



Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

November 2002

Upcoming EVENTS:



Dec. 14 Holiday Party - see inside for more information & reservations

Jan. 1 New Year's Day Trail Party, Watershed #4 Trail - see page 2 for more details

Snowplowing:

Check with your insurance company - In case of fire, is your insurance in force if your driveway isn't plowed?



President's Message



Thank you for electing me to this position, although John Wright's achievements as past-president will be a hard act to follow. As I observe the frozen fruit on my apple trees, it is very evident winter has set in and another season at the lake has come and gone.

Your new officers and board are already making plans for 2003, and information and dates for next year's lake events will be sent in future issues of the Deer Tales newsletter. We are currently researching ways to find and enroll new residents for membership in the DLIA. If you know of any new lake people, please send us names and addresses, and information will be sent to them.

The board is also researching possible boating safety classes for the youth on our lake, and is presently seeking a certified instructor. Please contact any board member if you know of someone who would conduct these very important classes.

Have a wonderful winter, and I look forward to seeing you at the holiday party.

Regards,
Bob Rawlings, President

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Conservancy Corner

By now, you are aware that the Deer Lake Conservancy has purchased the critical 70-acre "Flagstad Farm" property at the Southwest quadrant of Deer Lake. Perhaps you have already made a contribution to help cover the holding costs of this property. Because of the magnitude of this purchase, I thought it might be helpful to again discuss why this purchase was so important to furthering the Conservancy's mission of improving the quality of Deer Lake.

- *First*, this property was about to be listed for sale through a realtor. As with similar properties sold recently near Deer Lake, this property had attracted the attention of developers, some with projects we believe would have had a detrimental effect on our lake. This was of special concern to us since the property included 150 feet of frontage on Deer Lake. The board felt it prudent to step-in and control this property rather than allowing development that would forever degrade the quality of Deer Lake.
- *Second*, this property comprises the majority of the extensively row cropped, 106-acre Watershed #6. Three large culverts on this property drain this watershed directly into Deer Lake. We estimate

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3rd Annual New Year's Day Trail Party

TIME: Wednesday, January 1, 12:00 Noon

PLACE: Watershed #4 Trail,
Across 140th Ave. from Hungerford Point

ACTIVITIES: Snowshoeing, hiking, cross-country skiing, campfire with hot chocolate & treats.

Come, celebrate the New Year!

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that proper conservation practices on this property could reduce the amount of sediment entering Deer Lake by 56 tons annually, with a correspondingly substantial reduction in phosphorus loading. As you might expect, we have already started planning the implementation of these practices.

- *Third*, the Conservancy's strong record of implementing effective conservation practices helped us negotiate a very favorable purchase contract with the seller, providing us time to develop and implement our management plan for the long-term protection of this property.

Our management plan for this property is simple. We will raise sufficient funds through grants and gifts to retire the debt within three years, or reduce the debt to a manageable level. Failing that, we will complete the conservation practices on the property, attach appropriate conservation easements and sell less sensitive portions of the property to a conservation friendly buyer.

We are already working on cost sharing grants, and we are pleased with the initial response to our fund raising efforts. **But, we still need your help.** Our challenge is to raise \$40,000 in annual carrying costs each year for the next three years. Now, with year-end approaching, **please consider a special gift to the Conservancy for this project.** The Deer Lake Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and your gift may be tax-deductible. Please send your contribution to: The Deer Lake Conservancy, P.O. Box 1139, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.

Thank you for your continuing support of Deer Lake,

Robert J. Ilstrup, President
The Deer Lake Conservancy

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee of the Board, composed of Sharry Ehlers, Don Ruble and Peter Sammond, has begun to discuss ways to improve and increase membership in the Association. The goal will be to attract more than the approximate two-thirds of Deer Lake residents who presently support the Deer Lake Improvement Association. To accomplish this, efforts will be made to inform people as to the many things the Association does to make Deer Lake a better place to live and enjoy. Some people seem to feel that the Association is little more than a social club holding several parties a year, when actually most of its efforts are directed toward improving the environmental quality of the lake and its surroundings. For example, the successful program of burying most of the power lines around the lake during the past summer was an initiative of the Association, as is the annual July 4th fireworks display. The Board believes that the modest dues paid to the Association are one of the best bargains available for the enhancement of the Deer Lake lifestyle. If all residents supported the Association, it could do even more for its members and their property.

The Membership Committee is in the process of developing a welcome letter from the Association to new lake residents. Please advise a member of the Board about any new people who move into properties around the lake so that we can welcome them. We are also always interested in ideas and suggestions of the members about ways of increasing membership.

Peter Sammond



Join us as we celebrate
At the Annual

Deer Lake Holiday Party

We will gather at the Indianhead Supper Club
Balsam Lake, WI

Saturday, December 14

Social 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar

Seating at 7:15 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item or money
for donation to the St. Croix Area Food Shelf.



- ★ 7 oz. Beef Tenderloin, green garden salad,
baked potato and roll Qty _____ at \$20.95 = _____
- ★ Deep-fried Walleye, green garden salad,
au gratin potatoes and roll Qty _____ at \$14.95 = _____
- ★ Baked Chicken with mushroom sauce,
green garden salad, baked potato and roll Qty _____ at \$14.95 = _____

TOTAL DUE (includes tax and tip) to: _____
Deer Lake Improvement Association Total \$ _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Send this form with your dinner selections and money by December 5 to:



Sharry Ehlers
6220 Idylwood Lane
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