



LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION

Working to protect our lake and its environment for future generations

President's Message

We returned from Arizona the day before Governor Walz issued his stay-at-home order, and we feel lucky to be at home in Minnesota as winter comes to an end. I hope everyone had a pleasant fall and winter, and is healthy and safe as we move forward into summer in these unusual times.

The names of our Lake Washburn Association (LWA) Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Volunteers are listed on the following page. These are the folks doing all the work for the LWA - all I do is direct traffic! I thank them for their outstanding service, and note that many of them have served for several years. If you'd like to join the fun, take a look at our goals and tasks for 2020, and see what interests you. Send me an email or give me a call. We can always use additional help. The association is in need of an additional director for 20/21, so give it some thought!

Considering the current stay-at-home order from the governor, I'm not sure to what extent any of us will be making the trek to the lake this season. I'm sure all of us are hopeful that life will return to normal soon. At this writing, our first LWA activity of the year - the County Road 48 Clean-up - is still scheduled for May 16. This is an outdoor event and with careful planning and awareness of distancing guidelines, we are going ahead with this activity with participation from those folks who are available.

Unfortunately, **our first LWA Membership Meeting of the year, scheduled for June 20, has been cancelled** because of the Covid-19 crisis. Other scheduled LWA activities and events planned for the summer - the Fourth of July Boat Parade, the Floating Ice Cream Social, the August LWA Membership Meeting, and the 48 Clean up in the fall - will remain on the schedule at this time. However, the Pike Fishing Contest slated for July 25 is cancelled.

We will evaluate whether or not to proceed with them as the dates draw closer. Hopefully, we will be able to see one another this summer at these events, but the health and safety of our families, friends and neighbors is our first consideration.

Because we're all experiencing such an unusual and unstable situation, I encourage everyone stay up to date with LWA information by checking the LWA website, local signage, and your email. Additionally, feel free to contact any board member directly for information about changes to the planned schedule of activities and events in 2020.

Hoping to see you this summer,
Ron Reich

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The Mission of the Lake Washburn Association is to protect our lake and its environment for future generations

The Board of Directors developed the following list of Goals and Tasks for 2020. Each major goal lists the name of the LWA Board member(s) working that goal.

Organizational Development - Greg/Jim/Ron/Vicki

- Schedule a Succession Planning seminar for Spring - Ellen/Ron
- Formalize Officers succession plan - Ron
- Review LWA bylaws, update membership types - Vicki
- Document formal audit procedure - Greg
- Review insurance policies - Jim

Continue to Battle Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) - Ted/Ross

- Monitor/contain Eurasian Water Milfoil by continuing to survey and treat as needed
- Develop plans/actions for other AIS types
- Inform and educate Washburn property owners regarding identification of AIS and protocol for reporting

Enhance Member Communications

- Glen/Ellen/Kathy/Susan

- Continue integrated communications: Newsletter, Website, Nextdoor, email blasts, Facebook Page, signage
- Continue sale of third printing of 100 Years on Lake Washburn History Books - Ellen
- Investigate options for LWA logo merchandise for sale to LWA members - Vicki

Build Community - Ellen/Susan

- Continue new owner Welcome procedure - Susan
- Continue Youth Fishing Challenge - Lisa
- Continue Floating Ice Cream social - Dave, Vicki, Susan
- Hold a community/social gathering at Scout Camp or Iowa Camp - Ross

Integrate Local Resources - Glen/Dave/Keith/Susan

- Establish relationship with local DNR
- Pursue relationship with Loon Center - Susan
- Strengthen relationship with RALALA and explore joint activities - Glen
- Sponsor an educational event open to general public - i.e. AIS, etc.

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The Pine River Watershed - One Watershed One Plan

The Pine River Watershed, nestled in the heart of northern Minnesota's lake country, is characterized by clean water, healthy fish, abundant wildlife and diverse forests. These elements contribute to the economic significance of the area and are a magnet for tourism and development.

A watershed is defined as an area of land that contains a common set of streams, rivers and lakes that all drain into a larger body of water. The key word to remember regarding a watershed is connection. Everything is connected to everything else in the watershed. Highlights of our Pine River Watershed include:

- Contains over 500 lakes
- Rivers, lakes, and wetlands cover about a third of the surface of the watershed
- Supplies 15 million people with drinking water, from St. Cloud to Cairo, IL
- Covers 502,400 acres (785 square miles)
- Stretches through four counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Aikin and a small slice of Hubbard

Residents and visitors often feel a deep connection to the region and its natural resources because of the legacy of family cabins and vacations. This bond is reflected in the mission statement of the One Watershed One Plan:

*Harmonizing people, water, forests, and the economy
in a place to renew your spirit.*

One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) is at its core, a program designed to foster collaboration between upstream and downstream neighbors. It supports local governments, helping them develop targeted action plans to protect the watershed and guides them in creating regional partnerships. Through the 1W1P program, comprehensive watershed management plans are generated. These plans address water quality and quantity, groundwater, drinking water, habitat, recreation and other issues. The goal of 1W1P is to work with all types of landowners - from woodland to urban and agricultural to lakeshore - to protect the water and natural resources within the watershed.

Maintaining the quality of our waters has a cascade effect in our area. The above-average water quality within our watershed can in large part, be credited to the rich surrounding forested lands. Woodlands act as a sponge, filtering contaminants and retaining soil sediment, which in turn keeps our water clean.

Our Minnesota way of life is dependent on the quality of our waters. As a property owner, you can make a difference. For more information about the Pine River 1W1P, go to www.crowwing.us/1W1P.

For more information about how you can help make a difference and protect the water quality in our area, visit, www.crowwing.us/water.

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History of Washburn Lodge – 1950s

My first encounter with Lake Washburn was in early 1950. We spent a week with the Ora and Velma Hildreth family in the cabin later owned by Don and Donna Bryan who had three children. Velma was my father's sister. Summer vacations were scheduled and resembled a small family reunion.

Martha Alexson decided to sell the Washburn Lodge properties to my parents, Russell and Marjorie Nichols, and they built a cabin in 1954. The property also included

a building that had been the Lodge's maintenance, laundry and cleaning area. We built a guest cabin where the maintenance building was located, and purchased the "pink cabin" in 1974.

The cabin is presently owned by Jeff Barker and family.

by Ron and Willa Nichols

Submitted by Theo Michael – Iowa Camp

Fire Safety at Iowa Camp in the 1970s

In the late 1970s, I attended safety training at the annual Fire School in Wisconsin. The focus of the training was the use of hand-held fire extinguishers as containment tools while waiting for the firefighting professionals to arrive. I was so impressed with what could be accomplished with a twenty-pound extinguisher, that I contacted Lenny Lang and Gary Anderson of the Outing Fire Department and asked them if it might make sense to put some extinguishers throughout the old Washburn Lodge and Iowa Camp areas because of the density of cabins on that part of the peninsula. We thought the idea would work, so we purchased eight units and placed them throughout the cabins on the west side of Peninsula Road.

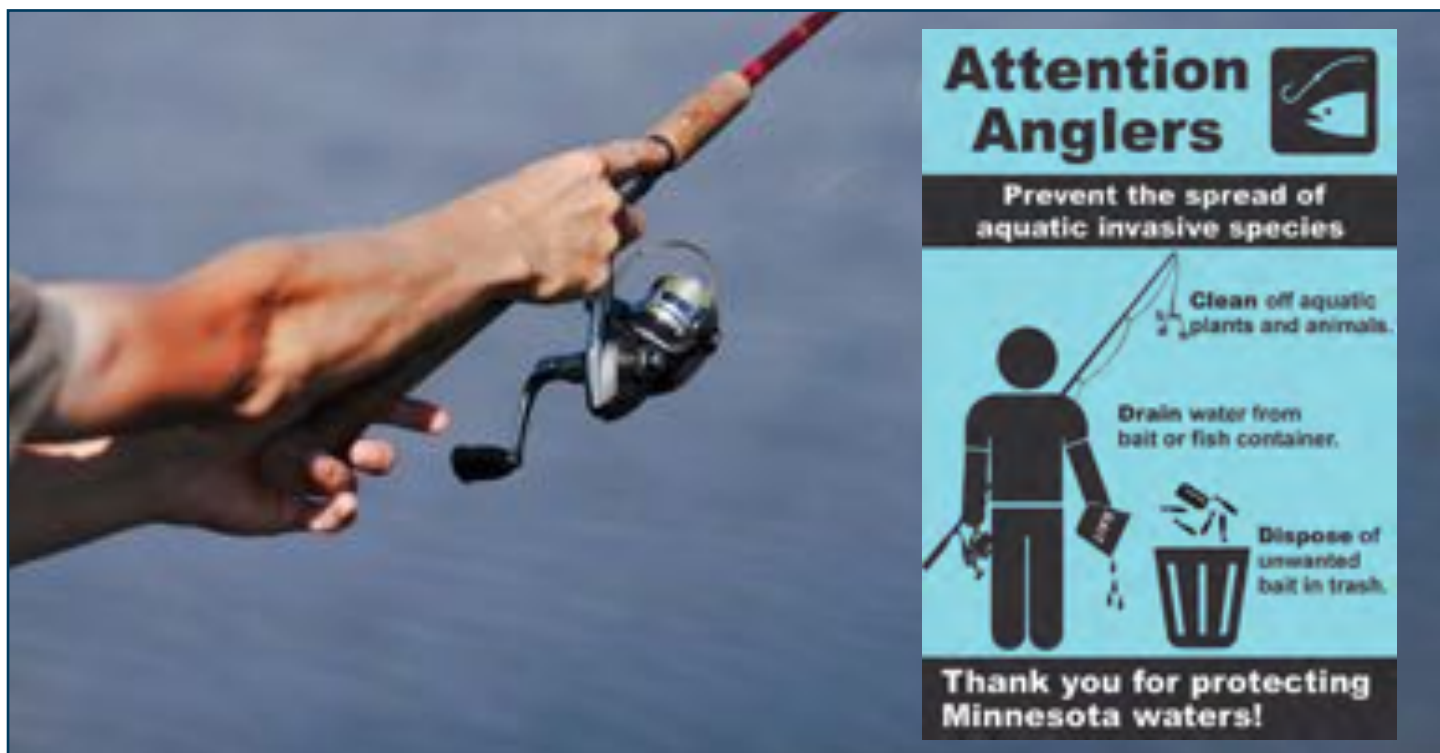
Unfortunately, before the placement of the eight units, one cabin was lost to fire during a severe thunderstorm and but for a brief downpour, we might have lost the entire peninsula to fire because of the drought conditions at the time.

Later, four more units were placed on the east side of the Peninsula Road and we supported the "dry well" proposed by the Outing Fire Department that was installed at Lake Margaret. We then considered purchasing three fire pump placements, two on the West Lake and one on East Lake. The pumps are identical and are mobile. A group of volunteers maintains these pumps. Thanks to Lenny Lang, Gary Anderson and all the volunteers who have helped.

Comments from Gary Anderson, April 2020

I remember the fire Ron refers to above. I was a member of the fire department at that time and helped fight the fire. It could easily have burned most of the buildings in Iowa Camp because they are so close together. I also remember Ron contacting us about purchasing the fire extinguishers and a floating water pump. Because of the support of the Lake Washburn Association we were able to install a Dry Hydrant on Margaret Lake.

by Ron Nichols



A Look Back



Joe Aldrich

North Bay—1948



Inetta and Aunt Bess—1943



Five Pines, our cabin on Fehr's Road—1949



Dogs like boat rides too!



Inetta Aldrich—1943



Calm evening on Lake Washburn

Photographs courtesy of Daniel Reed

Fisheries Report

For many, this was a frustrating winter. The ice that was so poorly formed over Washburn this year didn't leave until around April 22 - that's about average. Because of the uncertain and dangerous ice conditions much of the winter, snowmobile and ATV traffic on the lake was minimal, as were the number of fish houses. Then came COVID-19 which pretty much shut down the area and puts our eagerly awaited summer plans in some degree of jeopardy. Given all that, there is not much to report.

DNR FISHERY PLAN: Many DNR employees are currently working from home. At this point, no decisions have been made about the fishery management at the state level, and definitely nothing is being done that will lend direction in developing an individual lake plan for Washburn. Whether anything is done about that this year remains to be seen.

STOCKING: Because of COVID-19, the DNR does not expect to harvest walleye eggs this year and consequently, we do not expect stocking to be done until perhaps next year. Electro-fishing may still be conducted in the fall but if so, it'll be just to determine the level of natural reproduction.

FISHERY VOLUNTEERS: A number of you indicated an interest in being on the Fishery Committee. Thank you for your willingness to help. At this time, no activities are planned. In fact, mine is primarily a liaison position between the Lake Washburn Association (LWA) and the DNR. From time to time, we may be asked to perform tasks to help the DNR manage our fishery, such as with the development of a fishery plan for the lake, but as noted above, that project is on hold for the near future. Once that is back up and running, I'll likely call on some of you for assistance. Until then, there are other roles within the LWA that could use your help.

LICENSES: You can still obtain fishing licenses and boat renewals. If you are reluctant to buy them in person or if your favorite vendor is closed, you can purchase your licenses online or by phone from the DNR as follows:

- Online license purchases can be made on this DNR website: www.dnr.mn.state.us/licenses/online-sales.html
- Fishing licenses may also be purchased by phone: 1-888-665-4236
- Note: Boat renewals cannot be purchased by phone, only online.

BOAT LAUNCHING: At this time, it appears all public launch sites within Cass County are or will be open. Dock installation may be delayed however, so you might want to check this ahead of time.

FISHING/BOATING: The mandate from the governor's office requires maintaining a safe distance between people. That becomes difficult in a boat, especially if more than a couple of people are on board. If you do get out fishing or boating this year, try to stay safe. Remember, each person you are exposed to, exposes you to each person they have been exposed to.

As always, your angling reports are appreciated, regardless of your success.

*by John N. Harris, DNR Liaison
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Almost every motorboat can create a wake, which is why boaters must be aware of the danger wakes present and the damage they can do. While common courtesy dictates boaters should control their wakes, there are consequences beyond how wakes may affect people. So, what do boaters really need to know when it comes to owning their wake?

Under Minnesota law, the damage your wake causes are treated the same as damage caused by an actual collision. Personal watercraft (PWC) must stay at least 150 feet from shore. There is no required distance for boats, but by staying at least 200 feet from shore or other structures boaters can reduce the likelihood their wakes will cause damage.

Be aware of your environment and what's going on around you – this applies to everyone on and around the water.

- Have a designated lookout to keep an eye out for other boats, objects, and swimmers.
- If crossing a wake, cross at low speeds and keep a close lookout for skiers and tow-ables.
- Comply with all signs and respect barriers. This includes speed limits, no-wake zones, and underwater obstructions.

Stay at least 200 feet away from shorelines, docks or other structures. Backing a boat up to a riverbank or lakeshore can damage the area and lead to erosion. Travel slowly in shallow waters.

- Travel slowly in shallow waters and avoid boating in water less than 2½ feet deep. High speeds near shorelines lead to large wakes that cause shoreline erosion.
- Check local ordinances, restrictions, closures, and permit requirements for the body of water you are on.
- Ask permission from the landowner(s) before crossing private property.

Minimize repetitive passes. Once you've run a line, move on to another area. Comply with all signs and respect barriers.

Respect the rights of others so everyone can enjoy their time on the water – keep the noise down, be courteous to other boaters, and show consideration to all recreationists on and around the water.

Environmental impacts of wakes

Large wakes produced by watercraft can result in a variety of negative environmental consequences, including:

- Shoreline erosion;
- Impaired water quality resulting from increased sediment in the water;
- Loss of shoreline vegetation, which helps stabilize the shore and provides important habitat for fish and wildlife.

These impacts are greater when water levels are high, and shorelines are saturated.

Boaters must be aware that their actions directly impact the environment. They should take steps to reduce their wake when operating near shore or when water levels are high.

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www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/own-your-wake.html



Get the Lead Out!

The DNR received a report on a loon that had not migrated. It was the day after Thanksgiving, and the lake was freezing. The loon was keeping a small hole open in the ice on Big Jay Gould Lake near Cohasset. Members of the Cohasset Fire Department used the “ice angel” air boat and wet suits to retrieve the loon. Early the next morning, the loon was taken to the Garrison Animal Hospital and was diagnosed with lead poisoning. An x-ray showed that a lead jig-head was in its stomach, and blood tests indicated a blood lead level of 2.28 parts per million (ppm). By the time the lead jig was removed, it was too late. The lead had already poisoned the bird. It died. Lead poisoning occurs in birds with blood levels greater than 0.2 ppm; they usually die with levels greater than 1.2 ppm.

Just one lead sinker can poison a loon

A loon with lead poisoning behaves strangely. It may fly poorly, have crash landings or stagger onto the ground. The loon begins to gasp, tremble, and its wings droop as lead is carried through its blood stream. As the poisoning worsens, it eats very little and hides among aquatic vegetation, staying behind when other birds migrate. It becomes emaciated and often dies within two or three weeks after swallowing the lead jig or sinker. It takes only one lead sinker or jig to poison a loon.

How poisoning happens

Loons routinely swallow pea-sized pebbles on the bottom of lakes. The pebbles pass to the stomach and help in digestion, like grit in the stomach of a chicken. When fishing sinkers are lost during fishing and drop to the bottom of the lake, they can be picked up by loons or by waterfowl like ringneck ducks and trumpeter swans. Some loons also swallow fishing jigs when they mistake them for minnows. As the lead sinker or jig is exposed to the acids of the stomach and to other pebbles, lead enters the bird's system and slowly poisons the bird.



The photograph shows the small lead jig-heads that caused the lead poisoning and death of this bird.

You can help

Give nontoxic sinkers a try. The less lead we release into the environment, the better off our wildlife will be. Next time you clean out your tackle box and make a list of replacement tackle to purchase for the upcoming fishing season, be sure to include nontoxic fishing sinkers. Currently there are many non-toxic sinker alternatives on the market made out of bismuth, tin, stainless steel, tungsten, ceramic, recycled



glass and natural granite. Because weights of the different materials vary, you'll have to experiment to find what works best for your type of fishing.

Ask your local bait and tackle store to stock environmentally friendly unleaded sinkers. Two examples are Gremlin Green and Bullet Weights. Some major discount stores have made a special effort to increase the variety and supply of non-lead sinkers. Never throw old tackle into the water or on shore. Consider lead sinkers and jigs as toxic material and dispose of them at household hazardous waste collection sites. To ensure that future generations hear the call of the loon, we need to safeguard their environment. Even if you don't fish, share this information with family and friends who do. Just tell them to “Get the lead out!”

A conservation dilemma

In 2003 Minnesota's loon population was about 12,000 birds, and the numbers appear stable. There are, however, some potential threats to the long-term survival and status of loon populations. One of those is the threat posed by lead fishing sinkers and jigs.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency did a study to examine loons for high mercury concentrations. The mercury study incidentally discovered that loons were dying from lead poisoning. Out of 101 dead loons that were analyzed, a total of seven died of lead poisoning and an equal number died from fish line entanglement. The fish line problem is fairly straightforward and can be reduced by urging anglers to avoid disposing of waste fish line in our lakes. The lead poisoning problem is more complex.

Biologists have studied the effects of lead sinkers and jigs on water birds and birds of prey since the 1970s. In areas where loons breed, lead poisoning from sinkers or jigs may account for up to 50 percent of the dead adult loons found by researchers.

Here are two ways to dispose of the lead jigs and sinkers you find in your tackle box.

- They can be disposed of at a local hazardous waste facility (call first as hours are limited) or
- Contact LWA board member Susan Tyra (Outing) at susan_tyra@sbcglobal.net, and she will collect the lead material from you at your convenience, and make arrangements for its disposal.

For more information, go to dnr.state.mn.us and search for Get the Lead Out.

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PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE

Old, used or damaged line can easily be recycled by bringing it to the fishing line recovery and recycling container at the public landing on Lake Washburn.

Remember - monofilament line that ends up in or around the lake is hazardous to birds, fish and other animals. Thank you for continuing to dispose of line properly to help keep our lake safe for all.

For more information, see the Fall 2019 LWA Newsletter, p. 5





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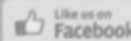
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2020 Lake Washburn Association Spring/Summer Membership Update

We have not had a typical start to 2020 - except for the support you have shown for our Lake Association! I'll start with a few statistics. As of May 8, 2020:

- 266 LWA memberships
- 26 have paid by credit card
- 19 have become sustaining members
- 59 gave extra donations to the General Fund
- 113 gave extra donations to the AIS fund

We appreciate your membership in the LWA!

The LWA relies on support from its members. And now it's even easier to keep your membership current when you become a "sustainer."

It's simple – as a sustainer, you fill out the membership form, including your credit card information, and your contribution will be automatically made to LWA each year in January, until you tell us differently in writing. Your sustaining membership provides the LWA with a dependable source of funds. This allows us to provide services that help keep Lake Washburn healthy and to support social activities for LWA membership. And being a sustaining member is easy for you too. No more worrying if you've renewed your membership, and no more annoying renewal reminders - your membership is always current!

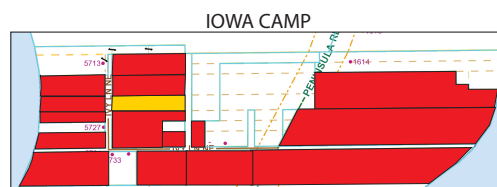
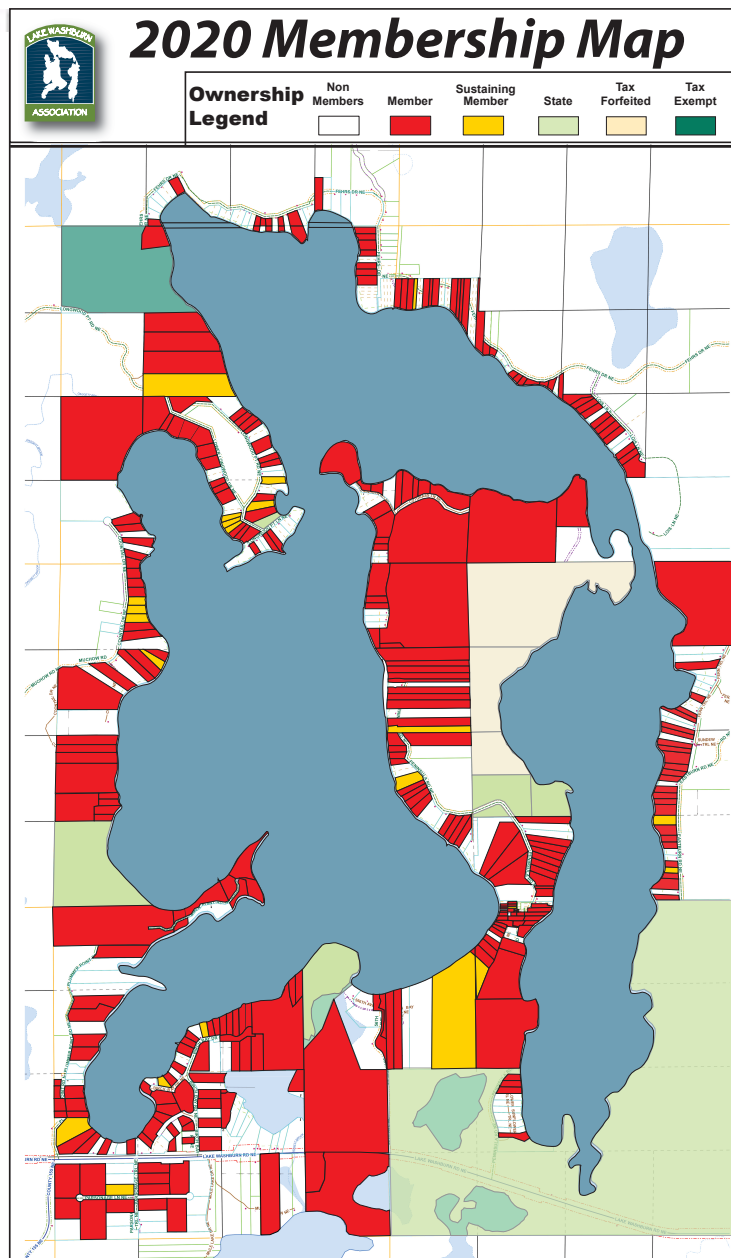
A downside to processing donations using a credit card is that it costs the LWA 3.5% of the total donation. Credit cards are convenient, and the processing fees are a cost of doing business. While it is not a lot of money, it does come off the top and your donation is reduced by this percentage.

There has been a change in the membership form/invoice to address this. A check-box asking if you'd be willing to add 3.5% to your donation total to help cover this charge has been added below the credit card information area. This option is strictly voluntary, but will keep more of your donation working for the LWA. Remember, your entire donation is tax deductible.

We're excited to expand our methods of handling memberships and will continue to streamline the process. As always, we welcome any constructive comments and suggestions. Your feedback is one way we can make the LWA stronger and continue to be a champion for Lake Washburn.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions about your membership status.

Glen Goodwin
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Updated
May 8, 2020

Generations - The Hosch Family

Some thirty plus years ago, just about this time of year, I set out to find a week-end cabin for our family. After a couple of days spent looking at real estate in the Cross Lake area, I stumbled into Outing and stopped in at Lake Forest Realty, which was located in a private residence on Lake Roosevelt just off Highway 6. To this day, I recall the turn onto Lake Washburn Road with our realtor, and being so impressed with the view looking down the road. I thought: this is good. The property that is now our home was a year-round place, not the cabin we were looking for. It all worked out though, and we closed after Memorial Day.

Over time, we have come to really appreciate Lake Washburn. Our wonderful neighbors provided us with memories of many great times. Our then next door neighbors, Lu and Berg Epland, shared many stories relating to the lake and neighborhood. The social gatherings and parties have kept us hopping over the years. Our son, Larry, 12 at the time, had such a wonderful time with the kids from the Birch Bay campground that he never wanted to return to the cities when the weekends ended.

Now we watch our three grandsons - the oldest now the same age as Larry was when we bought - having the same fun and experiences as their father had when we were all much younger. We did the right thing when we incorporated Lake Washburn into our lives. I recently asked our grandsons about their favorite memories, and with no surprise they are the same as their father's ... friendships, water sports, fishing, hunting, winter activities, and Lake Washburn and Outing social events.

Memories, memories, how grand they are we did good!

by Greg and Karen Hosch



Larry Hosch and Lake Friends - 1991



Hosch Clan - 2019

Karen, Greg, Larry, Garrett, Gavin, Griffin, Holly

Water Safety Patrol Temporarily Suspended

In 2019, the Lake Washburn Water Safety Patrol encountered a few challenges at the start of the season, the most significant being not having a patrol boat! Nothing we faced last year, not even the traffic jam of boats lining up for the Floating Ice Cream Social, could have prepared us for 2020. With the widespread pandemic resulting in Stay at Home and social distancing orders, the Cass County Sheriff's Department has suspended the Volunteer Water Safety Patrol program for the time being.

Naturally, our team was disheartened. Last year, we acquired two new members, and a previous associate came out of retirement to pitch in. Then, in 2020, we had another addition to the patrol squad, bringing our total to a very lucky thirteen.

We needed to quickly try to find a work-around for the summer and floated a couple of ideas:

- Cass County could buy a bigger boat, one that would allow for six-foot distancing - maybe something with an upper deck! Sadly, no budget.
- We also thought about initiating a "Take your spouse or significant other on patrol" day. Funny, no one jumped at that option.

So, until the Volunteer Water Safety Patrol is back on the water, please keep your family safe and boat responsibly. If you're interested in joining the patrol when it's back up and running, contact Pat Maranda at patmaranda49@gmail.com or any member of the LWA Board.

by Vicki Lipstreuer

The LWA is following the guidelines for Stay at Home, set forth by Governor Walz. While it is disappointing to postpone or cancel an event, the LWA must take all necessary precautions to help keep our lake community as safe as possible.

Be sure to check your email, the LWA website and local signage for updates.

JUNE

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June 20 Membership Meeting

Sorry, THIS EVENT IS
CANCELED

JULY

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July 4 Boat Parade

THIS EVENT IS PENDING
Stay Tuned for Updates

July 25 Pike Fishing Contest

Sorry, THIS EVENT IS
CANCELED

AUGUST

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August 8 Membership Meeting

THIS EVENT IS PENDING
Stay Tuned for Updates

SEPTEMBER

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September 5

48 Clean Up Ice Cream Social

THESE EVENTS ARE PENDING
Stay Tuned for Updates

Remembering Friends



Barbara Jean Carstens
Grew up on Lake Washburn

Barbara Jean Carstens, of Outing, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2020, at her home. She was born on June 5, 1947, in St. Paul to Glen and Patricia (Tallant) Mechelke. The family lived in St. Paul until they moved to Outing in 1949, and started Birch Bay Lodge on Lake Washburn. She grew up on the

resort, helped her parents build cabins, welcome guests, probably did laundry, and enjoyed pranks with her young friends. With her mother, she taught water skiing to friends and guests. The Lodge hosted picnics and hay rides. Barb married Larry Carstens in February, 1968, in Wausau, Oregon. They lived there and in California but eventually migrated back to Lake Washburn. Barb was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Outing. She worked in sales and bookkeeping for local companies. Larry was involved with wild rice growers and Barb helped him organize the International Wild Rice Association.

Barb cared about our water and shorelines. She wanted future generations to enjoy what she had growing up on Lake Washburn. Her father, Glen Mechelke, still lives on the lake. We thank her son Scott, for sharing her stories of life on the lake.



Richard D. Nelles

Richard was remembered in our 2019 spring newsletter when he left Lake Washburn to enter nursing care at Sterling Point in Princeton. Richard was born on May 16, 1936, in Dayton, and died on Saturday, January 11, 2020, of Alzheimer's. He served in the Air Force as a boom operator on a KC-97 inflight refueler. If you visited him, he'd

tell you stories about those Strategic Air Command flights and the Cold War. He helped us write a section on water quality, wild life and forest management for the *100 Years on Lake Washburn* book. If you called his home, the recorder would play: "I'm in the woods managing the forest and wild life." It was true. Richard enjoyed volunteering for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Forest

Wildlife Populations and Research Group out of Grand Rapids. He assisted with the trapping and radio-collaring of whitetail deer, fishers and wolves, and worked with the interns, graduate students and biologists. He was active in Firearms Safety Training and a member of the Lions Club. He loved his 1969 Cessna 150. It was a sad day when he had to sell his plane. The dementia slowly took him from flying, fishing, managing his forest, and Canada fishing trips. He and Joan had five sons: Bryan died at 14, a tough time for them. Sons, Brad, Bruce, David and Cary follow in Richard's woodland footsteps.

Richard's gentle ways came from our parents, Clem and Leone. At his funeral gathering we were reminded - he had a big heart, was a kind man, and a good friend to many. Our parents taught us caring. Richard took his caring into whatever community he lived in. He will be missed. (Written by his sister, Ellen Leger)



Sharon Benzel
A letter and memorial to
Lake Washburn Association from
her children

Sharon Benzel, passed away on March 21, 2020, at home with her children Karen Grotte and Ken Benzel. Sharon loved spending time at the Lake Washburn property that she and her late husband Norbert, had owned since July 1964. She was an avid fisherwoman and loved swimming in the lake during the summer. Even last summer, at age 87, Sharon was swimming laps across the lakefront at the cabin that she and her husband had built together.

Years ago, she and Norbert took advantage of the cross-country ski trails on the state land on the east side of the lake. Sharon took up painting in retirement, and many of her paintings were taken from time spent at Washburn. Sharon appreciated the Lake Washburn Association community, the educational and informative meetings, and the work done to clear the lake of invasive species and stock it with fish.

The family cabin will continue to be enjoyed by Sharon's family for future generations, with appreciation to the Lake Washburn Association and everyone's efforts in maintaining the beauty and integrity of Lake Washburn.

(Written by the family and published with their permission)

Get to Know a Board Member



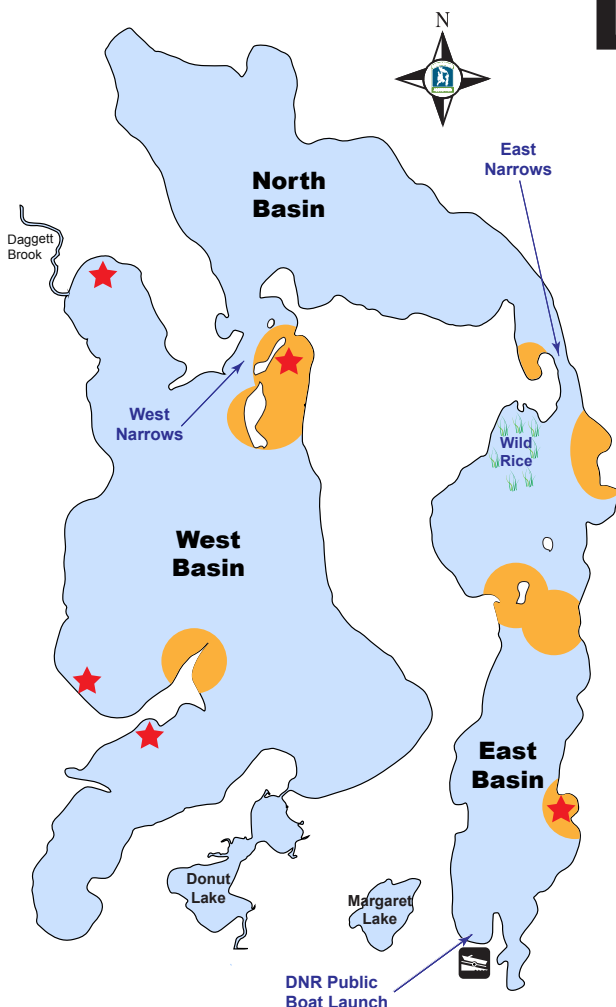
Teresa and husband Barth

Hi neighbors, my name is Teresa Reding and I'm a Lake Washburn Association (LWA) board member. Four generations of my family have enjoyed time on this beautiful lake.

As a kid, I enjoyed floating on tractor tire tubes, riding my bike up and down Peninsula Road, playing tether ball and toasting s'mores. My family fished often in our aluminum boat with its 15 hp motor. Cabin time was magical and full of adventure.

Now my family enjoys hiking, kayaking, sailing, swimming, archery and snowshoeing. We spend quiet time reading down at the dock, watching sunsets, and sharing stories around the campfire. Every fall, the story is shared about pulling the dock out while it was snowing. We vowed never to wait until October again. Another frequently shared story is about a bear walking by the cabin while we were finishing dinner. The cabin is a great place for multiple generations to spend extended time together.

I'm grateful to all the people who have helped keep Lake Washburn beautiful. I became a board member last year and it has been a wonderful way to connect with neighbors and develop friendships. As a board member, I hope to help accomplish the LWA mission of growing community around the lake.



LAKE WASHBURN LOON NESTING LOCATIONS

**Loons have begun nesting
around Lake Washburn.**

**Please be careful
as you move
about the lake.**

Legend

- Natural Loon Nesting Areas
- Loon Platform Locations

Thank you to our 2020 Loon Platform Volunteers

**Ken & Sue Estvold
Jerry & Jackie Hagel
Dave & Shirley Hegman
Dan & Karen Laakso
Randy & Lisa McCloud
Dave & Linda Snesrud**



Lake Washburn Myth Busters Correction!

In the last LWA newsletter, we mistakenly stated that the staff at the public landing on Lake Washburn were Department of Natural Resources (DNR) employees. While the DNR does train the inspectors who work at the landing, these inspectors are actually paid and managed by Cass County with support from the Crooked Lake Township AIS Committee.

We regret the error.

Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws

You Must...

- Wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- Travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of: non-motorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers or any moored or anchored boat.
- Operate only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.
- Use the cutoff lanyard properly.
- Obey operator age/permit laws for those younger than 18 years old.

You May Not...

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Jump the wake of another boat within 150 feet of the craft.
- Operate a personal watercraft in a manner that endangers life, limb or property.

Protect Your Sport

- Respect your neighbors...don't operate for long periods in the same area or near occupied boats or shore.

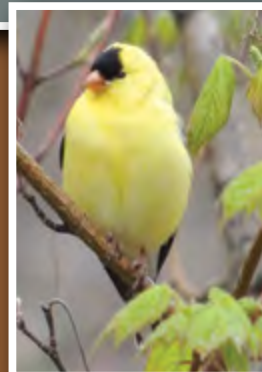
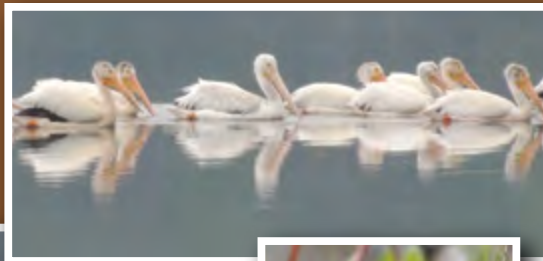
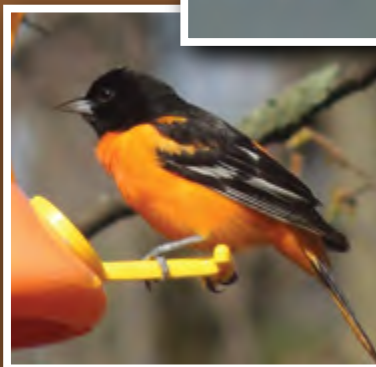
This is only a summary of the laws as of January 2014 and is required to be visible to the operator on all personal watercraft in Minnesota. For more information contact:



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Boat and Water Safety Section
500 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, MN 55155-4039
651-259-5400, 1-888-646-6367, TTY 651-296-5484, 1-800-657-3929
mndnr.gov/boatingsafety

Wild Washburn!

By Rick Snyder



Washburn Wear Fundraising Sale for AIS Fund!



After months in the making, we're excited to announce a line of LWA logo apparel available for purchase.

All proceeds from the sale of the LWA clothing will be placed into the Lake Washburn Association Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fund.

Items available include:

- A 100% cotton, short sleeve t-shirt in navy with the LWA logo on the front, left chest
- A 90/10 cotton/polyester, short sleeve t-shirt in light grey heather with the LWA logo on the front, left chest
- A 50/50 cotton/polyester blend hooded sweatshirt in navy or light sport grey with the LWA logo on the full front

Both pieces will be offered in sizes for the whole family ranging from Youth Small to Adult 3X. The logo will be stretch-litho printed, similar to a screen print but with better color rendition for complex colored logos. In the future, we hope to

provide a greater variety of products and colors, as well as include embroidered options.

An order form can be found on the LWA website, as well as in the newsletter. Orders must be pre-paid and received by June 30. The merchandise will be available for pickup in the Outing area by August 31*. Free delivery will be provided within the Outing/Remer area.

Show your support for the LWA with Washburn Wear, while contributing to a fund used to protect our lake for generations to come.

*Product availability is subject to change based upon current Shelter at Home restrictions.



100 Years on Lake Washburn Pre-Order Form

The Lake Washburn Association will be reprinting
150 copies of the popular **100 Years on Lake Washburn** book.



Name: _____ Email: _____
Shipping Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Primary Phone: _____

Complete the order form and return along with your payment.
Mail to: Lake Washburn Association, PO Box 26, Outing, MN 56662

Purchase Price: \$30.00
Shipping : \$7.50 per copy

Please contact Ellen Leger for further information.
legerellen@gmail.com (763) 913-1485

PAYMENT INFORMATION

QTY _____	x \$30.00 =	\$ _____
Shipping _____	x \$7.50 =	\$ _____
Customer Pick Up	=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	=	\$ _____



Lake Washburn Association Apparel Order Form

Order and payment must be received by June 30, 2020

Orders ready for pick-up in Outing by August 31, 2020

T-Shirt: Navy 100% Cotton
Grey 90/10% Cotton/Poly Short sleeve, full color logo imprint on left chest

Color Size	Yth SM (6-8)	Yth Med (10-12)	Yth Lg (12-14)	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Lg	Adult XL	Adult 2XL	Adult 3XL	Qty Totals
Navy										
Grey Heather										
Cost Each	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 20.00	Total
TOTALS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

All proceeds will be placed into the LWA AIS Fund

**Hooded
Sweatshirt:** 50/50 Blend, colored logo and words imprint on center chest

Color Size	Yth SM (6-8)	Yth Med (10-12)	Yth Lg (14-16)	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Lg	Adult XL	Adult 2XL	Adult 3XL	Qty Totals
Navy										
Sport Grey										
Cost Each	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	Total
TOTALS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

BILLING ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

DELIVERY ADDRESS (If different than Billing Address)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

RECEIVING OPTIONS: Please check one

☐ PICK-UP: In Outing ☐ DELIVERY: Local Outing / Remer area only ☐ SHIP: Additional charges will apply

GRAND TOTAL : \$ _____

☐ CREDIT CARD * ☐ CASH / CHECK

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

ACCOUNT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE CVV BILLING ZIP CODE

Signature: _____

***3.5% will be added to the grand total
to cover the credit card processing fees**

Mail or E-mail order form to:

LWA-Apparel, PO Box 26, Outing, MN 56662 lakewashburn.mn@gmail.com

Call 218-792-5289 with questions.



2020 Membership Form

Annual Membership Dues and Donations

Annual Membership Dues: \$25

Please complete the entire form so we can keep our database current.

Mail forms to: LWA Membership, PO Box 26, Outing, MN 56662

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lake Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Year you purchased property on Lake Washburn: _____

☐ I prefer to receive my newsletter by email instead of US Mail.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ CREDIT CARD ☐ CASH/CHECK



ACCOUNT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE CVV BILLING ZIP CODE

Signature: _____

☐ Add 3.5% to the total to help pay for the credit card processing fees.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

ALL contributions are tax-deductable

☐ New Dues: \$ _____

☐ Renewal General Fund: \$ _____

☐ Contribution Only AIS Fund: \$ _____

For Year(s) _____ **Total:** \$ _____

General Fund (GF) donations are used for operational costs such as: Newsletter, Ice Cream Social, Fishing Challenge, and other expenses.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) donations are restricted for AIS efforts only.

☐ **Sustaining Membership**

Bill my credit card every January for the total listed above until I notify LWA in writing of a change.

I am interested in participating in the following areas: Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ Sheriff's Water Safety Patrol | ☐ County Road 48 Cleanup | ☐ Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention and Treatment |
| ☐ Board or Committee | ☐ Welcoming Committee | ☐ CL Township/AIS Committee |
| ☐ Boat Monitoring | ☐ Fishing Challenge | ☐ Water Quality Testing |
| ☐ Buoy Markers | ☐ Newsletter | ☐ Other _____ |

The LWA does not sell, trade, swap or in any other way use your data except for official LWA business.



Lake Washburn Association
PO Box 26
Outing, MN 56662

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have a matching donation program.**

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