



President's Message



Greetings from your new president. It is truly an honor to be selected by the Board to

lead this exceptional sixty-nine year old organization that is acknowledged as one of the best lake associations in the State of Wisconsin.

Deer lake is an irreplaceable jewel and the members of the Association are its stewards. To date we have done a remarkably good job.

Our Association has preformed well because of a committed membership and its many years of outstanding volunteer leadership. However, there is one area in which we are going to need help. Our membership stands at about 200 of the 300 (+ or -) eligible property owners.

I believe we can do better. We simply provide too many benefits to our membership. Expanding our membership would not only increase our dues income, but more importantly, it would increase our unity and strength. Maybe we must tell our story a little stronger or differently.

The Association will continue to support all of the popular fun activities such as the fireworks, the boat parade, the picnic, the Hall of Fame, the pontoon party, music on the lake, and the spring and holiday parties. However, we will never forget that the Association's primary mission is to maintain or improve the quality of life on Deer Lake.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank Mary Coyte as she leaves the Board and welcome Dee Peterson, who will start her first term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me -- 651-698-4788.

Peter Boo

Conservancy Corner

Enhance your Real Estate Value - Invest in Water Quality

Studies show that waterfront property on lakes with clear water yields significantly higher values per front foot, and Deer Lake is no exception. Deer Lake has among the best water clarity and highest real estate values in the state. Deer Lake Conservancy projects help to ensure that your investment is protected into the future.

Conservancy projects aim to reduce or prevent the runoff of phosphorus — the limiting ingredient for algae growth. Our projects have successfully reduced phosphorus content in watershed runoff by over 50 percent since 1995.

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Events Calendar

Holiday Party: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008
6:00 pm - Cocktails
7:00 pm - Dinner
Indianhead Supper Club
Balsam Lake, WI

Spring Party: Saturday, June 13, 2009
6:00 pm - Cocktails
7:00 pm - Dinner
Paradise Landing
Balsam Lake, WI

**Schedule updates and additions
available at:
www.deerlakewi.com**

Boat Parade



Apollo and Hydra were very kind as the sun shone brilliantly and the blue water sparkled.

This year's 4th of July Boat Parade was outstanding -- some say the best ever! More than 24 families displayed their creativity and enthusiasm. The parade, led by Uncle Sam, was viewed and cheered on by hundreds from their cabins and docks.

The judging was so difficult that judges were brought in from out of state (MN). After much deliberation, the following awards were presented: The Grand Prize was awarded to the Markee/Butterfield families with their fish presentation which was trailed by a rogue shark on a jet ski. Runner-Up rewards were presented to: the Munson family for its timely Olympic theme with the sensational torch; The Aslesen family for its sea faring cows; the Boyken family for its out of season Christmas theme; and the Gartland/Dowdle families for their political presentation of McCain and Obama.

Additional great entries came from the families of the Fermanich's, the Miller's, the Soma's, the Enright's, the Sinclear's, the Emmer's, the Johnson's, the Larson's, the Sackett's and the Nelson's. If we missed anyone, we apologize.

Your participation is among the things that make Deer Lake special.

Also, thanks to Tom McBride, you can view photos of many of the boats on our web site.

See you next year . . . Peter Boo

Our son made a deal with us. He asked us to give him the money it would cost to send him to college.

We did, and he retired.

Peter Boo

HALL OF FAME

2008 Hall of Fame awards were presented at the annual Association meeting. The awards are given to individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life on Deer Lake.

This year's recipients were **John Marinovich** and **Dennis Raedeke**. Both John and Dennis served several terms as the Association and Conservancy Board of Directors. In addition, they each chaired several key committees and projects.

John and Dennis' contributions were many and valuable, and we all owe them a vote of thanks for their unselfish volunteerism.

The new inductees will join a distinguished group of previously honored, including: Rob Ilstrup, Jim Miller, Bill and Pearl Patton, Hugo Victor, Mark Thayer, Jerry Carroll, John Wright, Les Swanson, Cheryl Clemens, Dick Weber, Roger Foussard and Edwin "Mac" McBride.

Congratulations to all of them.

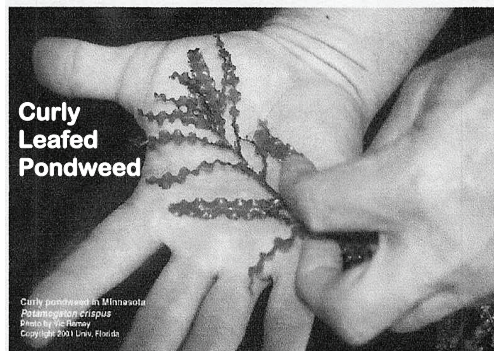
Peter Boo



Environmental Committee

Curly leafed pondweed program expanded

While it is too soon to tell the long range outcome, the preliminary indications are the treatment of Curly leaf pondweed appears to be effective in controlling the expansion of this non-native species.



Based on these results and the availability of a more cost effective grant program, the DLIA has applied for a new grant to expand the treatment area from 10 to 30 acres.

Under the old grant the cost share was 50%. The new grant will require a 25% cost to be born by the DLIA. In essence we will be able to treat 3 times as much area for almost the same cost.

Updates will be passed on to members as the data continues to come in.



Wisconsin's water clarity index

With all of the projects that have been completed by the DLIA and the Conservancy, have you ever wondered how our lake compares to other Wisconsin lakes? There is a website that compares the water clarity of all Wisconsin lakes. It is interesting to see that with few exceptions you would have to travel almost 100 miles to reach lakes as clear as Deer lake.

If you would like to see for yourself, visit www.lakesat.org and click on Wisconsin Water Clarity Index.

Music On The Lake



This summer the Deer Lake Improvement Association sponsored two evenings of Music On The Lake; one in July and one in August. Both nights were well attended, however, there were some issues with the volume level of the performers on the first night. On the second night the performer was amplified with a small PA system run by a generator donated from McKenzie's Rental on Highway 8. A big thank you to McKenzie's. You can see pictures on the Social page on the Deer Lake website, www.deerlakewi.com

The DLIA hopes to bring you more Music On The Lake next summer. Check the Schedule page to find out when and where things are happening on and around Deer Lake.

Join us as we celebrate at the annual

Deer Lake Holiday Party



Indianhead Supper Club
Balsam Lake, WI

Saturday, December 6th

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



DLIA Holiday Party Reservations

- Chicken Marsala with pasta Qty _____
- 8 oz. Sirloin Steak with garlic mashed potatoes Qty _____
- Pan-Fried Walleye with garlic mashed potatoes Qty _____

ALL Dinners will be \$24.00 and include: salad, rolls, tax and tip.

TOTAL DUE (to: "Deer Lake Improvement Assoc.") _____

NAME (S): _____

**Send this form with your dinner selections and money before November 24 to:
Denise Sinclear Todd at 1873 Peer Ave., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.**

For more information, call Denise at 483-1442

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You can learn more about conservation practices by touring the conservation properties on one of our nature walking paths. Brochures are available to guide you.

Conservation practices are installed on all of the major watersheds that flow to Deer Lake. We have received almost \$400,000 in grants from the Department of Natural Resources and Polk County and own 140 acres of land in critical watershed areas. Grant dollars are matched by contributions from Conservancy members.

Deer Lake Conservancy



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