



LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION

Working to protect our lake and its environment for future generations

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While some of the Lake Washburn Association (LWA) summer events and activities didn't happen this year because of COVID-19, those that did take place were highly successful. Though the membership meetings and the Youth All Pike Fishing Challenge were cancelled, I saw the crowds at the Fourth of July Boat Parade, the Floating Ice Cream Social, as well as the many volunteers at the 48 Clean-up. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning and organizing of these events, and thank you to those who attended or participated. Articles and photos of these activities can be found as you page through this issue of the newsletter - you may have even seen stories about these LWA events featured in the Northland Press!

We were all saddened by the passing of Ted Johnson last July. Ted was a past LWA President and an ultimate Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) warrior. I served on the LWA Board with Ted and assisted him as a boat lookout while he dove in East Lake and removed Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). I truly respected Ted's love for the lake and his tireless devotion to preserving it. He was key to establishing a special fund within the LWA, when EWM was originally discovered in our lake. The LWA Board has unanimously agreed to rename this fund the Ted Johnson Aquatic Invasive Species Fund, in his honor. The Lake Washburn community extends heartfelt sympathy to Ted's family. (See page 18 for additional information.)

At the September board meeting, we reviewed our 2020 goals and tasks. We weren't able to move forward with some of our plans due to the pandemic. These uncompleted tasks were revised and along with some additions, form the plan the board has developed for 2021.

These plans are listed on the following page. I encourage every LWA member to review them and seriously consider becoming involved in helping the LWA achieve our listed goals, particularly in light of the recent retirements of highly respected and long-time board members Ellen Leger and Larry Pfaff, both of whom provided tremendous insight into various projects and issues throughout their tenure. Ellen and Larry will truly be missed and we wish them well.

Fortunately, we have three newly elected LWA Board members who will help us as we work on our goals. Scott Erickson, Charlie McGlynn, and Mark Wolf, have joined the team and are already sharing ideas and getting involved in supporting the LWA mission. Additionally, Lindsay McGlynn has stepped up to help out with the editing of this newsletter. My thanks, along with that of the LWA Board, goes out to all these folks who have either joined the board or become a volunteer. We could not accomplish what we do without you.

I hope you and your family remain healthy and will have an enjoyable holiday season, which may be a bit different this year due to COVID-19. Hopefully, we can resume all of our LWA activities and events next year - including our membership meetings. It's been too long since we've been able to get together as a group, and I, for one miss seeing and interacting with you!

Have a great winter as we look forward to 2021.

Ron

2021 Goals and Tasks

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 2021; name/s of the LWA Board member/s leading this work are shown.

Organizational Development

- Ron/Jim/Vicki/Scott/Mark

- Formalize an officer succession plan - Ron to work with Bob Eddy/RALALA
- Review LWA bylaws, update membership types - Vicki
- Document formal audit procedure - Scott/Mark
- Insurance updates - Jim

Continue to Battle Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) - Ross

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

Enhance Member Communications

- Glen/Kathy/Susan/Lindsay/Ellen

- Continue integrated communications: Newsletter, Website, Nextdoor, email blasts, Facebook, signage
- Continue sale of *100 Years on Lake Washburn* History Books - Ellen

Build Community

- Susan/Lisa/Vicki/Dave/Ross/Teresa/Scott

- Continue New Owner Welcome procedure - Susan
- Continue Pike Fishing Contest - Lisa
- Continue Floating Ice Cream Social - Vicki/Dave
- Hold a community/social gathering at Scout Camp - Ross
- Establish a new activity with RALALA - TBD (to be determined)
- Adopt-a-Buoy - Teresa
- Investigate Lake Steward Program - Scott

Integrate Local Resources - Glen/Susan/Lisa

- Establish relationship with local DNR - TBD
- Pursue relationship with Loon Center - Lisa/Susan
- Strengthen relationship with RALALA - Glen
- Sponsor an educational event open to the general public - i.e. AIS, shoreline restoration, etc. - TBD

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Lake Washburn Association - 2020 Membership Voting

Because of COVID-19, we could not safely hold our annual LWA August Membership Meeting this year. Ordinarily, voting for officers and board members, and approving both the financial report as well as the 2010 meeting minutes is done in person at this annual meeting.

The by-laws of our organization allow for alternative voting procedures when necessary.

The voting procedure we used this year had two steps: a call for LWA Board nominations, and the membership voting ballot. In early August, information about this process was posted on the LWA website and Nextdoor, and 290 e-mail notifications were sent to LWA members. The entire process took three weeks and ultimately, voting was completed on August 22.

Voting Results

- 81 Total votes
- 13 Duplicate votes
- 68 Validated votes - a 23 percent response rate. This is roughly double the number of votes typically received at our membership meetings when we vote on these issues.

Officers and Board Members

Yes: 80
No: 1
Abstain: 0

Approval of the Financial Report

Yes: 80
No: 0
Abstain: 1

Approval of the 8/2019 Membership Meeting Minutes

Yes: 78
No: 0
Abstain: 3

ELECTED

Treasurer: Kathy Pfaff
Director: Scott Erickson
Director: Charley McGlynn
Director: Mark Wolf

RE-ELECTED

President: Ron Reich
Vice President: Glen Goodwin
Secretary: Janis Judd
Director: Ross Lindmeyer
Director: Dave Patterson
Director: Susan Tyra

CONTINUING TERM

Director: Pat Maranda
Director: Lisa McCloud
Director: Jim Patterson
Director: Mathias Peterson
Director: Teresa Reding

Our bylaws allow only one vote per LWA family membership. Extended family is considered as a separate family vote if they are LWA members. As a result, there were several duplicate votes: nine duplicates from the same person with the same information used, and four duplicates from the same family, using different personal information. All the votes from the duplicates had the same voting result, except for one "no" vote for the officers and board members.

Many encouraging comments were submitted, some of which have become action items for the board to consider. We appreciate your cooperation in making this voting process a huge success. Please keep comments and suggestions coming in as we work together to protect our lake and its environment for future generations. Thank you!

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By Glen Goodwin

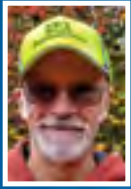


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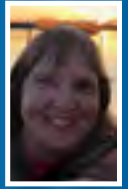
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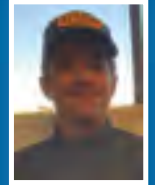
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**Greg
Gilbertson**



Ellen Leger

Larry Pfaff

2020

2021



Lead is a toxic metal that has adverse effects on the nervous and reproductive systems of animals. Found in most fishing jigs and sinkers, *this metal is poisoning our wildlife*. Several states have already banned the selling and use of lead weights and jigs, including Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont.

Alternatives made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel and tungsten are becoming much easier to find. You can expect to pay a bit more for non-lead tackle, but a few cents extra to avoid poisoning our loons, eagles and other wildlife is well worth it.

Please avoid using any and all lead tackle when you fish, regardless of the season!

TEACH YOUR TADPOLES! A Holiday or Birthday Idea

Create a lead-free tackle box as a gift for your kids or grandkids, choosing materials that are non-toxic to animals, and safe for youngsters to handle. It's a great way get them interested in fishing and help instill a strong conservation ethic in the next generation.

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Please note - If you have lead tackle and are unable to dispose of it properly, please send an email to lakewashburnmn@gmail.com and we will come to collect it from you (locally) and take it to a hazardous waste facility. Thank you.

Lake Washburn Name Game

Thank you to all who submitted answers for the different parts of Lake Washburn.
The most common answers are listed below.

We hope this helps identify the many landmarks around the lake.



We have a winner for the puzzle !

Due to the cancellation of our annual membership meetings this year, we were unable to do a "live" drawing to award the prize for the Fall 2019 Find-a-Word contest.

However, a virtual drawing was done for the prize of a \$25 gift certificate and the winner is....

Congratulations to Art Downey

The prize will be mailed to the winner.

LWA Newsletter Fall 2019 SOLUTION KEY

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Luscher's Park Shoreline Restoration Project

What is shoreline restoration?

Shoreline restoration is the process of stabilization and revegetation of areas where water meets land. It's one initiative in the DNR's One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) program. Typically, shorelines deteriorate for a reason, and that reason often has to do with people. One way property owners can have a positive impact on water quality is through shoreline restoration, which helps filter water running into the lake, helps prevent erosion, and can provide habitats for native shrubs, flowers, trees, aquatic plants, fish, insects, birds and other wildlife.

Here's an example!

The Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee recently planned and implemented a shoreline project at Luscher's Park, on County Road 58 just east of Outing. This project began in September in collaboration with Prairie Restorations, Inc., a company in Princeton that designs, restores and manages native plant communities. First, we roped off a 10 by 30 foot section of shoreline on Lawrence Lake and eliminated the invasive vegetation that had taken over the shoreline. We then put in

carefully selected native plants. I checked on the progress of these new plants in October and they were thriving.

A peek at the future ...

As a member of the CLT AIS Committee, I'm excited about developing a Lake Washburn Shoreline Project next Spring, somewhere along the 17.2 miles of shoreline on our lake. More information will be shared in the coming months.

Won't it be great when ...

Just imagine - restored shorelines full of blooming Bee Balm, Black-eyed Susan, Coneflowers and more, all helping to protect our waters and at the same time, beautify our shoreline.

One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P), is a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program focusing on developing and implementing plans and projects to keep our waters clean.

For more information visit: www.crowing.us/water

By Ross Lindmeyer



Before and after photos provided by the DNR to illustrate the positive effects of shoreline restoration projects. These are not actual photos from Luscher's Park

Lake Washburn Association Adopt-A-Highway 48 Clean-Up

The Lake Washburn Association's commitment to keeping Highway 48 free from litter appears stronger than ever, based on the number of volunteers who showed up on Saturday, September 5, for the fall clean-up. Dividing the 3-5 miles of paved roadway into segments made it easy to be socially distant, and allowed us to complete the task quickly. Veteran participants noted with pleasure that they found less trash to pick up than in prior years.



Coordinator

Mark Stange



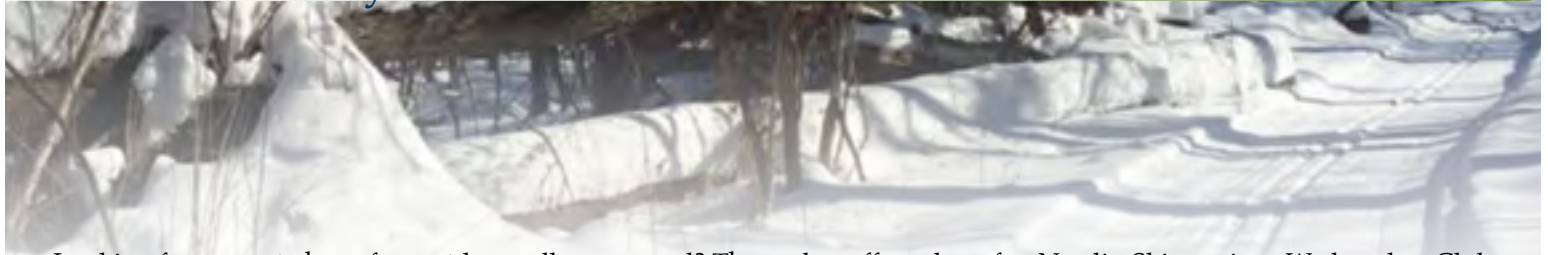
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Glen Goodwin and Vicki Lipstreuer
Jackie Hagel
Randy and Lisa McCloud**

**Tonya Mueller and Jason Ellsworth
Bill Pudwell
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The Lake Country Nordic Ski Club



Looking for a way to have fun outdoors all year round? The Lake Country Nordic Ski Club (LCNSC) may be exactly what you're looking for!

Formed in 2011, the LCNSC is a non-profit organization sponsored by Cass County, which provides grants to maintain around 45 miles of area trails. This includes our very own Lake Washburn Solitude Area Ski Trail located just off County Road 48, about one mile west of State Highway 6.

The LCNSC promotes Nordic (cross-country) skiing and fellowship, as well as other year-round opportunities for hiking, biking and walking in the great outdoors.

Beginning with trail clean-up in the fall, teams of club members maintain and groom the Lake Washburn Solitude Area Ski Trail's main routes until the end of snow season. They also maintain trails at Hiram, Cut Lake and Goose Lake. This effort yields some of the best single track classic cross-country skiing in Minnesota, with trails in top condition for a perfect ski experience.

From the novice to the most seasoned skier, everyone is sure to pick up a few tips (and maybe a few friends!) at the club's annual Cross-Country Ski Clinic led by ski coaches from the metro area - it's free and open to the public. The club

also offers days for Nordic Ski waxing, Wednesday Club Skis, and two Saturday Social Skis. Then, between June and September, the club keeps the fun going by organizing bike outings on the various bike trails. The rides usually last a couple of hours, and all levels of biking experience are welcome to participate.

Please note that all trails are off limits to ATVs and snowmobiles. Additionally, anyone age 16 or older must have a Great Minnesota Ski Pass to carry with them when using these trails for cross-country skiing. Passes can be purchased through the LCNSC website, at the Outing Station or through the DNR website. Walkers, hikers, and bicyclists do not need to have a pass.

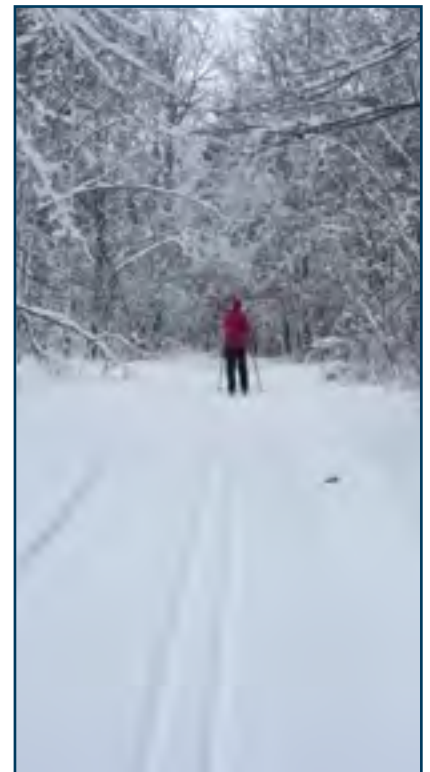
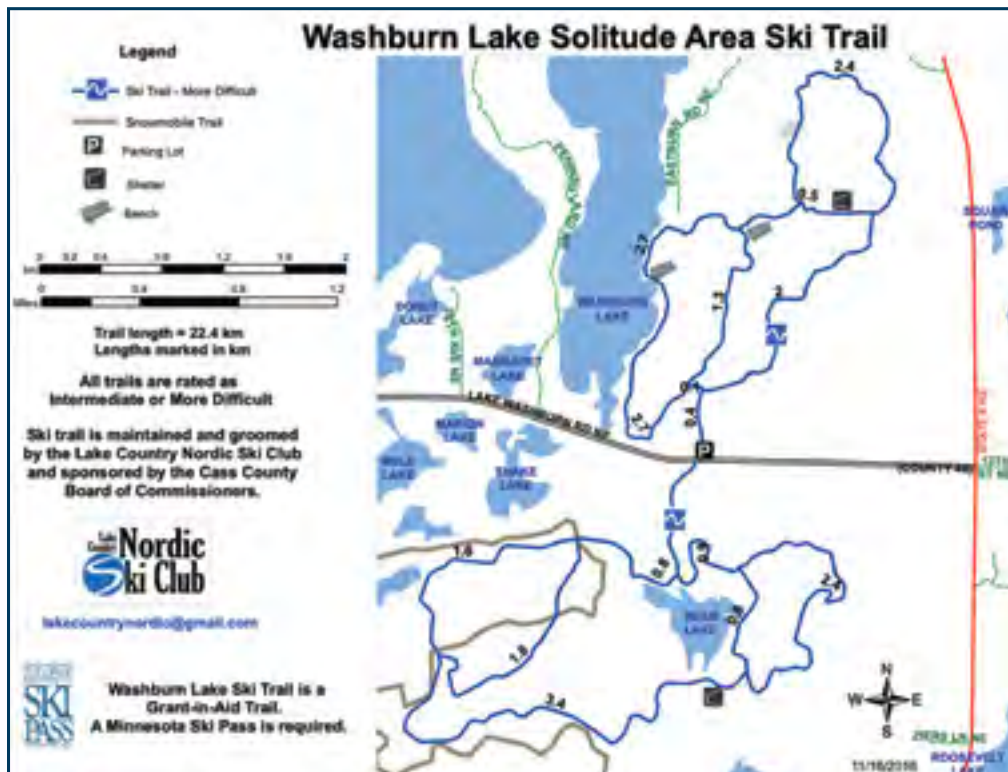
Ready to enjoy the great outdoors all year round with the LCNSC? Check out the following for more information:

Facebook: [Lake Country Nordic Ski Club](#)

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Website: <https://chitwood1.wixsite.com/lcnskiclub>

*Information and photos provided by
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A Look Back

Excerpts from the 100 Years on Lake Washburn Book

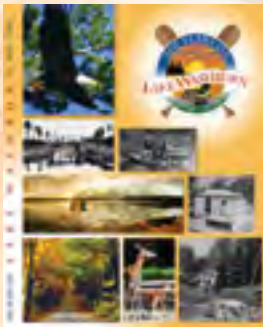


My grandpa fished for walleyes almost every evening in the summer using a fly rod. He would row for hours with that fly rod hanging out the back of the boat. Anyone that he invited to go fishing considered it an honor. The lake has changed a lot over the years but it has always held a place in my heart that I cannot explain. From the sunsets, campfires, eagles, loons, fishing, water activities, friendships and just plain fun and relaxation, to me it is the ONLY lake I want to be on!

The Mechelkes
Memories at Birch Bay Lodge and Washburn Lake
Author: Kim Mechelke Hughes
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Iceboxes, hand pumps for water, and outhouses were the standard back then. The resort had an icehouse which was partially built into the side of the bank. It was next to the steps that go up from the lake to where the cabins are. The icehouse had to be big enough to hold enough ice for the cabins, but also for other private owners on the lake.

Howard Dutton,
Interviewed by Art Downey
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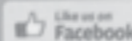
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2020 LWA Special Events Fourth of July Boat Parade



Summer was in high gear by the time the annual Fourth of July Boat Parade hit the water. This year, for the first time, the parade was lead by Grand Marshals, Grace and Jack Schuller. The Schullers originated the idea of a parade in 1993. A record breaking 70 boats participated.



2020 LWA Special Events Floating Ice Cream Social



A beautiful Labor Day weekend was the backdrop for the new Washburn end-of-summer tradition: the Floating Ice Cream Social. Over 300 ice cream bars and 50 packets of dog treats were handed out by an appropriately socially distanced crew.

Many attendees to these events were seen sporting their new Washburn Wear apparel! T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and baseball caps emblazoned with the LWA logo were everywhere! All proceeds from the sales of Washburn Wear were deposited into the Ted Johnson Memorial AIS Fund - over a \$1,000 in total.

By Vicki Lipstreuer





Department of Natural Resources (DNR): As has been the case with most activities, COVID-19 has impacted the extent to which the DNR is able to support Minnesota lakes, including Washburn. Its website states: *As part of Minnesota's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are postponing, adjusting, and canceling a wide variety of public events and services.* None of this can be viewed with anything but reluctant acceptance and a profound hope that the pandemic will go away sooner rather than later.

Stocking: We had hoped that Washburn would be stocked with walleye fingerlings/fry this summer. Unfortunately, this didn't happen because no one was available to milk spawning walleye of the eggs from which the fry hatch. This impacted all lakes, not just Washburn.

DNR Fishery Plan: We had expected progress on an updated Lake Management Plan, but this also didn't happen. With DNR staff working largely from home, routines were disrupted, not only at the local level but also at the DNR Headquarters where the initial guidelines and design for local plans need to be completed. It now looks like it will be 2022 before we have a new plan.

What to Expect: Clearly, not much has happened with respect to DNR-related activity on Washburn this year. Until a new plan is developed, the Brainerd DNR operation will try to continue to follow the now-expired plan for Washburn. This means walleye stocking will be done every other year, electrofishing will take place annually, as will a fish survey via gill nets every four years, and so on.

Electrofishing: The DNR conducted electrofishing the night of Monday, October 12. The initial report was disappointing but not devastating. The crew pulled fifteen "young of year" walleye, which are walleye hatched this year. Fifteen is a small number but it is slightly better than last year, and it is all the result of natural reproduction as there was no stocking this year.

That's the good news. Of course, weather, etc., can be a factor but we've had a pattern of low counts the past few years so there must be validity to the results. Hopefully, stocking can resume for 2021. Also, it is important that those 17-25" walleye be released to the lake rather than to the frying pan.

Electrofishing helps determine the abundance of young walleye and to what extent they are from natural reproduction vs. from stocking. If you want to learn more about the process, check out the following:

<https://www.brainerddispatch.com/sports/3355164-dnr-has-shocking-way-catching-fish>

Fishing: There weren't a lot of fishing reports shared with me this year, but I do know a few large walleyes were caught on Washburn. The largest was a 29" walleye caught by Greg Hosch. Lisa McCloud had a double success story, catching a 26" and a 23" walleye during one outing. Yes, the fish were released!

Change in Limits? The DNR is conducting informational meetings about a proposed reduction in limits on sunnies and crappies. The purpose of the proposal is to increase the population and size of these fish. The proposal applies to specific Minnesota lakes but does not include Washburn. Nevertheless, it could impact other lakes where you fish. For more info, go to:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/news/2020/09/08/bluegill-improvement-central-proposed-special-fishing-regulations>

Reminder: Anglers often restring reels with new line at the end of the regular fishing season. If you do this, please don't put the old line in the garbage. Instead, use the fishing line recycling container at the public landing. Used line is collected and repurposed into other fishing-related products by the Berkley Conservation Institute. Since 1990, BCI has been able to recycle over nine million miles of fishing line.

Did you know that loosening the drag on reels should be done before storing your gear? Just be sure to retighten the drag before hooking one of Washburn's lunkers!

Stay safe while ice fishing and good luck!

By John N. Harris, DNR Liaison

Aquatic Invasive Species Report

This year has brought both good news and heartbreaking news. The good news is that the actions taken to combat Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in our lake were successful. The heartbreaking news is the passing of LWA Board Member, Ted Johnson.

Ted was the face of AIS on Lake Washburn for many years. His passion and dedication have been acknowledged by the many heartfelt notes and donations made in his name to the LWA AIS fund. In his honor, the fund has been formally renamed the "Ted Johnson Memorial AIS Fund."

We are now faced with huge shoes to fill, and a search has begun to find a successor for Ted, to take over leading the fight against AIS on Washburn. Currently, Ross Lindmeyer, Mathias Peterson and I have stepped in. Please contact any board member if you have an interest in picking up the torch to help strengthen our current levels of AIS awareness and activism.

Ted made recommendations earlier this year which were acted upon over the summer. In July, Freshwater Scientific Services conducted an AIS survey of the entire lake for the second year in a row. The results showed our lake free of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), with the exception of one individual plant found in the East Lake. This plant was in the same general area as one identified there last year. On August 5, PLM treated approximately one acre surrounding this lone plant. A new herbicide, Procella COR, was used this year.

AIS surveys and treatments come with a cost. An AIS/Crooked Lake Township committee grant is available to the LWA in the amount of \$5,000 annually. The LWA applied for and was granted that amount which is reflected in the information shown below:

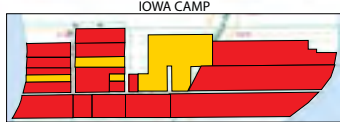
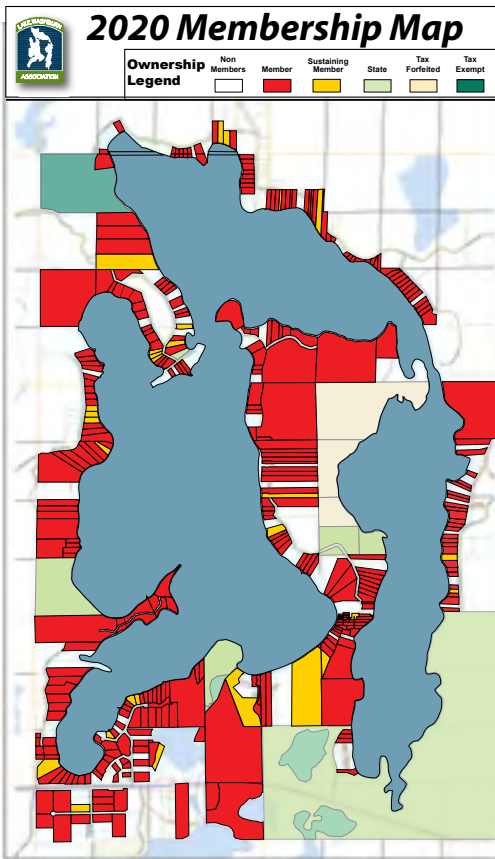
Lake survey invoice	\$3,900.00
Treatment Invoice	\$3,206.70
Total	\$7,106.70
AIS/CLT Grant applied	(\$5,000.00)
LWA Remaining Balance	\$2,106.70

Please continue to remain vigilant for any strain of AIS you may see. This includes not only EWM, but other aquatic plants and animals that are affecting lakes in our area including Zebra mussels, Starry stonewort, Curly-leaf pondweed, and more. The Minnesota DNR has a great website that can help you identify anything you may find to be suspicious, or you can contact an LWA board member for assistance.

By Glen Goodwin



Lake Washburn Association 2020 Membership Report



Updated
June 2020

I'm happy to report that as of September 2020, we have 297 members in the Lake Washburn Association (LWA). This is a benchmark for membership for our organization. Without your support, we could not be as proactive as we are in combating aquatic invasive species (AIS), and promoting the many events sponsored by the LWA, including the Fourth of July Boat Parade, the On the Water Ice Cream Social, the 48 Clean-up, educational opportunities, membership meetings and more.

Membership details:

- 297 Total members
- 27 Sustaining members
- 83 Donations to the General Fund
- 123 Donations to the Ted Johnson Memorial AIS Fund

The support our members have provided, continues to be both amazing and reassuring. If you are not currently a member of the LWA, I'm personally inviting both non-members - and former members - to show your support and send in your membership dues.

We have changed the address label on the newsletter for those who receive it in the mail. This updated label indicates your membership status and will show as Member, Non-Member or Sustaining Member following your name. Please make sure your status is correct and contact me if you notice any errors or have any questions or concerns about membership.

A current membership list and map can be found on the LWA website

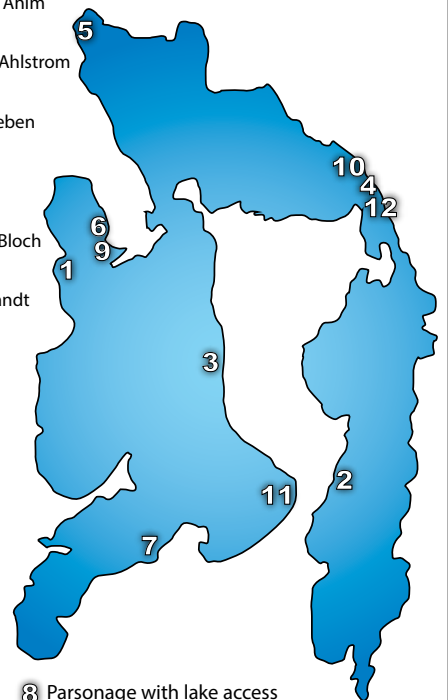
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By Glen Goodwin

Welcome New Property Owners in 2020

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- 3 Ryan & Kristin Alsleben
- 4 Keith Benson
- 5 Alexandra & Beau Bloch
- 6 Craig & Andrea Brandt
- 7 Dave & Terri Green
- 8 Jason & Jeanene Hodge
- 9 Charley & Lindsay McGlynn
- 10 Deric Morgando
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Get to Know a Board Member



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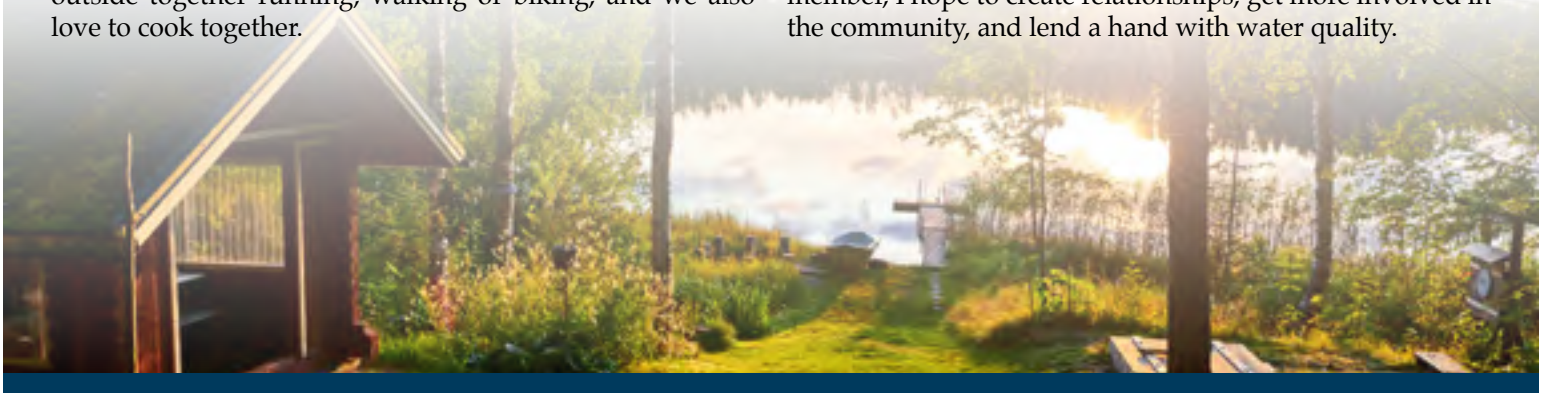
Hi Neighbors!

I'm Charlie and my wife is Lindsay. We're brand new to Lake Washburn this year. Last winter, we drove up to the lake on a snowy and icy day to look at a cabin, and we fell in love with the area. I grew up spending my summers not too far away on the Whitefish Chain, but I'm thrilled to have landed a little further north in what we have discovered to be a truly wonderful community. (Plus, the lake is much better for waterskiing!)

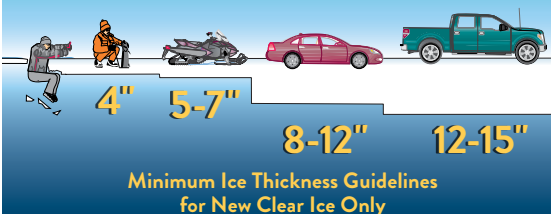
When we're not up north, we live a few blocks off the Mississippi River in South Minneapolis. In the cities, Lindsay is an editor and project manager in the design and marketing industry, and I'm a project manager in residential construction. No matter the season, we love to spend time outside together running, walking or biking, and we also love to cook together.

Owning a cabin has been a dream of ours, but it's possible that the most excited member of our family is our Duck Tolling Retriever, Edmund (or Eddy or Bear). Like us, he loves to be outside exploring. This past summer, he enjoyed stalking chipmunks and frogs, chasing - or being chased by - the neighbor dog, Scout, and going for rides in the fishing boat. We plan to be year-round cabin-goers, so it will be fun for us all, including our cat Milo, to discover and fall in love with every season on Lake Washburn.

I'm excited to be serving as a board member of the Lake Washburn Association. (Here is where Lindsay would tell you I became a member of the Lake Washburn Association even before we officially closed on our cabin!) As a board member, I hope to create relationships, get more involved in the community, and lend a hand with water quality.



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- For a complete list of Minnesota hunting seasons and opening and closing dates visit:
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Remembering Friends



Ted Johnson

Ted Johnson died Thursday, July 30 at his summer cabin on Lake Washburn in Outing, the place that brought him great joy and happiness. Born September 28, 1967, in Minneapolis, Ted was the youngest of six children. He is deeply missed by his family: son,

Carl Johnson, his three sisters, Gail Jauron of Swampscott, MA, Susan Barry of Beverly, MA, Barbara "Bobbie" of Burnsville, MN, and his brother Craig of Hallendale, FL.

Ross Lindmeyer, LWA AIS Committee

Ted was a wealth of knowledge in regards to AIS. My best memory of him was seeing his huge smile when he and his son arrived at the Youth All Pike Fishing Challenge in 2019. You could see the wonderful bond between Ted and his son!

Ron Reich, LWA President

Ted Johnson, a past LWA President, was the ultimate AIS warrior. I served on the LWA Board with Ted, and had opportunities to assist him while he dove to remove Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) from East Lake. On all those occasions, I respected Ted's love for the lake and his tireless devotion to preserving it.

Bob Holman, Resident/LWA member

I met Ted at meetings and during committee work focused on keeping our lake clean of invasive intruders. That was

before 2009, when we learned Washburn had EWM near the old public landing in East Lake. Ted was the first to organize a group to learn about this invader, determine how to mitigate or manage it, and connect us with the DNR personnel who could assist us. A few years later, another patch was found and Ted received DNR permission to obtain the necessary chemicals to kill the plants. My neighbor and I picked the chemicals up on Ted's dock and spent an afternoon spreading it around the area Ted had marked with buoys. Every year thereafter, Ted continued to work with the DNR in developing a program to teach lakeshore owners how to identify EWM, and protocols for reporting it. When our lake areas needed to be investigated, he snorkeled or organized a dive team to survey, pick the EWM and mark off the infested areas to keep boaters away, thereby preventing the breaking off and spreading of the plants. His constant surveillance each year, and his relationship with the DNR is the reason we've been able to manage our infestation so well. Ted was indeed a champion.

I remember he ordered a dozen "STOP AIS" reflectorized signs that were installed along Lake Washburn access roads and at two private landings. What a great individual for our environment. We honor Ted for his herculean effort for our lake community. He will be missed.

Members who wish to do so, may make a contribution to the Ted Johnson Memorial Fund, Lake Washburn Association, AIS Fund. C/O Lake Washburn Association, PO Box 26, Outing, MN 56662.



Ron Nichols

Ron Nichols passed away on August 8, 2019. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa and raised on a dairy farm. Ron served in the U.S. Army for three years, and was stationed in Chitose, Japan. Even in his final days, he spoke with passion and emotion about the

Vietnam War, his "brothers" whose lives were lost, and the love of his country.

Ron married Willa Beth Mills in 1965. He is survived by his wife Willa, two children: Laura (Mindi) of Waukesha, WI, son Kent, and grandson Connor Nichols of Des Moines.

Ron worked for John Deere for 30 years, retiring in 1998. He volunteered at Hoover High School in Des Moines and inspired his son and daughter in sports. He was a proud fan, coach and booster club leader. Hoover honored those years of dedication by naming the football concession stand after him in 2006.

The northern woods of Outing was a second home for decades. The small, cozy cabin was a favorite spot for friends, family and fishing. Ron also took his rod and reel to Canada for an annual adventure, daughter Laura "joining the boys" the last two years.

Willa sent information about Ron's involvement with the fire protection program at Iowa Camp, which was published in the spring 2020 LWA Newsletter. She noted that he worked with Lenny Lang, a local forest ranger, to start the fire protection pumps located in the Iowa Camp. He purchased carts and converted them into water pumps that could get water from the lake and spray a cabin from the lake shore. He also made fire boxes that are spread throughout the camp, each holding a fire extinguisher. Ron was very proud of this. Jon West has now taken over that duty.

Ron will be remembered by his lake friends for his care of community, and his love of country and family. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors in Ron's memory.

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Lake Water Levels

Lake Washburn has been a part of the DNR's Lake Level Minnesota, a water-level monitoring program, for some time. Lake Level Minnesota uses temporary (movable) and permanent lake gauges for measuring and determining the water level of certain lakes. These gauges are set in locations convenient for volunteer observers to read and to report the water levels. The gauges are checked and reset annually for accuracy. Currently, the DNR maintains over 1,000 gauges in Minnesota lakes.

Levels of all lakes naturally fluctuate, primarily as a result of precipitation, drought or changes in the groundwater level. Other acts of nature such as storm debris accumulation in a creek or river feeding a lake, or even beaver activity, can also affect lake levels. Changes in levels can be caused by human activity as well, such as land usage or the operation of a dam. In Minnesota, lake level fluctuations are typically one to two feet per year, though historical fluctuations of over ten vertical feet have been recorded.

Two dams, both built in the 1930s, help regulate the water levels of Lake George and Lake Washburn only to the extent that they don't allow the water level of either lake to fall below a certain point. The dams are owned by the DNR and are inspected every eight years. These dams have been altered from their original state and are now only able to provide a set level control that is not adjustable.

The graph displays water level fluctuations beginning in late 2011. Lake level reporting was completed through 2017.

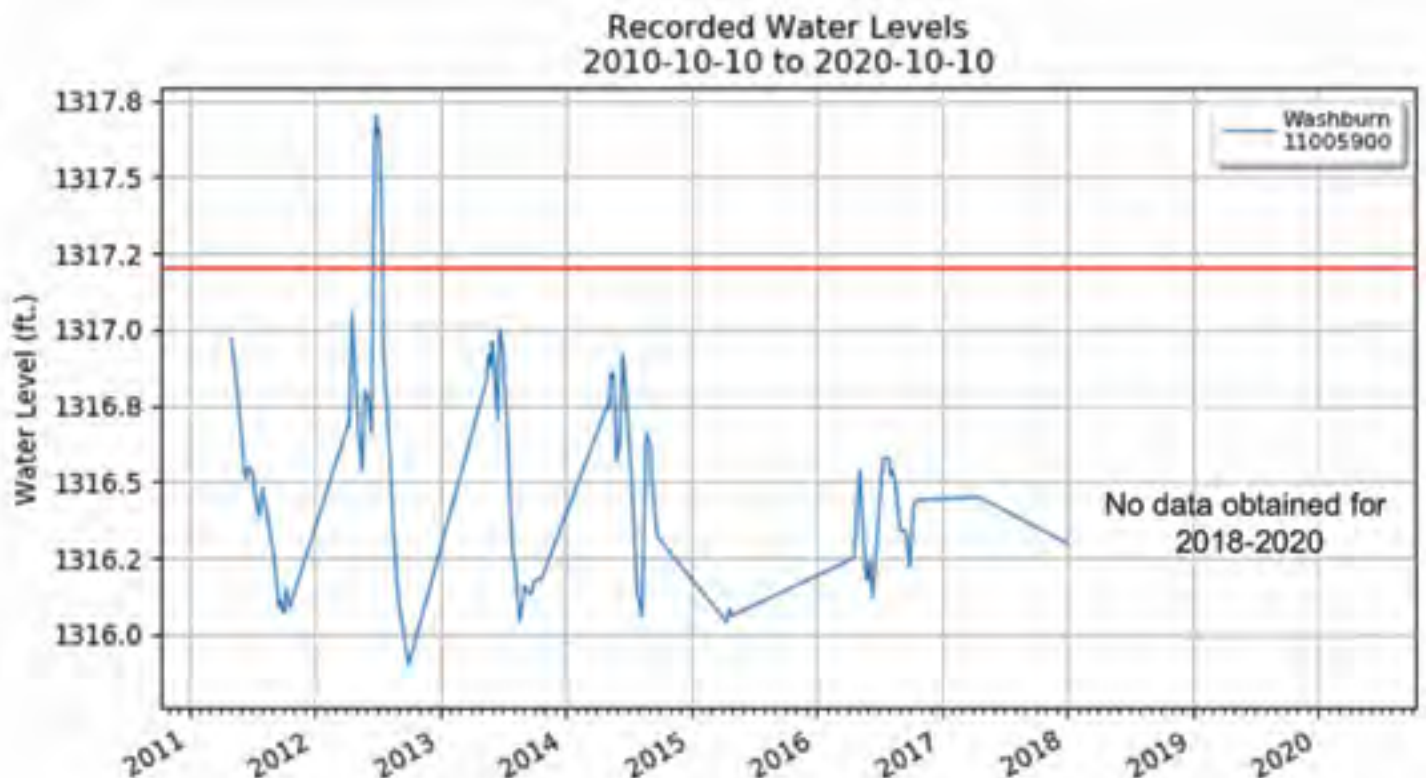
However, starting in 2018, our Lake Washburn volunteer observer was unable to read the gauges and report the information to the DNR, due to failing health. The graph information for 2018, 2019 and 2020, cannot be viewed as accurate as no reports were submitted during this time period.

The horizontal red line on the graph is the ordinary high water mark, which is defined by the DNR as "... the highest level at which the water has remained long enough to leave evidence on the landscape, and is the point at which the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial plants." Only once during the time period shown on the graph, has the level of Lake Washburn risen above the high water mark. The lowest reading of lake levels on the graph was in that same year, 2013.

Clearly, lake levels constantly change and there is no "right" level for a lake. In any event, little can be done by Lake Washburn owners or the Lake Washburn Association, to manage our lake levels. Mother Nature is in charge!

Lake Washburn area resident Rick Snyder has offered to take on the position of volunteer observer for Lake Washburn and will receive training this spring about how to read and report lake level results to the DNR. (Other volunteer opportunities are available - contact the LWA for more details!)

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For more information, check the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us or <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/lake.html?id=11005900>

Loon Migration



While enjoying a boat ride on Lake Washburn in early September, we noticed eight young loons flying low over the lake. They appeared to be practicing their flying, possibly in preparation for their first migration away from their Minnesota home.

Adult loons begin their migration several weeks before their offspring start their journey south. The adult loons usually leave the area at first light and fly throughout the entire day.

Studies show that adult loons migrating from the Upper Midwest stop at Lake Michigan where they stay for a month, consuming primarily round gobies, a non-native invasive fish species now found in the Great Lakes. When they leave Lake Michigan, they get to their destination in just two days, resting and feeding at reservoirs or lakes along the way. The juvenile loons fly directly to their destination, stopping only to rest and eat. While most loons in the central part of North America migrate to the Gulf of Mexico, some may winter along the southern Atlantic Coast.

Migrating loons fly at astonishing speeds ranging from 75 to 110 miles per hour, and at elevations from 3000 to 5000 feet. By flying at higher elevations they encounter less air density, which adds about 10 percent to their flight speed. The average migration distance for Common Loons from Minnesota waters is between 1170 and 1570 miles.

Young loons generally stay in the coastal waters for two or three years before returning north. The adult birds return each spring, usually to the same lake they left.

Resource: Lori Naumann, Non-game Wildlife Program
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Did You Know ...

- The bones of most birds are hollow and light, but loons have solid bones. The extra weight helps them dive as deep as 250 feet to search for food.
- Loons can stay underwater for up to five minutes.
- The red in the loon's eye helps it to see underwater; they have this coloring only during the breeding season and summer months. The rest of the year, the loon's eyes are brown with only a tiny tinge of red.
- Scientists think loons can live for 30 years or more.

By Randy McCloud



Wild Washburn!

By: Rick Snyder



Loon Report - September 2020



This spring, the loon pair in Muchow Bay produced two eggs early in the season. The adults then abandoned their nest, most likely driven away by avian black flies. Around June 1, they returned to the platform to lay another egg which hatched on July 1. That chick is thriving.

The loon platform on the west side of the West Basin was not occupied until near the end of fly season. Around that time,

the resident loon pair successfully produced two late season chicks. They were doing fine at our last check.

The platform just inside Birch Bay produced no chicks. I heard it was abandoned with two eggs.

Another pair, the oldest chicks, came from a natural nest somewhere on the large island. They are nearing adult size.

A new platform, north of the smallest island was ignored, perhaps because the water was too shallow in that location.

The small bay, just west of the channel from the North Basin into the East Basin, has always produced chicks, but for the second year in a row, no platform was located there.

I have no knowledge of loon nesting activity, or lack thereof, in the East Basin.

By Dan Laakso

Wild Raspberry Jam

First, pick wild red raspberries from patches along a nearby driveway or roadside. If you have bickering kids underfoot, send them out to get the raspberries and make yourself a nice cup of tea to enjoy in solitude.

Whether you tell the kids that hornets like to suck raspberry nectar and sometimes hang unseen on the opposite side of a plump berry, will depend upon the intensity of the bickering. It's up to you.

An ideal time for picking berries is a breezy late June or early July day, after a 2 or 3-day siege of hot weather. Hot days cause kids to bicker, but they also cause raspberries to swell. A breezy day that follows will keep mosquitoes and deer flies at bay, but wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes anyway, because though this jam is good, it's not worth Lyme disease or poison ivy.

To avoid being captured by a steep ditch hidden by the thick raspberry bushes, don't step off the road or driveway, not even for a single fat raspberry just beyond the tips of your fingers.

If you send the kids, give them the standard botany lesson on poison ivy and the national flower of Scotland (thistle!) so they don't come back howling before you finish your second swallow of tea.

If a local resident drives past and acknowledges you and your little tin cup with a raised eyebrow, pay no attention - some seasonal residents believe that wild raspberry jam is gift-wrapped and delivered by the FedEx truck.

There may be an occasional trampled path among the raspberry thickets. These paths are created by bears, not known for their manners, who usually gather berries at night and seldom along roadsides. Again, use your own judgment about mentioning this to the kids. Plants next to the flattened path may yield fat hidden berries. Dying or broken raspberry stalks sometimes yield plumper berries. Maybe it's a last-ditch effort by the plant to save itself.

When the picked berries are brought home to the kitchen, wash and drain them, and put them in a small saucepan with 1 tablespoon of water per 1 cup of raspberries, and mash them with a fork.

If the kids are still bickering about who gets to stir in the water and who gets to mash the berries, you can have both the kids and berries sit in silence for 10 minutes, and then add ½ tablespoon of pectin (Sure-Jell) and bring the mix to a full boil. Stir constantly for 1 minute while you explain thermodynamics to the kids.

Remove the sauce from the heat, and gradually add 2 tablespoons of sugar and mix well to dissolve.

Ladle the jam into a jam dish and refrigerate. And tell the kids there will be no raspberry jam for them if they don't stop their bickering.

By Diane Dubay



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2021

48 Clean Up

May 15

June 19

**Membership
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July 03

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**Membership
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