



# Lake Washburn Association NEWSLETTER

*Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environment for Future Generations*

## FALL 2004

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## 81 Attended Special Meeting on August 28th



*As part of the Healthy Lakes & Rivers Project a visioning session was held on August 28th, to help develop our lake management plan. Four focus areas were identified by the 81 residents attending. The meeting was facilitated by Larry Wannebo, private consultant, who's personal goal is "protecting and preserving our water resources". For a summary of the meeting, go to page 4.*

## FROM

## THE PRESIDENT

By Dave Snesrud



As another year has passed, it is time to reflect on what has happened this past year and look ahead to next year. First of all, I would like to thank Paul Cartwright, Marv Hildreth, and Don Peterson for devoting their time and effort to the association the last three years. I look forward to working with the new board members: Dave Johnston, Rod McKinley, Roger Richters, and Rolf Halstensen. They have very large shoes to fill. The association will especially miss Ted Johnson, and I wish him well with his job in Germany. Hurry home!

Special thanks to the Healthy Lakes Team of Jim and Bobbie Hetland, Jan Judd, Jane Gaskill, Richard Nelles, and Howard Dutton. They have given of their time and talent for all of us.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Special Meeting on August 28th. and a special thank you to all who have volunteered to be members of the four task forces. An extra special thank you to those who have jumped into the work of those task forces for the betterment of our lake.

Projects that need to be completed this coming year include the Healthy Lakes Team completing work on the lake management plan, finishing and distributing the Property Owners Handbook, and working on shoreline restoration projects with the help of the DNR grant. We currently have five property owners who are going to do projects on their shorelines. These property owners represent areas on the North and West Lakes. Is anyone on East Lake interested? We have money for more, so please contact me if you are interested.

A thought for you to ponder over the winter... The topic of the message at church last Sunday was stewardship. The speaker gave the definition of stewardship as, "Managing one's property for the good of others." It made me think. I hope it makes you think, too.

### Ode to Our Four Legged Friends

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my hunting dog already thinks I am. -Anonymous

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. -Ben Williams

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. -Mark Twain

If you think hunting dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your game pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. -Phil Pastoret

(Permission to Hunt - June 2004)



## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting and ice cream social on August 21st, was well attended by 77 association members who enjoyed the ice cream provided by Owls N' Things. Many also enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors, and browsing through the exhibits and LWA's library. Those attending were also able to view actual specimens of Zebra mussels, Eurasian Watermilfoil, coontail, and curly-leaf pondweed, which were provided by the Brainerd DNR.

Mike Knapp and David Bohlander from the Brainerd DNR fisheries gave a Powerpoint presentation of the results of their 5-year study of Washburn Lake. A "spirited" discussion took place in which the members present made it known very clearly that they wanted stocking resumed. (See the report from the Fisheries Management focus group on page 7 for the current status on this.)

It was decided by the membership present that the proposed bylaw changes would not receive blanket approval. Members agreed they wanted to see the old bylaws with the proposed changes side by side and vote on each change separately. (See page 3 for where to find this document.)

Elections of the officers and four board members were then held. Outgoing board members are Marv Hildreth, Don Peterson, and Paul Cartwright. We'd like to extend a HUGE THANKS! to Marv, Don, and Paul for their years of commitment to the association. Those elected to fill these positions were Dave Johnston, Rod McKinley, and Roger Richters. Rolf Halstensen was also elected for a two-year term to fill the vacancy left by Jerry Jorgenson. All officers were re-elected: Dave Snesrud, President; Ted Johnson, Vice President; Mark, Hegman, Secretary; and George Fortmeyer, Treasurer.

Drawings for door prizes were held and then the meeting was adjourned.

The 2005 Board of Directors and their responsibilities appear on page 3 and on our website: [www.mnlakes.org/LWA](http://www.mnlakes.org/LWA)

### GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SHORELAND RESTORATION

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### VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

At the September board meeting, Ted Johnson resigned as Vice President because he has accepted a job in Germany.

### THANKS AND GOOD LUCK, TED!!

The bylaws state: "When a member of the Board dies, resigns, or is removed, a replacement for the duration of the unexpired term shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval of the Board." The board unanimously approved the appointment of Dan Schultz as Vice President. The board also unanimously approved the appointment of Jim Patterson as a director for the remainder of Dan's term (2 years), to become effective 1/2005.

## 2005 BOARD MEMBERS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Listed below are the 2005 Lake Washburn Association board members as well as their general responsibilities. Please contact any of these members or send an email to [LWA@mnlakes.org](mailto:LWA@mnlakes.org) with your questions, concerns or suggestions. Your input is valuable.

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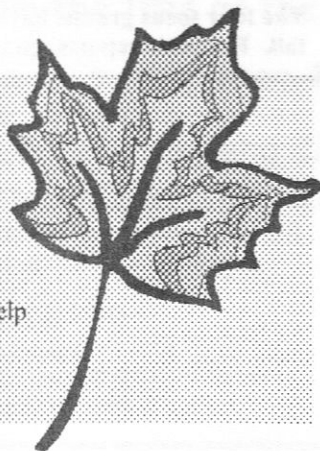
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## FALL REMINDER

Rake your leaves as soon as possible after they fall to prevent them from blowing into the lake. As they decompose, leaves add nutrients and use valuable oxygen from our lake water. Lakeshore buffer zones help to trap the blowing leaves preventing them from entering the lake.



## BYLAWS UPDATED

The Board of Directors has completed studying and updating the Association's bylaws.

As was requested by the membership at the Annual Meeting in August, the proposed bylaws have been combined with the existing bylaws. Since it was very costly to provide everyone with copies at our annual meeting, we will not be providing copies of this document. You will find this document on our website ([www.mnlakes.org/LWA](http://www.mnlakes.org/LWA)) where you can view and/or print it. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy contact Dave Snesrud by mail 20880 Blackfoot Street NW, Anoka, MN 55303, or phone 763-753-2790.

A summary of the changes was printed in our Summer 2004 Newsletter and will appear again in the Spring 2005 issue. Please be prepared to vote on the changes at our June General Meeting.



## THANK YOU!



We'd like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time to help with LWA's projects. We apologize if we have missed anyone. Please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated.

### Boat Monitoring

John Houston, Gerald Ballard, Doug Johnson, Chuck Johnson, Ted Johnson, Dan Schultz, Jerry Hagel, Bob Matherne, Richard Nelles, Dave Judd, Ron Ress, Marv Hildreth, Bob Holman, Dave Snesrud, Jan Judd, George Fortmeyer, Jon Rask, Pat Maranda, Jack Johnson, Don Peterson

### Buoys

Rod McKinley, Richard Nelles, Howard Dutton, Doug Kasel, Rolf Halstensen, Scott Solstad, Chuck Johnson, Jerry Hagel, Dan Laakso

### County Road 48 Cleanup

Diana & Richard Huss, Pat & Lance Johnson, LaVon Heston, Marv Hildreth, AJ & Zach Hildreth, Todd Cartwright, Paul Cartwright II, Gerald Ballard, Cliff & Marilyn Waters, Dave Johnston, Rolf Halstensen, Janis Judd, Dave & Linda Snesrud, Mark Hegman

### Water Patrol

Rollie & Mary Hirman, John Houston, Dan & Karen Laakso, Hubert Lindblad, Rod McKinley, Ron Nichols, Don Peterson, Jon Rask, Jack Schuller, Denny Toth

We'd also like to thank those that are working on the task forces. Many of those have met several times this fall.

**"Volunteers don't necessarily have  
the time, they just have the heart."  
Author Unknown**

## WASHBURN LAKE VISIONING SESSION

In order to develop a lake management plan, a visioning session was held on Saturday, August 28th, at the Crooked Lake Town Hall. The following is a summary of the outcome. A detailed report appears on LWA's website.

### Participants:

- Larry Wannebo-Consultant/Facilitator
- Eleanor Burkett, U of M Extension Services
- 81 Washburn Lake property owners

### Attendees – Washburn Lake Demographic:

- Less than 5 years on the lake - 4
- 5 to 10 years - 4
- 11 to 20 years - 14
- 21 to 30 years - 12
- 31 to 40 years - 16
- More than 40 years - 28
- More than 70 years - 3

### Background Summary:

- With the passion and determination of Dave Snesrud, Association President, Washburn Lake was selected to participate in the Healthy Lakes Program sponsored by the Initiative Foundation and the Cass County Environmental Services Department. The Initiative Foundation through ESD provided grant monies for core training and sponsoring a visioning session.
- Howard Dutton, Jane Gaskill, Jim & Barbara Hetland, Janis Judd, Richard Nelles, and Dave Snesrud attended two days of training in July.
- Stakeholders and partners were identified for involvement in the development of a lake management plan. A communication process was established to inform interested parties.
- The above mentioned Healthy Lakes Team held a series of meetings since July 28th in preparation for the Visioning Session. Linda Snesrud joined the team to handle all the mailings, prepare agenda packets, and put together the exhibits. Additionally the following volunteered to be table facilitators: Eleanor Burkett, George Fortmeyer, Jerry Hagel, Rollee Hirman, Greg Hosch, Daniela Johnson, Rod McKinley, Don Peterson, Ron Reich, Dan Schultz, and Cliff Waters. In total, there was over 250 man-hours leading up to the session.

### Visioning Session Outcome:

The participants identified four focus areas and the indicators for success:

**1. Water Quality:** Lake water quality goals are usually aimed at either protecting the current desired uses or improving the lake.

**2. Fisheries Management:** The best ways to protect and improve fish populations is to protect and improve fish habitats.

**3. Land use and Zoning:** Proper planning is essential to ensure that development will occur in a safe and orderly fashion, and with minimal impact on the lake.

**4. Aquatic Vegetation:** Aquatic plant management is defined as those activities intended to alter an aquatic plant community, either to reduce or increase the abundance of plants in a specified area. (e.g., through harvesting or planting)



Participants were then divided up by their areas of interest. In groups of 8-12 they identified important measurable "Indicators for Success".

### Water Quality

- Improved water clarity
- Improved fish & wildlife habitat
- Owner satisfaction of a job well done

### Fisheries Management

- Higher DNR walleye count
- Larger walleyes
- Fisherman satisfaction
- Increased fishing activity

### Land Use & Zoning

- Controlled development & more restrictive subdivision
- Less lawn - more natural shoreline
- Less erosion
- Smaller ice ridges & less shoreline damage
- Improved water quality & more wildlife
- Increase in property values
- Development of a land trust

### Aquatic Vegetation

- Natural vegetation all around the lake
- Water quality numbers will stay at the current rate or improve

The four focus groups have continued to meet throughout the fall. For their reports, go to page 7.

**THANK YOU TO THE  
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for their generous contributions for our door prizes.

Winners were:

Wendy Andersohn - \$10

Bob Beard - \$10

Daniela Johnson - \$10

Donna Lunneborg - \$50

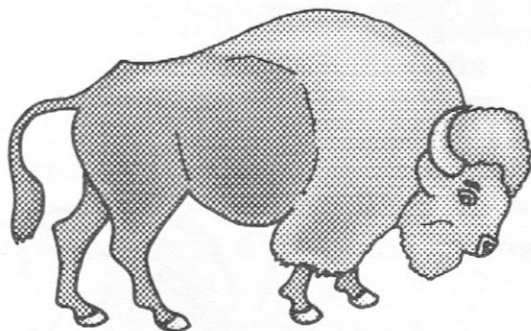
Nancy Reich - Outing Yarn Shop Gift Certificate

## 1000-YEAR-OLD TOOTH FOUND

While diving in Washburn Lake, two grandchildren of Richard Nelles' found an animal's tooth. It was taken to a biology professor at St. Cloud State University. They were told the tooth, which was almost completely fossilized, was the outside half of the 2nd mandible molar of a 2-3 year-old bison that died 1000-2000 years ago. The animal could have been trying to cross the lake on the ice and broke through, or may have been one killed by Indians.

An odd rock that was found along the shore of Washburn Lake was also taken to St. Cloud State University to be analyzed. The rock was a jasper, made of mostly silica and quartz. It was estimated to be 800,000 to 1,000,000 years old!

*(This was sent to us by Richard Nelles. Thanks, Richard!)*



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## LAKE REFLECTIONS

*By Judy Matherne*



We love to watch the eagles and loons every spring on Washburn Lake as they begin their new families. We eagerly await our first spotting of the young eagles'

heads peaking out over their nest. How

many eaglets will there be this year? We get out our binoculars and patiently stake out the nest until we finally see them. It's also a thrill to see the mother loons with their hitchhiking babies aboard. They look so serene gliding through the water, as their watchful mates swim nearby keeping lookout for any danger to their families. Throughout the summer they're cared for, nurtured, and taught many lessons in survival. When they learn to fly, it's not much longer in the nest. How quickly they mature, and then they're off on their own in the world.

Just as in the animal kingdom, we provide "roots and wings" for our children. Thank goodness, though, that it takes our offspring a lot longer to mature. I couldn't bear to start over every year! "Empty nesters" certainly seems an appropriate term for those of us with adult children.

Our son just graduated from college this spring. He has "spread his wings" and flown off to China to teach English there for one year. We are very excited for him to have this wonderful opportunity, although I had no idea that he'd fly so far from home so quickly! He spent his last weekend in the USA at the lake with us and some of his friends. He wanted to fish, have one last bonfire, watch the stars, and boat around the lake. I know he'll carry those memories with him, but just to make sure I tucked some family/lake photos into his suitcase. I also included some wildlife pictures, too, so he could show his students what the loons look like. I feel like the heart of our home and family is at the lake. Thanks for the memories!

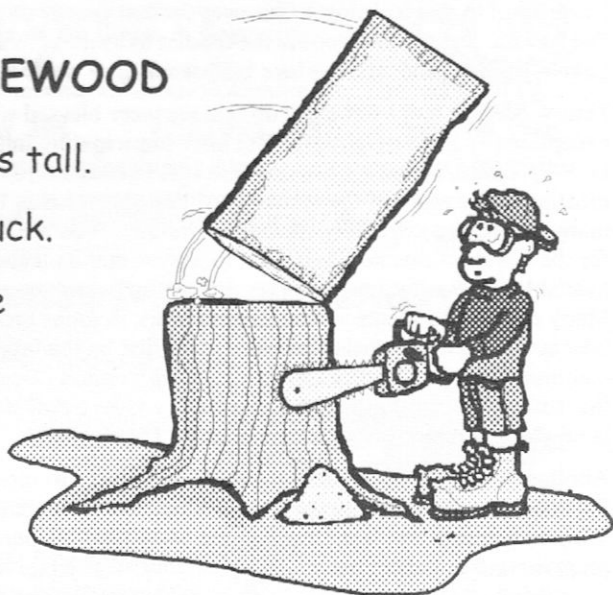
Do you have some lake memories to share? Write or e-mail Judy Matherne at 5224 Lake Washburn Road, Outing 56662 or [matherne@usfamily.net](mailto:matherne@usfamily.net).

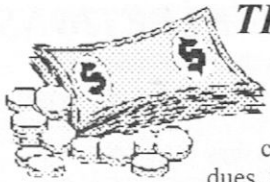
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## RULES FOR CUTTING YOUR OWN FIREWOOD

1. Park twice as far from the tree as the tree is tall.
2. It helps to notch the tree away from the truck.
3. The fact that you live within driving distance of a forest does not make you a lumberjack.
4. Just to be on the safe side, always borrow your buddy's truck!

*(Submitted by George Fortmeyer)*





## TREASURER'S REPORT

*By George Fortmeyer, Treasurer*

Lake Washburn Association's income so far this year is \$6,686 consisting of \$3,524 from membership dues, \$1,280 from member contributions, \$825 in business donations, an \$800 grant, and about \$250 from interest and miscellaneous income. Based on past experience, approximately \$600 in member dues will probably be received between now and December 31 bringing our estimated income for the year to \$7,286.

Expenditures so far total \$6,439, however, we anticipate additional expenses of about \$1,650 to pay the costs of preparing and mailing this newsletter and for the cost of acquiring liability insurance for protection of the Association and its Board of Directors. The total anticipated expenditures for the year of \$8,100 exceeds our anticipated income but this possible deficit can be managed since we presently have a total in cash and investments of about \$20,425. It should be noted, however, that maintaining a healthy balance sheet is imperative in order to provide resources for the likely future costs of combating infestations of Eurasian Watermilfoil and other undesirable species.

At the present time we have 260 memberships. This is an increase over 2003 but still far from our goal of having everyone participate in support of the efforts to maintain the qualities that brought us to Washburn Lake in the first place, and to help mitigate problems which adversely affect those qualities. If you haven't joined us in those efforts in the past, we ask that you reconsider and join us in the future. The dues at \$15 are nominal, but even more important than collection of those dues is strong participation in the organization exemplified by membership.

## THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF WASHBURN LAKE

*By Dan Schultz, Vice President*

You've read my observations in the past about my opinions of the beauty of Washburn Lake, and the wonders of nature that embrace these magnificent waters. You've also read some of my concerns about ensuring we are all good lake stewards (I know I had a lot to learn, and I'm still learning.) But over the last couple of months I've had the fortune to discover the hidden treasure of Washburn Lake – It's the residents, the lake community.

I know Marsha and I felt early on that we were blessed with exceptionally good neighbors. But after participating in the Healthy Lakes Visioning Session that was open to all residents and meeting many more of the residents of Washburn Lake, I found many of you are extremely caring individuals. You are concerned for the health of this lake and want to ensure that its legacy will be available for generations to come. But caring wasn't enough. Many of these residents volunteered to work in focus groups to take action on those goals that were identified by the lake community in the Healthy Lakes Visioning Session. I consider this commitment from the lake community to be a real treasure and is key to Washburn Lake's future health. Thank You!!

Another Washburn Lake treasure that I would like to mention is Pat Johnson. Pat is a botanist who is a summer resident of Washburn Lake. Pat went through the Shoreland Volunteer program and as part of her volunteer service worked up a plan

for us to re-vegetate over 1000 square feet of our property as a buffer zone to our shoreline. So in a few years you will see less lawn, and any rain waters or snow melt will be filtered before it gets to the lake reducing the risk of run-off polluting the lake. This buffer zone will also improve wildlife habitat on our property. An additional bonus is that the costs of doing this will be partially subsidized by grant money available for shoreland restoration projects (contact Dave Sniesrud if you want to learn more about qualifying for grant money for your project).

So I guess the treasure isn't hidden anymore. Washburn Lake has a lot of great people who care deeply for the health of the lake and are volunteering to do something about it. Congratulations to all of you, and thanks!!

If you wish to receive information about the Shoreland Volunteer Program and Lakeshore Restoration, please call or drop me an email.

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## JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

*By Jack & Grace Schuller*

Our 12th Annual Boat Parade was another success with 43 boats participating. Some are really getting into the spirit! We had the Statue of Liberty, among others. We don't always have everyone follow the entire route, which takes about an hour to go around Birch Bay and then into the Narrows, but we appreciate all who participate.

Next year's parade is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 2nd, 2005. Meet at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Schuller's. All are welcome!

**"Treat the earth well...  
It was not given to us  
by our parents...  
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by our children."  
-Kenyan Proverb**

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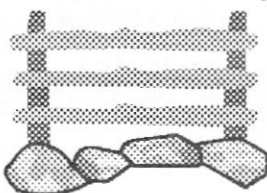


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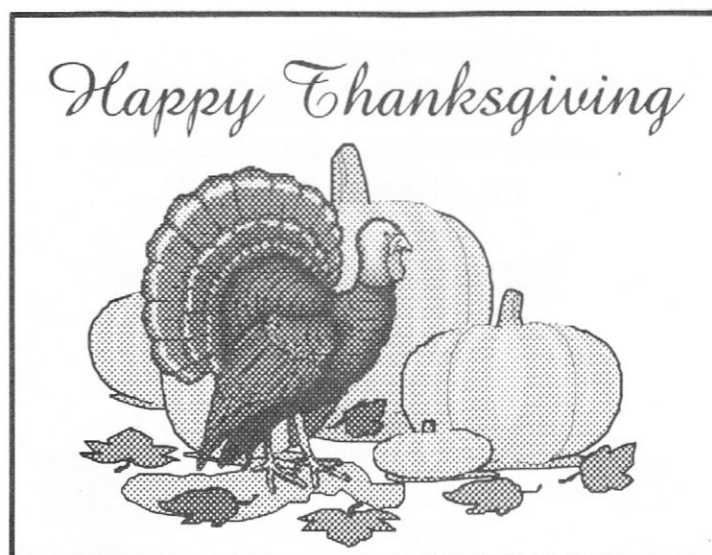
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We'd also like to thank  
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 for providing the delicious ice cream.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following lucky winners of the door prizes at our Annual Meeting:

Patti Simonson - Flashlight  
 Harold Cazier - The Season's Gift Certificate  
 Virginia Wheeler - Mug  
 Dan Laakso - Candle  
 Bob Edelbrock - Cap



# Focus Group Updates

## **WATER QUALITY**

*By Richard Nelles, Co-Chair*

Meeting: 9-18-04

Members present: Ron Reich, Jerry Hagel, Richard Nelles, Rod Schloesser

Members not able to attend: Pat Simonson, Cliff Waters, June Kunkel, Jane Martinsen, Doug Johnson

Items discussed: Septic systems, buffers between lakeshore lawns and the water, rock barriers relating to erosion control and rocks just for looks, ways to prevent runoff into the lake, impervious surfaces such as large pole buildings, paved driveways and parking areas. Communicate to other property owners what has happened to Washburn Lake from the past to the present and what to expect in the future. Washburn Lake can no longer manage itself; beaver dam problem, high water problems. Retain the rice bed that has deteriorated from what it originally was.

Progress to date: 10-09-04

Conversation with John Sumption Cass County Environmental Services: Once our management plan is set, funding from grants should be available to do a lake wide inventory of septic system compliance. We also had a conversation with Cass County septic inspector Tamie Fairbanks. She wants a list of all of our concerns relating to septic systems.

Follow up of 9-18-04 meeting: 10-21-04

Rod Schloesser and Richard Nelles met with Paul Fairbanks Environmental Service Director for Cass County on 10-21-04. The 9-18-04 meeting items discussed had been presented to Mr. Fairbanks by inspector Tamie Fairbanks. Of these items, the one that could have the most significant negative impact on the lake is non-compliant septic systems. The county would provide the identification of all the lots adjacent to the lake. Lake Washburn Association would apply for a grant to pay for the inspections. The inspectors would be State and County certified inspectors. All systems found not in compliance would be notified by the County to comply.

There are many people who have been on the lake since the early 1940's. These people can attest that the lake is crying for our help in order to sustain itself. Are all of us going to be there for her? We at Washburn Lake are blessed to have a head start to help our mother Washburn Lake. We can prevent a Serpent Lake in Crosby if we all participate. We need your input so please become a member of the Water Quality committee. If interested, please contact:

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Richard Nelles

218-792-5892 habitat@brainerd.net

Ron Reich

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## **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

*By Harold Cazier, Chair*

Howard Dutton, John Harris, Rod McKinley and Harold Cazier attended a 2 hour meeting with the DNR on October 6th. We felt the meeting was both positive and beneficial.

The DNR will begin stocking walleye fingerlings in the fall of each year, for the next 5 years. They will release 748 pounds of fingerlings, which is twice the amount used in the past. To the dismay of many, this stocking can not begin until the fall 2005. This is due to the fact that they simply do not have sufficient fingerlings to complete previously planned stocking for this year, let alone add Washburn to the list. Stocking will continue yearly, unless fall electro-fishing results show that continued stocking is not warranted.

The DNR will be working with and instructing us this next spring in respect to our commitment to mapping, recording and working to protect both game fish spawning areas and aquatic vegetation on the lake. They have also asked us to conduct and share with them a type of creel survey from those that actively fish the lake.

High water levels and the resulting erosion was also discussed, as it is a detriment to successful fish spawning. It appears that in our case, the solution is for us to continue to control the beaver activity below the lake's spill way, which does slow the natural release of water from the lake.

As you can see from the above, we have much work ahead. To successfully complete these activities, we need both volunteers and equipment. If you actively fish the lake and would be willing to keep a personal fishing log please contact us.

**If you have GPS equipment that is compatible to the Garman 76 units and are willing to help with the mapping, let us know. We need to use GPS that is compatible with the DNR systems to enable down loading info.**

Help us get a jump on this yet this fall. To offer your help, contact either Harold Cazier, 218-792-5430 or email jhcmnnesota@brainerd.net (BEFORE Nov. 12th) or Rod McKinley, 218-792-5228 – mckinley@brainerd.net.



## **LAND USE AND ZONING**

*By Dan Schultz, Chair*

Everyone who lives on or around Lake Washburn was invited to attend a special meeting on August 28th. So what happened? An outside consultant facilitated the meeting to pull together ideas and interests of all in attendance. One of the top priorities as identified by those in attendance was Land Use and Zoning. What follows is a list of things residents would like to see that is different in the next 2-5 years if they are successful:

Shoreland management:

- Less visible riprap
- More natural shoreline
- Less destruction of natural vegetation at shoreline

**UPDATES continue on page 10**

## NEED A LIFT? READ ON...

*This is a report from a radio program of a true incident in Wisconsin -- Submitted by Ron Nichols:*

A guy buys a brand new Lincoln Navigator truck for \$42,500 and has payments of \$560 a month. He and a friend go duck hunting in winter, and of course all the lakes are frozen. These two guys go out on the lake with their guns, a dog, and of course the new truck.

They drive out onto the ice and get ready. Now they want to make some kind of a natural landing area for the ducks, something for the decoys to float on. In order to make a hole large enough to look like something a wandering duck would fly down and land on, it's going to take a little more effort than an ice hole drill.

So, out of the back of the new Navigator truck comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40-second fuse. Now, these two Rocket Scientists do take into consideration that they want to place the stick of dynamite on the ice at a location far from where they (and the new Navigator truck) are. They don't want to take the risk of slipping on the ice when they run from the burning fuse and possibly go up in smoke with the resulting blast. They light the 40-second fuse and throw the dynamite.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the vehicle, the guns, and the dog? Let's talk about the dog. A highly trained black lab used for RETRIEVING --- especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it! The dog takes off at a high rate of doggy speed on the ice and captures the stick of dynamite with the burning 40-second fuse about the time it hits the ice.

The two men yell, scream, wave their arms and wonder what to do now. The dog, thinking he's being cheered on, keeps coming. One of the guys grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 buckshot, hardly big enough to stop a black lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused, but continues on. Another shot and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinking these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover... under the brand new Navigator truck! The men continue to yell as they run. As the dog takes cover under the truck, he bumps into the still hot exhaust pipe. The dog yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck, and takes off after his master. Then ---BOOM--- the truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake leaving a very large hole, and the two idiots standing there with this "I can't believe this happened" look on their faces.

The insurance company said that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives was NOT COVERED. The guy still had not yet made the first of those \$560 payments!

And you thought your day wasn't going well --- !!!



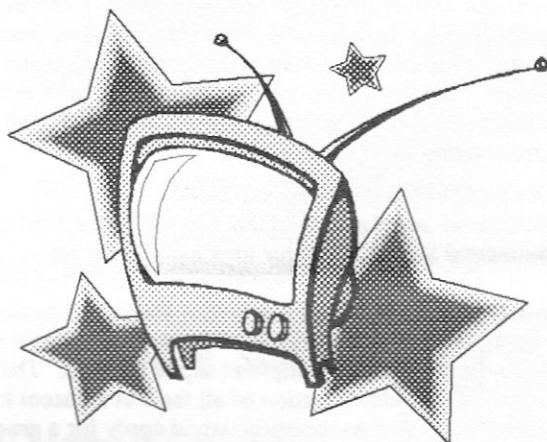
## CABLE TV SERVICE COMING SOON?

Consolidated Telephone Company has initiated cable television service in one part of their service area. The service is being provided utilizing existing telephone lines, not requiring an antenna or satellite dish to receive the TV signal.

Installations are now being made in the areas of Randall, Pillager, and Motley. The next areas for this service have not yet been determined. However, we have learned that the schedules for future service will depend a great deal on the interest expressed by the residents of a given area.

If you have any interest in having cable service available in our area in the future, we suggest that you call Consolidated Telephone (1-800-753-9104) and tell them of your interest. You will be asked for your phone number, but only to identify the area. The call does not require any kind of commitment for the service, it merely serves to express your interest. A lot of calls from our area will signal substantial interest, improving the chances for earlier service in our area.

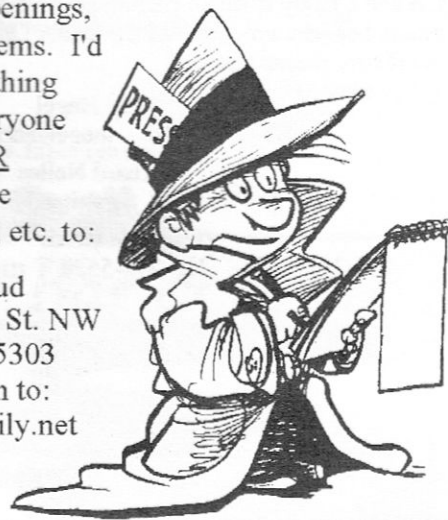
*(Submitted by George Fortmeyer)*



## WANTED & NEEDED!!

Thanks to those of you who contributed to this edition of the newsletter and have sent me items for future issues. Please send me your articles of interest, lake happenings, photos, or other items. I'd like to have something of interest for everyone included in YOUR Newsletter. Please send your articles, etc. to:

Linda Snesrud  
20880 Blackfoot St. NW  
Anoka, MN 55303  
or email them to:  
snesrud@usfamily.net



## Do You Remember???

Sit back, relax, read, & smile. Kind of reminds you to stop & smell the roses of life, and to give thanks to God for life and memories.

### Do You Remember When...?

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms?

It took five minutes for the TV warm up?

When a quarter was a decent allowance?

Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces?

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time?

And you didn't pay for air?

And, you got trading stamps to boot?

Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger?

Share this with someone who can still remember...

Roy and Dale, Trigger & Buttermilk,  
Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery,  
the Lone Ranger, Laurel and Hardy.

As well as summers filled with bike rides,  
baseball games, Hula Hoops, and  
eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.  
Didn't that feel good just to go back  
and say, "Yeah, I remember that?"

How many of these do you remember?

Candy Cigarettes

Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored  
sugar water inside

Blackjack, Cloves, and Teaberry chewing gum

P.F. Flyers

Telephone numbers with a word prefix  
(Glenview 1-6032)

Green Stamps

Hi-Fi's

Metal ice cube trays with levers

Roller skate keys

Studebakers

The Fuller Brush Man

Lincoln Logs

35 cent a gallon gasoline

Do you remember a time when...

Mistakes were corrected by simply  
exclaiming, "Do Over!"?

The worst thing you could catch from the  
opposite sex was "Cooties"?

Baseball cards in the spokes transformed  
any bike into a motorcycle?

Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable aspirin?

Having a weapon in school meant being caught  
with a slingshot?

**If you can remember most or all of these,  
then you have lived!!!**

(If you have enjoyed reading this, you can view it in it's  
entirety at [www.thestatenislandboys.com/U\\_thrill\\_me.](http://www.thestatenislandboys.com/U_thrill_me.))



## THINK BEFORE YOU TEAR UP LAKESHORE

### Destroying aquatic plants, lakeshore alterations can ruin aquatic life

Reprinted from the Sunday, September 19, 2004  
issue of the Brainerd Dispatch

When Conservation Officer John Hunt of Maplewood investigated a tip that aquatic vegetation was being illegally removed from Orchard Lake near Lakeville he found broken cattail stumps and a plant-covered anchor on the ground. Hunt photographed the shoreline then left a note on the door of lakeshore owner to call him.

"This isn't a glamorous 117-walleye overlimit case we all like to read about," Hunt said, "but the impact on the resource is just as great, if not greater."

The property owner told Hunt that he didn't intentionally remove the cattails. It was agreed that a small piece of bog on the property could be removed. Days later, Hunt learned a backhoe was being used to remove the bog. The property owner was issued a cease and desist order and advised that all work must stop until the order was rescinded.

Hunt then received a tip that the bog had been winched to shore. Reports from the National Weather Service indicated that winds at the time of the incident could not have blown the bog on to the property. The owner was cited for destroying aquatic plants without a permit. But his name would surface in another instance of illegally removing lake vegetation.

In late May, Hunt received information from an anonymous complainant of a weed harvester illegally cutting weeds on Orchard Lake in Lakeville. The complainant stated that the weed harvester had gone into a bay and cut a path to the lakeshore owner's residence. A permit issued by the DNR stated that all weed harvesting was to occur more than 150 feet from shore.

A path that extended out of the small bay into the main body of the lake to the lakeshore property was clearly visible. The operator of the weed harvester said that the lakeshore owner had paid him \$100 to cut the weeds. The operator also admitted that he was familiar with the permit rules and knew he had covered an area less than 150 feet from shore. The operator was cited for failing to obtain a permit and destroying aquatic vegetation without a permit.

"When you get lakeshore owners destroying aquatic plants it ruins the habitat for aquatic life as well as changes the make up of the lake," Hunt said.

Property owners who make shoreline alterations are reminded that removing aquatic plants or altering shoreline often requires a permit from the DNR. It's important that lakeshore owners avoid harming the lake or river near their home, said Steve Enger, DNR Division of Ecological Services.

"Aquatic plants and natural shorelines provide habitat for fish and wildlife, help maintain water clarity and protect shorelines from erosion," Enger said. "Changing the shoreline or improperly removing aquatic plants can seriously damage the lake in the long term."

(Our thanks to the Schullers for sending this article to us.)

## UPDATES (from page 7)

### Land Use and Zoning con't.

- Increase in natural habitats
- Voluntary use of no-phosphorus fertilizer
- Less shoreline erosion
- Better awareness of less polluting boats & other power equipment
- More wildlife
- Water levels maintained at stable levels

### Ordinances and zoning:

- Fewer variances
- Some evidence of enforcement activities against property owners who fail to follow the rules
- No additional resorts
- No multi-use lake access sites (townhomes on the lake)
- No offshore property of multi-use facilities that have lakeshore access
- Checking & enforcing septic system compliance
- Restrictions of vehicle usage on roadways (ATV's. etc.)
- Noise abatement
- Restrictions on development

### Land Preservation:

- Land acquisition by the lake association

This represents just one of the top priority areas residents felt was required to protect and improve the water quality of Washburn Lake.

This was a great process whereby the goal was to focus on those areas that the lake residents mutually agreed are important to our lake. But without action nothing will change. It is not too late for you to get involved. Please volunteer to help in those areas that are of most interest to you and your family.

The more people that get involved the more that can be accomplished. Also, the more people that get involved the better chance there is of making sure voices of all residents is heard.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding these findings or the process.

Dan Schultz

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P.S. A very special thanks to all those who attended. It was great to see the hall full of people interested in this project.

## AQUATIC VEGETATION

This focus group will be working with the Fisheries Management group on the mapping of aquatic vegetation. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact:

Janis Judd

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*"All of us together can do more  
than any one of us."  
(Author Unknown)*

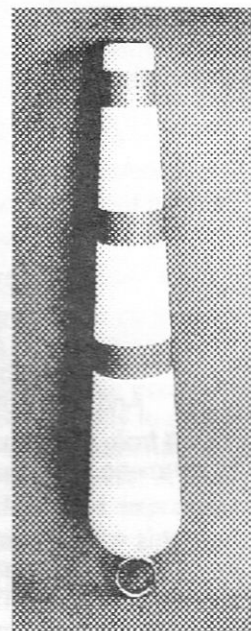
## WINTER BUOY TO BE TESTED

A Rolyan Ice Spar has been ordered and will be tested in Birch Bay this winter if it is received before the lake freezes.

The ice bar is a seamless tapered float that supports the anchor tackle after the regular buoy is removed and the anchor is left in place. It has orange reflective bands that are supposed to make it highly visible. It is not supposed to crack, chip, rust, or peel, and should not hinder snowmobiles.

If the Ice Spar works well, we will be ordering more. They would certainly make the job of taking the buoys in and out much easier.

Look for it when you're out on the lake this winter. If you have any comments or questions, contact Rod McKinley, 218-792-5228 or mckinley@brainerd.net.



*"If there are no hunting dogs in  
Heaven, then when I die I want to  
go where they went."*

*-Will Rogers*

## DUCK HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

If duck hunters go overboard into frigid water, they risk drowning and hypothermia. Besides wearing U.S. Coast Guard approved life vests, hunters in duck boats should ---

➡ Keep handy a Coast Guard approved seat cushion to toss to someone that has gone overboard (required for boats 16 feet or longer).

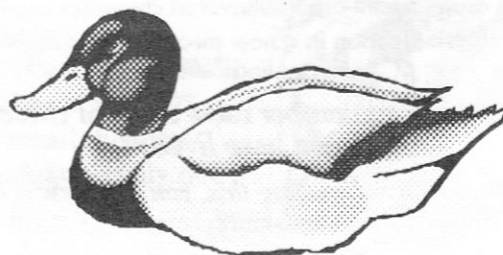
➡ Stay close to shore and avoid crossing big, open water.

➡ Make several trips to the blind; don't overload the boat.

➡ Cover face with hands if falling into cold water to prevent inhaling water due to gasping.

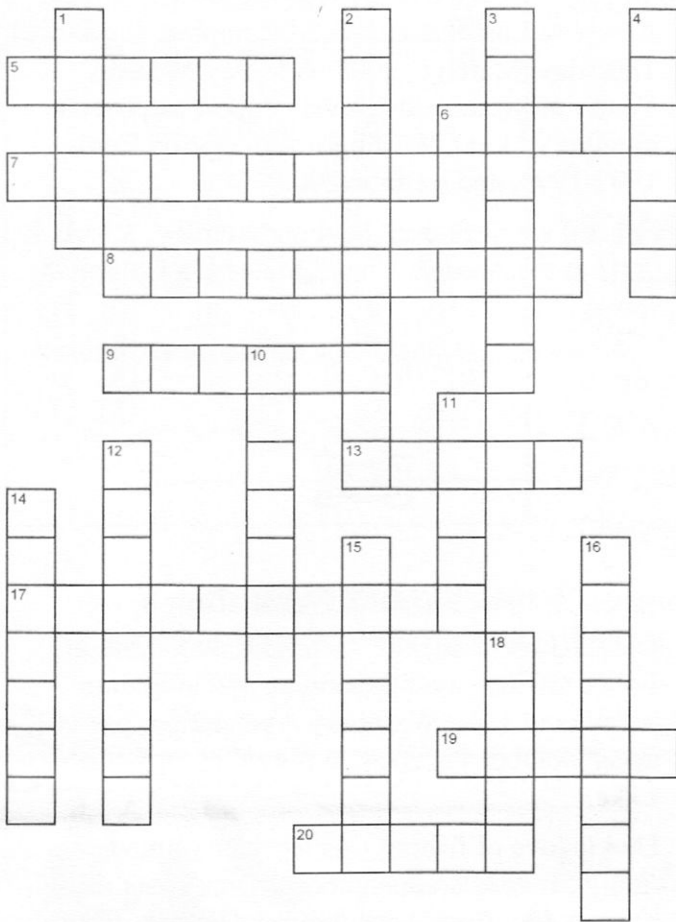
➡ Keep waders or hip boots on if you fall overboard, and bend knees to trap air in order to stay afloat.

*(Source: September-October 2004 Issue of the  
Minnesota Conservation Volunteer)*



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers to all clues can be found in this edition of the newsletter. **HAVE FUN!!!** (The solution is on page 13.)



Constructed using Crossword Weaver(TM). [www.CrosswordWeaver.com](http://www.CrosswordWeaver.com)

### ACROSS

- 5 A rock found on the shore of Washburn Lake
- 6 Survey to be done by those that actively fish the lake
- 7 Washburn Lake's hidden treasure
- 8 This helps prevent leaves from blowing into the lake (2 wds)
- 9 Fireworks are held here
- 13 Borrow this from your buddy when cutting firewood
- 17 Identified by those attending the Visioning Session (2 wds)
- 19 It is lent to us by our children
- 20 Volunteers have it

### DOWN

- 1 Healthy \_\_\_\_\_ & Rivers Project
- 2 An outgoing director
- 3 Winner of a mug
- 4 Did not receive approval at the Annual Meeting
- 10 Winter buoy to be tested (2 wds)
- 11 A LWA project
- 12 This is where the July 4th Boat Parade starts (2 wds)
- 14 The projected state of LWA's finances
- 15 Where to find the latest LWA information
- 16 A specimen provided by the Brainerd DNR
- 18 Funding available to do compliance inventory of septic systems

## CONSERVATION OFFICERS' TALES

### A NOT REAL SMART COUGAR

Cougar sightings are common in the Pierz area, reported DNR Conservation Officer (CO) Paul Kuske. But one hungry cougar was plenty surprised recently after trying to make a meal out of a life-sized deer archery target. "It was found dismembered and dragged into a nearby woods," Kuske wrote in his weekly report. "Claw marks and tracks indicated a cougar (a not real smart cougar) as the culprit."

### HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME

"One hunter had two grouse," reported officer Brad Schultz of Cook. "He said he had walked over 20 miles and drove another 175 miles and did not see a bird until he got back to his driveway, where the two were found."

### THEY WEREN'T KIDDING

CO Bret Grundmeier (Mora) working with CO Dan Perron (Onamia) apprehended two individuals for shining deer while in possession of an uncased bow. While explaining the charges to one of the individuals, the young man stated, "You've got to be kidding me! I knew we couldn't shine deer with a rifle in the truck, but I thought a bow was OK."

### ANGLER LANDS GULL

CO Scott Fritz (LaCrescent) reported a fisherman told a story that when he made a cast he noticed the line never made it to the water. Evidentially a gull flew into his fish line while he was making his cast. With the help of another fishermen they landed the gull in a fish net. The gull was freed from the line and the fisherman saved his lure. It was a lucky day for both.

### BURNING ISSUE FOR FORMER FIREMAN

CO Dale Ebel (Duluth) had a person burning prohibited material; everything from plastic material to bed mattresses with a few tires thrown in. There were seven piles of debris burned without anyone present. When asked why he all burned all this, he simply replied, "I guess I should have known better since I am a retired fire fighter." He was educated and released.

### BABY SWING IN MOOSE ANTLERS

CO Dennis Lang (Perham) received a call of a moose sighted near the Clay/Becker county line with a blue baby swing hanging from its antlers. It is assumed that the baby was not in the swing at the time of the moose's initial encounter with it, as no reports of such conflict have been received. We suspect the swing's owner wonders where it went.

### CHICKEN

Officer Larry Francis (Remer) assisted local and county authorities with an interesting call. They received a call of two boxes dumped out in the woods with something alive in them. Apparently somebody was raising chickens and decided they no longer wanted them. So, to dispose of them they loaded eight chickens into two boxes and dumped them in the woods, leaving them to starve or die of heat exhaustion. After numerous phone calls an "adopting" party was found for the birds.

### NOT THINKING CLEARLY

CO Tom Campbell (Henning) assisted the local police department with complaints of ATVs operating on roadways and youth on machines without helmets. Probably \$11,000 worth of ATVs and dad commented on the high cost of helmets.

(Source: DNR Website: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us))

## REMEMBERING OUR WASHBURN LAKE FRIENDS

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### Lois Olney Boblett

Lois Olney Boblett, 80, long time member of Lake Washburn Association, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004.

Survivors include: her husband, Robert P. Boblett Sr., of Minnetonka; four sons, Robert, and his wife, Karen, of Minneapolis, Thomas, and his wife, JoEllen, also of Minneapolis, John, and his wife, Mary, of Portland, Oregon, and Paul, and his wife Joanne, of Outing; one daughter; Nancy, of Barcelona, Spain; grandchildren, Michelle Langlois, Nancy Dominguez, Juan Dominguez, Jeremiah Boblett, Sam Boblett, Faith Boblett, Kendra Boblett, and Trevor Boblett; and other family and friends.

Services were held on Saturday, July 24, at the Cathedral of St. Mark in Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Women's Club of Minneapolis Capital Fund, The Cathedral of St. Mark Music Series, or the memorial of your choice.

Cremation Society of Minnesota, Edina Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

*(Information obtained from the Pine Cone Press-Citizen)*

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### David L. Johnson

Dave Johnson, 60, of Delano, Minnesota died after a courageous battle with cancer. Dave was the Sales Manager at the Delano Sports Center, and he and his wife, have been members of Lake Washburn Association since 1994.

Dave is survived by his wife, Jan of Delano; son Brian, and his wife, Charity; daughter, Lori Anne Peterson, and her husband, Enoch; five grandchildren, Cassady, Catja, Faith, Colton, Justin; father, Carl Johnson, and his wife, Irma; brother, Lauren; sisters, Sally Root, and her husband, Gary; Francie Domstrand, and her husband, George; and numerous family and friends.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Delano.

*(Information obtained from the Minneapolis Star Tribune.)*

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### Albert A. Lambertsen

Albert A. Lambertsen, 69, of Hampton, Iowa, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City, Iowa. Albert had been a member of Lake Washburn Association from 1992-1999, and again in 2002.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at the Aredale United Methodist Church in Iowa.

*(Information obtained from the Hampton Chronicle)*

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### Richard O. Schwalbach

Dick Schwalbach, age 73, a retired St. Anthony Police Officer, avid fisherman, and long time member of Lake Washburn Association, passed away October 10, 2004, at his cabin on Washburn Lake.

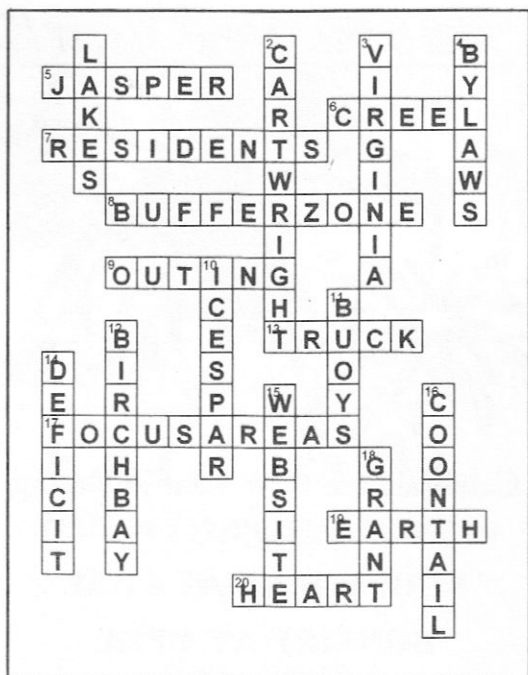
Dick's love of fishing was legendary among his family, friends and neighbors. Dick spent many hours a day, from April through October, fishing our lake, and always had a fishing story or two to share. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Dick leaves his loving wife of 32 years wife, Marge, of Fridley, Minnesota. They had spent a good share of their summers for the past 30 years at their cabin in the Iowa Camp. Dick is also survived by three children, five step-children, five grandchildren, ten step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Neighbors who were there to assist commented on the rapid response and dedicated help from the Outing first responders and the ambulance service.

*(Information obtained from Jane Gaskill and the Minneapolis Star Tribune.)*

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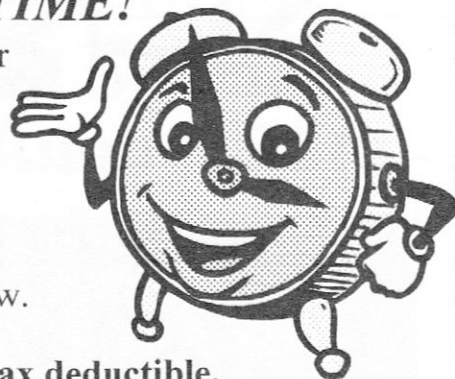
## REMINDER

Remember to check our website for the latest focus group reports, important dates, list of current members, updated bylaws, and much, much more!

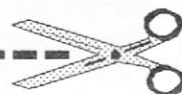
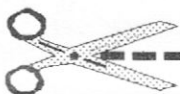
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Email: LWA@mnlakes.org

## THERE'S STILL TIME!

There's still time to pay your 2004 dues or make an extra contribution to LWA. If you haven't yet paid your 2004 dues, please consider doing so now.



**REMINDER: All dues and contributions are tax deductible.  
PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS.**



## Lake Washburn Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please check your mailing label for your membership status.)

Annual Membership Dues: \$15.00\* (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

\_\_\_\_ 2004 \_\_\_\_ 2005 \_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Contribution Only

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address (If different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ I will be at this address from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in participating as marked:

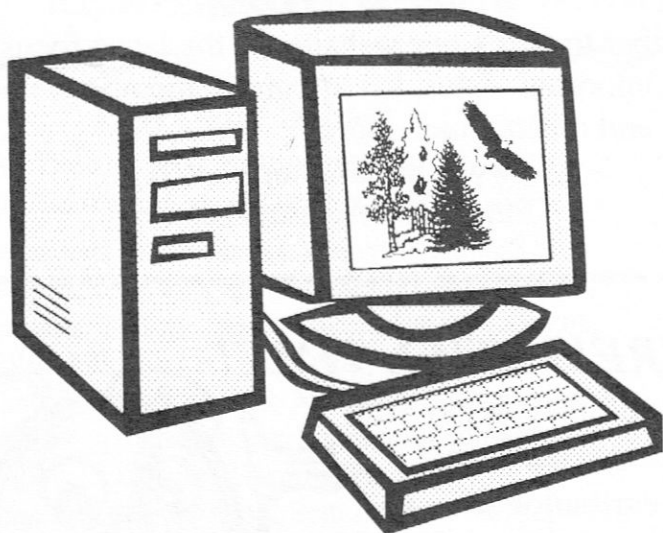
\_\_\_\_ Board Position \_\_\_\_ County Road 48 Cleanup \_\_\_\_ Boat Monitoring \_\_\_\_ Buoy Markers  
\_\_\_\_ Fish Committee \_\_\_\_ Water Quality Testing \_\_\_\_ Shoreland Volunteer \_\_\_\_ Water Patrol

I would like to make an additional donation\* in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support:

\_\_\_\_ Ecology Efforts \_\_\_\_ Water Quality Testing \_\_\_\_ General Fund

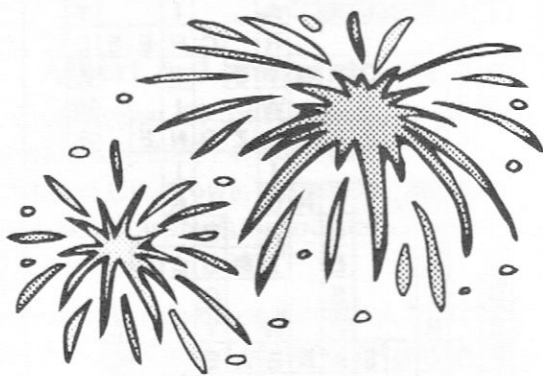
Mail completed form to: Lake Washburn Association, Box 26 Outing, MN 56662 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Memberships and additional donations are tax deductible. Any additional donations received will be treated as general funds unless otherwise instructed.



***Remember to visit  
LWA's website...  
[www.mnlakes.org/LWA](http://www.mnlakes.org/LWA)***

*Happy New Year!*



Celebrate the New Year in Outing  
on Saturday, January 1st, 2005.

**FIREWORKS AT 6 P.M.**

**BONFIRE AT 4 P.M.**

**Snowmobile Radar Run**

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON  
ACTIVITIES AS THE NEW YEAR  
GETS CLOSER AT  
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