



# Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

Spring 2010

## President's Message



After a three week false start with an early Spring in April, we seem to be back to the real start to

the lake season in mid-May. Docks, lifts and boats are rapidly appearing along the shoreline. So welcome everyone to another season of boating, fishing, swimming and relaxing (after all the Spring chores are finished) at Deer Lake.

This time of year always reminds me of how fortunate we are to have this special place. But, please keep in mind that it is up to each of us to keep this place special for ourselves and for future generations to enjoy.

Your Deer Lake Improvement Association Board is already hard at work planning the summer's activities. Both social and environmental plans are well under way. Please read this issue of Deer Tales for a schedule of fun lake activities in which we hope you will participate and to learn of the various environmental plans being implemented. You will also see a list of your DLIA Board members, officers and committees. We welcome new Board members Cookie Jandric and welcome back on the Board Bob Rawlings a past President of the Board.

Some things to keep in mind as we begin the summer of 2010:

- Be a good steward of the lake
- Respect our neighbors and the environment
- Operate our watercraft safely
- Stay clear of others docks and rafts
- Observe rules of common courtesy on the lake

**ENJOY THE SUMMER!!!**

Bob Spinner, Board President



## Events Calendar

Spring Party (Taylors Falls Queen)	June 12 Saturday	6 pm
McKenzie Fishing Derby (loan your pontoon for the day)	June 19	
Music On the Lake (Bay)	June 19 Saturday	7 pm
Fireworks Rain date	July 3 July 10	10 pm 10 pm
	Saturdays	
Boat Parade starting at the Lagoon	July 4 Sunday	1 pm
Pontoon Party (off of Hungerford Pt.)	July 9 Friday	5 pm
Annual Meeting Trollhaugen	July 10 Saturday	9 am
Music on the Lake (Bay)	July 17 Saturday	7 pm
Flagstad Farm Family Picnic		TBD
Festival Theatre Night	Aug. 14 Saturday	
Music on the Lake (Bay)	Aug. 21 Saturday	7 pm
Winter Holiday Party		TBD

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

## Web-Page



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

## Fireworks Display

The annual Deer Lake fireworks display has been scheduled for Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> with an alternate storm date of Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The DLIA would like to thank all who have made a contribution to this wonderful tradition. While the suggested donation is \$35.00, many residents have made contributions of \$100.00 or more allowing for a much larger show. The amount collected each year determines the size of the show the following year. Currently the budget allows for an expenditure of \$6000.00 which produces an excellent display.

In the interest of safety we would like to remind all boaters to stay back at least 500 feet from the display itself, as well as the loading and staging area throughout the day.



## Conservancy Corner

### Re: Swimmer's Itch Surveillance 2010

Dear Deer Lake Residents:

The Deer Lake Conservancy and DLIA have decided to monitor Swimmer's Itch experience this summer.

This is in response to residents' expressed concern. We hope to be able to gather objective data, which may help us understand this issue and explore possible improvements.

The survey will be available on line through the Deer Lake Improvement Association website which can be found by "Googling" that organization or at this website:

**[www.deerlakewi.com](http://www.deerlakewi.com)**

We hope to have this available at that site soon. Please check that site before the swimming season. Download the logs for each month this summer, complete the logs as best as possible, and we will inform you of the results in the fall.

Thank you.  
The Deer Lake Conservancy

## Festival Theatre Night

On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Deer Lake residents are invited to enjoy a night at the Festival Theatre, downtown St. Croix Falls.

The play is **"TO FOOL THE EYE"**. It is a comedy.



Put this date on your calendar. More detailed information will follow in the next Deer Tales.

## Environmental Report

As most of you know, the DLIA's environmental committee is responsible for maintaining the quality of Deer Lake within its shoreline border. Deer Lake Conservancy, our partner in the caretaking of Deer Lake, is responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of Deer Lake through the monitoring and restriction of any undesirable pollutants or contaminants flowing into the lake.

We are pleased to announce that we have applied for and received two grants from the Wisconsin DNR. The first grant is for the control of invasive Curly Leaf pondweed. This \$20,000 project is in the form of a 50/50 grant. The Wisconsin DNR will provide \$10,000 and the DLIA will expense \$10,000. We will be treating approximately 30 acres with one application being applied April 27. Last year the DNR would only let us treat 5 acres of the approximate 80 acres of pondweed in the lake. We are pleased to see this increasing cooperation with the DNR!

The second grant totals \$13,000 and is a very desirable 75% DNR/ 25% DLIA ratio! This grant is for the continuation of our "Clean boat- Clean water" Deer Lake program. This is in cooperation with the Town of St. Croix Falls as they are responsible for the caretaking of the boat landing including the removal and re-entry of the dock. This grant will cover the next two years. It provides for students that both volunteer and receive pay for working at the landing to educate and validate the removal of weeds from boats and trailers (most importantly to inspect boats, trailers and live wells before they enter our lake).

In addition to the above grants, we have been given the OK from the DNR for up to seven applications of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  in the control of algae outbreaks. Each application costs roughly \$1,000. Your DLIA dues and additional \$50 tax assessment are hard at work maintaining the quality of our beautiful lake! On behalf of our entire DLIA organization, I would like to personally recognize and thank Dr. Mark Thayer, the president of our Environmental Committee. He has devoted countless hours in monitoring, collaborating with other experts, patiently working with the DNR, and negotiating contracts that made all of the above a reality. Deer Lake is very fortunate to have such a guardian. He does not wish to be recognized for his unselfish work. He will have to get over it.

Steve Schletty, Environmental Committee

## Music On the Lake



The Music on the Lake concert series is back for the third season. Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 7-9pm. This summer's dates will be June 19th, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup>. Depending on wind, the floating stage will be anchored on the calm side of Hungerford Point.

So dust off your dancing shoes, grab your favorite beverage, and join your friends and neighbors for this very unique community experience.

## Boat Parade



The tradition of the Deer Lake Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start at the Lagoon at 1:00 PM. The parade will proceed clockwise around the lake.

Let your imagination run wild and have a great time in the boat parade. We had a good turnout last year and hope that we have a better turnout this year, since it is on a Sunday. If you would like to participate in the weekend fun we'd love to have you in the parade. If you feel you are a better spectator – we need some of those too.

This is the information you will need:

- Register at the Fermanich's dock between 10-11 am on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is on the bay side of Hungerford Point. You will receive a number for your boat.
- Meet at the Lagoon at 12:45 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes will be awarded.

## Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby

Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby for Polk County Youth will be on

**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

If you are interested in furnishing your pontoon or being a fishing guide for the day please keep Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, on your lake calendar. If you would like to donate your pontoon for the day please contact Joyce McKenzie as soon as possible at 715-646-2060 (home), or 715-577-0771 (cell phone), or email [joyceanmckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:joyceanmckenzie@gmail.com), so they know what boats will be able to be used for the fishing derby.



# DLIA Spring Party

Spend time visiting old & new friends while viewing our beautiful river!

## Taylor's Falls Queen

Taylor's Falls, MN

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Boat Boards: 6:00 pm

Boat Leaves: 6:30 pm, Returns: 8:30 pm

Cash bar with wine, beer and liquor

Appetizers will be served throughout the two-hour guided tour, including:

- Breadsticks with cheese & spinach dip
- BBQ meatballs
- Bruschetta
- Spicy buffalo wings
- Fresh fruit tray
- Meat, cheese & cracker tray

**Total Cost: \$25.00 per person**, includes fantastic boat ride, appetizers and a chance to connect with your Deer Lake neighbors.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

X \$25.00/ea = TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to: "Deer Lake Improvement Association"

**RSVP by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to:** Denise Sinclear Todd, 1873 Peer Ave, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

Questions can be directed to Denise at 715-483-1442

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