking to keep the momentum going. We are working on a new membership database. Please be sure to review your personal information on the membership renewal form you will be receiving. Make sure we have your latest and greatest information. Any updates or changes can be sent back on your renewal form.

We are also looking to update some of our technology. Be on the lookout for these and other updates on our website, www.our6lakes.org

Member engagement is the heart of our lake association. Whether as a member and / or volunteer, we can't do this without you. I encourage each one of you to get involved or just share your ideas. Feel free to reach out to your lake representative or to myself at our6lakespresident@outlook.com

Don't forget our annual meeting is Saturday, July 27 @9:00am at the EC Church in Hackensack.

Have a great summer – see you around the lake!!

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You're Invited!
2024 Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 27th

Questions?

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

Association News

Our New Secretary

My name is Lynn Graham, but most people know me as Stan and Joni Kumpula's eldest daughter. I grew up spending every summer at the cabin on Baby Lake all the way through college. I brought numerous friends with me to enjoy every aspect of a cabin on the lake. Swimming, sailing, water-skiing, tubing, hiking, catching butterflies, and yes, even fishing. I caught my first 14-lb muskie during high school with my Dad. During summers in college, I worked in Longville and took care of the cabin for Mom and Dad to come on weekends. It was even better when my parents built their retirement home next door to the cabin. Now we get to request cabin arrangements to come for the weekend and relax.

My husband, Dean, and I have one daughter, Rebecca, and currently reside in Woodbury, MN. We both are Chemical Engineers at 3M supporting the manufacturing plant in Cottage Grove. My products include curatives for rocket motors, lithium salt for batteries, and a cross-linker used to cure our many, many types of adhesives. This September, I will celebrate 35 years with 3M. With being on call 24/7, I have taken many work phone calls, while enjoying the lake and spending time with Mom and Dad. We can't wait to retire in a few years and move up to Baby Lake permanently!



Annual Meeting Saturday, July 27th, 2024

8:30 AM - Registration & Networking

9:00 a.m. - Meeting

Union Congregational Church - Hackensack

Coffee and refreshments provided.

2024 Board of Directors Meetings 7:00 PM - Open to all Members

All meetings by Zoom except Annual meeting scheduled for UCC. Please submit your name through the "Contact Us" page to ask questions or request a meeting link and login instructions.

April 16, 2024

Board Meeting

June 11, 2024

Board Meeting

July 9, 2024

Prep for Annual

July 27, 2024

Annual Meeting-9AM
Union Congregational Church,
Hackensack

August 20, 2024

Board Meeting

Please provide agenda items to the President a few days prior to a board meeting.

Two 4th of July Boat Parades

- Partridge Point, Baby Lake @11am
- Interlachen Resort, Kid & Lost Lakes @ 1pm

The Kid & Lost Lakes boat parade is starting at 1pm on the 4th with the hope of increasing attendance. We encourage everyone from both lakes to join in as it really is a lot of fun. It doesn't matter if you're in a 14' fishing boat or a pontoon, also it's not required to decorate your vessel - that's totally up to you. We'll meet in front of Interlachen Resort and take off at 1 o'clock sharp. If you're running a few minutes late just catch up to the train. Come celebrate this great country of ours. Music and libations welcome.



Man Lake Pizza Party

Camp Holiday, June 22 @ 12-2pm

All Man Lake homeowners are invited to attend the 9th (or the 10th?) annual pizza party. After a hiatus of several years we are delighted to continue our traditional beginning of summer celebration, thanks to the graciousness of Jenn Fraser, owner of Camp Holiday. We will be using Camp Holiday's wood-fired brick oven and Jenn has agreed to cook our pizzas. Park on the big field and meet near the dining lodge. Bring your favorite pizza toppings and the rest will be provided including beverages, dishware and dessert. (If you need a seat with a back please bring a lawn chair.) We will be able to use the camp's dining hall if it rains. We will discuss any Man Lake news or concerns, have a chance to greet neighbors, and welcome summer!

We are grateful to Linnea and Gary Dietrich for hosting the pizza party for so many years. They were kind to share their wonderful location with us and put so much work into making it a lovely event. They have moved on to new adventures recently. We hope many of you will join us in this new location and welcome Jenn Fraser and her husband Jeff into our lake community.

Please RSVP to **Lois Anderson, Man Lake Rep, at 612 275-8806 or loiseveritt@gmail.com by June 15** so we know how much pizza dough to make. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying another summer at the lake!

Around the Lakes

Fishing Presentation for Youth

Camp Holiday, Baby Lake Beachfront, June 15 @ 10am

Thanks to a generous donation from OneStop in Longville and the kindness of the staff of the Fisheries Division of the DNR, the Lake Association is again presenting a demonstration and activities for youth regarding lake ecology and responsible fishing. All lakeshore owners in the Association are encouraged to bring their kids or grandkids to hear the presentation. There will be games, activities and a coloring contest. A fishing rod will be awarded to the entry selected by the judges for its demonstration of what was learned about fishing and lake ecology in each of three age categories: 6-8, 9-11, 12 and over.

Last year we were able to see lots of fish that the DNR netted (and released) right off the Camp Holiday shoreline of Baby Lake. Please thank Camp Holiday's owner, Jenn Fraser, for allowing us to use her beautiful location for this presentation. Park in the big field past the beachfront. Bring water if it's hot out and a lawn chair (although you may not be sitting much).

New Signs - Special thanks to **Brian Laudenbach,**

Gary Rueter, and Randy Turnacli for their work on the new road signs and frames located on Interlachen Drive and 14th Avenue. We have a new look for the maps and frames which look great. Thank you, gentlemen!!





COMMON LOON

WATERCRAFT AND LOONS

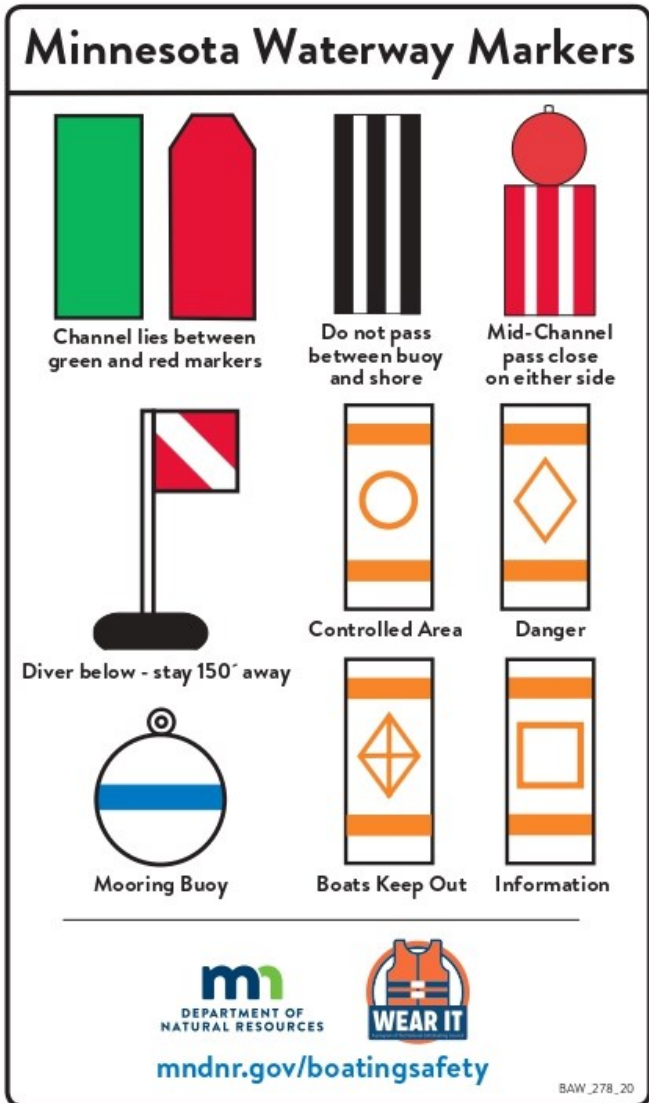
There are many ways that watercraft can have a negative effect on loons:

- Wave action from boats may flood shoreline nests.
- Fishing boats, canoes, and kayaks may startle loons off the nest.
- Personal watercraft and boats pulling wakeboarders, skiers, or tubers may run over chicks.

GET THE LEAD OUT

Loons ingest small pebbles (grit) to help digest their food. Unfortunately, loons are poisoned if this material contains lead, which can be in the form of small sinkers, jigs or shotgun shot. Loons also ingest lead by eating fish with lead tackle attached.

Lead-free alternatives such as tungsten, tin, steel and bismuth are available. So—**get the lead out!**



2024 Lake Stocking Effort

BY DOUG DYAR

Every other year, the Minnesota DNR stocks Baby and Man lakes with walleye. 2024 is one of those years. Past efforts at stocking in area lakes have been successful, so why not enhance the enjoyment and value of our lakes by stocking with healthy, growing fish?

The DNR provides the walleye fry for Baby and Man. Other lakes in the chain are permitted to stock at the same time, though it must be funded privately.

I am organizing a private stocking for McKeown Lake this fall to coincide with the stocking of Baby and Man. The actual stocking will be done in October. The DNR has determined that **we can add a maximum of 128 pounds of fingerling**

walleyes to McKeown Lake. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$3,000. I'd like to stock the full 128 pounds, which means property owners will be asked to open up their pocketbooks. Based on past levels of support, \$200 per owner is the goal. I will be contacting McKeown property owners and others who have indicated interest. The plan is to do the stockings every other year for a period of at least 10 years.

I will have more information in the next newsletter. There is still time for other lakes to piggyback onto the effort if someone from each lake wants to step forward. Questions and comments are appreciated and can be sent to me at csx4068@gmail.com or (515) 829-0381.

BE LOON AWARE!



During the summer months when you're out enjoying your favorite lakes, remember that you share the water with a variety of wildlife, including our State Bird—the common loon. Time spent learning their behaviors and habits from a respectable distance will benefit both humans and wildlife.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- View loons from a distance
- Enjoy their lovely haunting calls
- Give loons their space. They need solitude to breed and raise their young. Approaching too closely can cause adult loons to leave their nests, causing chilling of the eggs and nest failure.

BOATERS AND LOONS

The common loon is a Minnesota treasure, with its beautiful plumage and haunting calls. Loons make many of Minnesota's lakes their summer home and nesting area.

Loon chicks hatch as early as mid-June, which is a busy part of the boating season.

Loon awareness and responsible watercraft use will help reduce the conflicts that can occur between boaters and loons.

Personal watercraft and motorboat operators can help significantly by staying away from the shore and keeping a sharp eye out for loons and other wildlife. Give loons a wide distance to feed and care for their young.

During breeding season, a threshold can be crossed that will cause a nest to fail or result in the death of chicks or adult loons.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Be aware of loons. If you see a loon from mid-June to September, chances are that one or two chicks will be close by.

Keep your distance!

Listen for loons. If you approach a loon and hear it start to call, this means you are too close. **Move away.**

Watch what loons do. If you see a loon "dancing" straight up out of the water and slapping with its wings, it is alarmed by your presence. **Move away.**

REPORT HARASSMENT

Harassment of wildlife is against the law. If you see loons being harassed, report it to your local DNR office. You can find contact information at mndnr.gov.

If possible, take a video or photos of the event and the vessel's registration number.

Interested in loon conservation and community science? Contact the Loon Watcher Survey coordinator to get involved, at LoonWatcherSurvey.dnr@state.mn.us



The Lake Link Submittal Policy - 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.



Camp Holiday

BY JENNIFER FRASER

Camp Holiday sits between Baby and Man Lakes, a glorious isthmus from 14th Ave NW to Ladybug Trail. For the past 100 years it's been filled with children laughing, singing, and growing together.

Holiday Camps arrived on our shores in 1924, a transplant from Lake Okoboji, Iowa. My great, great aunt Mary "Kim" Farnum, along with Sara "Halokwe" Holiday (hence the camp's name) and Albert Ewers, founded it in 1914 as an outdoor program for girls. They moved the camp from Iowa to Minnesota to "escape city encroachment."

Most of the buildings on site (about 40 in total) were completed between 1923 and 1933. They were built rustic, and have been maintained as such. Although electricity came in the 1950s, the camper cabins remain simple with no electricity or water. Water was brought into the Dining Hall, the Infirmary, the Directors' cabins, and toilet facilities, but the wood-fired sauna and "dipping docks" around camp continued to be used for bathing – sometimes to the surprise of lake residents - until a shower house was built in 1993.

Kim become sole owner and director of Camp Holiday in 1946. She spent every summer at camp until her death here in 1955. She passed everything to my grandmother "Kay" Fraser, who became owner/director in turn, until its closing in 1972. My dad, Scott "Sandy" Fraser, Jr., met "Stevie" as a counselor here. They married in 1960, and both held leadership positions for Camp Holiday.

After Holiday's closing, Kay and Scott Sr. platted the land from the main site back to the forest, creating new lots and what's now Ladybug Trail. In 1976, they began leasing the main camp site to Concordia Language Village (CLV), and we became known around the lakes as the French Camp. My parents moved to camp permanently in 1986 after Scott Sr.'s death and before Kay's death a year later. Sandy and Scott Fraser III continued to do maintenance for the property.

But once again Camp Holiday is in transition. As CLV has built their own sites in Bemidji, they no longer need leased sites. Camp Holiday has been a beloved summer site for thousands of campers for 100 years, and Jeff and I (pictured right) are actively looking for another program to continue this tradition. In the meantime, we'll be updating and renting individual private cabins to help with expenses. Living onsite is a lifelong dream; every day here is a day in paradise – even when the days are 14 hours long!

If you know of any organization looking to lease a beautiful summer camp site long term, or have friends or family wanting to rent a cabin this summer, please let us know! Check us out on Facebook at Historic Camp Holiday LLC, email at HistoricCampHoliday@gmail.com, or call/text Jennifer Fraser at 612-741-3768.



*Mr Ewers, "Halokwe,"
"Kim" — The Directors
1950 Holiday Camps Brochure*



2024 Board Members & Lake Representatives

Executive Committee

Connie Johnson-Schmitt – President
Mike Schmitt – Vice President
Lynn Graham – Secretary
Karla Lutterman – Treasurer
Joan Kumpula – Membership

Lake Representatives

Rob Chapman – Baby Lake
Greg Olund – Baby Lake
[Open Position – Kerr Lake](#)
Brian & Monica Laudendach – Kid Lake
Gary Rueter – Lost Lake
Lois Anderson – Man Lake
Laura Turnacliﬀ – McKeown Lake

Standing Committees

Randy Turnacliﬀ – Past President, Advisory
Open Position – AIS Team Leader
Stan Kumpula – Lakes Mgmt. Plan Leader
Mike Schmitt – Water Quality Team
Coordinator & Co-Webmaster
Charley Ready – Co-Webmaster
Mike Gulbrandson – Historian
Sue Ready – Newsletter
Doug Dyar – Fisheries Team Lead

Email Questions To:

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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.

Share the Best of Summer!

Submit your best photos
from lake life to be featured
on the cover of the Fall 2024
Lake Link issue to
suready@yahoo.com by
August 31st.



 <h1>Summer Events</h1> <p>Hackensack, Minnesota northwoodsartscouncil.org</p>		
<p>FREE PRESENTATION JUNE 12, 2024 1 PM AN AFTERNOON WITH WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER Reservations - northwoodsartscouncil.org</p>		
<h2>Lakeside</h2> <p>CONCERT SERIES June - August Fridays 5 PM - 7 PM</p> 	<p>"DRUMMER'S DELIGHT!" JULY 12 - 13, 7:30 PM</p>  <p>JOSH DUFFEE and his BIG BAND!</p>	<h2>NORTHWOODS ART & BOOK FESTIVAL</h2> <p>Artists, Authors, Poetry Safari, Food, Music & More</p>  <p>Saturday, August 10 9-3</p>
		
		



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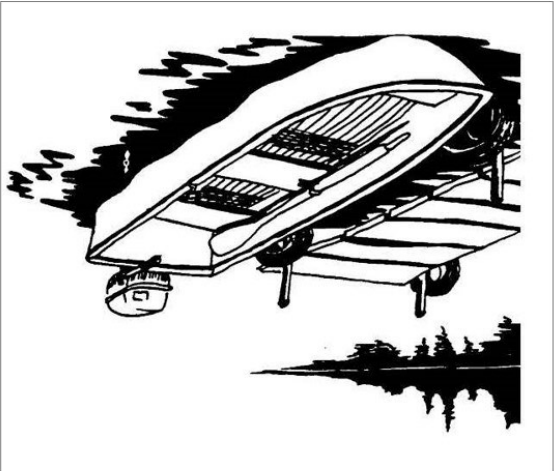
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