



# Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

Fall 2010

## President's Message



Have you noticed leaves beginning to turn, schools starting, State Fairs ending, baseball teams in the playoffs,

football games starting and the water temperatures on Deer Lake beginning to drop? Soon we will be storing boats and taking in docks. This is all to say we are coming to the end of a wonderful summer season on Deer Lake.

Thank you for all the efforts of our DLIA supporters and Board members. This year's activities included: Spring party, Music on the Lake, Fireworks display, Boat Parade, Pontoon Party, Annual meeting, help with the Flagstad Farm Picnic, Festival Theater night and the upcoming Holiday Party (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>).

In addition, we continued to make great advances in the lake environment. Our water clarity continues to improve and we continue to be a leader in Wisconsin and Minnesota lakes in water clarity. This year, thanks to the ongoing leadership of Mark Thayer, we were able to secure approval and grants to expand our Curly Leaf Pond Weed treatment program to 33 acres. This expansion is because we continue to document and prove the effectiveness of this program. We also experienced a reduction in floating weeds and swimmer's itch, two of our complaints from last year. We believe this was because of different weather conditions from last year, the recovery of the lake's water level and just the different phases and cycles that lakes go through over time. I wish I could tell you we found the solution to these two irritants but we haven't.

Finally, special thanks to our partner organization the Deer Lake Conservancy. Our cooperative and coordinated efforts make it possible to keep Deer Lake the BEST. Best wishes to you all for a safe, healthy and wonderful winter. We hope to see many of you at the Holiday Party.

Bob Spinner, President  
Deer Lake Improvement Association

## *In Memoriam*

### *Mary Riegel Coyte*

Mary was born in St. Croix Falls, in rural Wisconsin in March of 1923. She was the youngest and only girl of the six to eight children her parents raised. Mary was very active with the conservancy and the DLIA board. She also wrote an article on the history of Hungerford point. Mary will be missed by many and contributed to the history of Deer Lake.

## Events Calendar

**Holiday Party:** Saturday, December 4  
(see pg. 3) 6:00 pm - Cocktails  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Trollhaugen Convention  
Center  
Dresser, WI

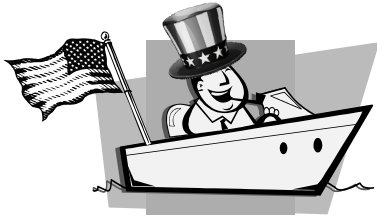
**Schedule updates and additions:  
[www.deerlakewi.com](http://www.deerlakewi.com)**

## Web-Page

Schedule / Event updates and a myriad of other great information can be found on the Deer Lake web site:  
[www.deerlakewi.com](http://www.deerlakewi.com)



## Boat Parade Thanks!



We know that it always makes it more fun if there are prizes for the boat parade. We would like to mention the people and companies around town that make this possible: The Rochford's (Trollhaugen), Raedke's (Wild Mountain), Dalles House, Panda King, and Loggers. Especially the Rochford's and Raedke's who are willing to donate so much to the boat parade every year.

## Boat Parade Results

We would like to thank all who participated in the Boat Parade. There were nine entries this year and every entry won a prize! Listed below are the results:

1. Aslesen's (John Deer) with a gift certificate for \$20 to Panda King.
2. Tom Miller (Udderly Fantastic) with 2 (3 super day) tickets to Wild Mountain.
3. Denise Sinclear Todd (Flintstones) with 2 (lift/tubing) passes to Trollhaugen.
4. Rebecca Hicks (Birthday Cake) with a gift certificate for \$20 to Dalles House.
5. Bink Ward with a lift/tubing pass to Trollhaugen
6. Bruce Soma with 2 lift/tubing passes to Trollhaugen.
7. Jerry Schrader – Wild Mountain canoe rental
- 8 & 9. Bill Queenan with a gift certificate to Loggers for \$10 and 2 daily excursion tickets to Wild Mountain..

## Annual Meeting Thanks!

On Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> the annual meeting was held at the Trollhaugen Convention Center. We would like to thank the Rochford's for donating us the use of the room for the annual meeting, thanks again.

## Buckthorn - Have You Seen Me?



**Alder Buckthorn**

If you are one of the lucky landowners on Deer Lake that has buckthorn residing on your property we will include some resources you can use to eradicate buckthorn.

If you don't know if you have buckthorn the easiest time to locate it is in the fall. Buckthorn's leaves don't change color in the fall. If you look in the woods and see a lot of green when most is orange, yellow and red, chances are good that you might have some buckthorn growing in your yard. Buckthorn is an invasive bush that was brought over from Europe in the mid 1800's as a decorative shrub. This bush/tree causes a big problem because the buckthorn takes over forests and doesn't allow the native trees to live.

The leaf type is simple and the leaves are usually 3-15 cm long, and are arranged either alternately or in opposite pairs. One distinctive trait of many buckthorns is the way the veins curve upward towards the tip of the leaf. The older buckthorns may bear fruit which is a dark blue to black type of berry.

There are several ways to get rid of buckthorn. In trees larger than 3" a fruit is produced. The fruit can produce seeds which would bring about 15-20 seeds per square foot underneath a buckthorn tree. This makes it very easy to propagate. First remove all large trees.

Trees greater than 3" should be cut down and the stump should be treated with a chemical (some type of round-up), or dug out, after 4 years a tree can look almost normal again if the stump is not treated.

Trees between 1"-3" could be cut down and then either dig out the stump or treat the stump chemically.

Trees less than 1" should be easily pulled out.

Here is a web site with a tool that can help with the removal of this invasive bush:

[www.buckthornbrute.com](http://www.buckthornbrute.com)

Join us as we celebrate at the annual

# Deer Lake Holiday Party



Convention Center at  
**Trollhaugen**  
Dresser, WI

**Saturday, December 4**

6:00 p.m. Cocktails  
7:00 p.m. Dinner



## DLIA Holiday Party Reservations

### Buffet Dinner includes:

Baked torsk, Chicken breast, Roasted pork loin ~ with ~  
Smashed redskin potatoes, Green beans with slivered almonds, Garden salad, Dinner roll, Dessert, and Beverage

**ALL for only \$25.00 ea**

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(to: "Deer Lake Improvement Assoc.")

Send this form with your payment by November 24 to:  
Denise Sinclair Todd at 1873 Peer Ave., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.

For more information, call Denise at 483-1442

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