



# Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter  
Spring 2017



## President's Message

Here we are at the beginning of another amazing Summer on Deer Lake! I always enjoy looking forward to the events of the summer, guests who will visit, getting together with friends and neighbors on the lake, looking at all the work that needs to be done...

With that in mind, I'd like to talk to you about the work the Deer Lake Improvement Association has been doing. Over the winter our environmental committee and an ad hoc committee have been meeting and attending conferences and learning as much as we can about Zebra Mussels and what we can do to monitor the lake and plan for treatment if it becomes necessary.

We need help from all the homeowners on Deer Lake. We are asking that you monitor your own shoreline for Zebra Mussels. You can do this by wading along your shore and turning over rocks and inspecting the bottom. Zebra Mussels will attach to the underside of smooth surfaces. When they are small they are very difficult to detect, it may require you to run your hand over the surface of the rock to feel for abnormalities.

You can also place a cinder block on a rope and the end of your dock. The DNR recommends this as a way to monitor because the Zebra Mussels will attach to the underside of the cinderblock. Just pull it up once a week or so and check to see if there are any critters attached to it.

If we all work together and put forth a concerted effort to monitor for the spread of Zebra Mussels we have a much better chance of containing any kind of outbreak. Look for more info on Zebra Mussels in this issue.

Please look at the website and Facebook page throughout the summer to get continuing info about the Zebra Mussel issue.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Tom McBride, President  
Deer Lake Improvement Association

## ALERT!! Critical Inspections Needed

Watch your mailbox for important information regarding the inspection of your shoreline! This is our lake and we all need to take care of it.

## Zebra Mussel Found in Deer Lake



If you haven't already heard, an adult zebra mussel was found last September on the north end of the lake. The DNR searched for additional zebra mussels in the area and none were found. While the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Polk County, and the Park Service are completing some monitoring efforts in Deer Lake, DLIA and resident monitoring will be the most critical.

If we have any chance of eradicating zebra mussels from the lake, we need to know where they are and determine this before they spread to additional locations. Steps we are taking to look for zebra mussels are:

1. Volunteers will be looking in the area near where the zebra mussel was first located. Plans are to complete this inspection on the afternoon of Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. If you would like to volunteer to help with this inspection we could use your help. Please send an e-mail to [leedyjoan@yahoo.com](mailto:leedyjoan@yahoo.com) and you will be notified of the date, time and place.
2. We are looking into hiring a scuba diver to spend additional time inspecting this area.
3. Plate and concrete zebra mussel samplers are being placed at various locations around the lake and they will be monitored every two weeks by volunteers.
4. We are also requesting ALL residents to inspect their shoreline. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO LOOK FOR ZEBRA MUSSELS ON YOUR SHORELINE.** We are asking all residents to walk their lakeshore and look for zebra mussels. In the next week or two, look for instructions that are being mailed to you on how to perform this critical inspection.

## Boating Safety



The first big weekend of the Summer is coming; Memorial Day Weekend. Please remember to review all boating rules and respect others on the lake by following those rules.

- 200 feet from shoreline is a NO WAKE zone.

- Within 100 feet of another boat is a NO WAKE zone.
- So be careful as you near other boaters, be sure to reduce your speed.
- Please look behind your boat and SEE if you are putting up a wake, if you are, either slow down or move towards the middle of the lake - away from the shoreline.

These are rules that need to be followed throughout the summer. Tell you kids, grandkids and guests that use your watercraft. Thanks and let's all have fun on the lake!

## Environmental Water Quality Update



Similar to the past several years, a curly leaf pondweed treatment was completed on May fifth. The treatments appear to be containing the curly leaf pondweed but have not been effective at significantly reducing or eliminating the invasive species.

The Deer Lake Improvement Association is updating its Aquatic Plan Management plan. The plan is updated every five years as is required to be considered for WI DNR environmental grants. Three meetings took place over the winter with the participation of 10 lake residents. In addition, a survey of all the Deer Lake residents was completed. The updated document will be available for review shortly.

Again this year we are participating in the Wisconsin DNR Clean Boats, Clean Water program. To date, three interns have been hired to work at the two Deer Lake landings and educate boaters about how to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species. In past years we have staffed the landing for approximately 200 hours each summer. We are hoping to increase this number and as a result, we are looking for at least one additional intern. If you know of anyone looking for a flexible summer job, please have them call Joan Leedy at 651-230-1177.



## 2017 Event Calendar

### Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Contest

Sat. June 10th 9-3 pm

### Fireworks

(Storm date

Sun. July 2nd 10 pm  
Mon. July 3rd 10 pm)

### Light up the Lake

Mon. July 3rd 10 pm

### Boat Parade

Tues. July 4<sup>th</sup>

Register (Fermanich's dock) 10-11 am  
Meet at Lagoon 12:45 pm  
Parade Begins 1 pm

### Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)

Tues. July 4<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

### Pontoon Party (off Hungerford Pt.)

Fri. July 7<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

### Annual Meeting (Trollhaugen)

Sat. July 8th 9 am

### Flagstad Farm Family Picnic

Sat. July 29th 6 pm

### Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)

Sat. Aug. 5th 7 pm

### Festival Theatre night

(The Children's Hour) Sat. Aug. 19th 7:30 pm

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

## Deer Lake on the web and facebook!



If you have not visited the website [www.deerlakewi.com](http://www.deerlakewi.com), you should! We have a great deal of information available there about the DLIA and the Deer Lake Conservancy. There are many resources for lake residents and info on things you can do around your property to aid in keeping Deer Lake clean.

Our Facebook page continues to get quite a few visitors (search Deer Lake, Wi on Facebook). We try and keep relevant postings on the Deer Lake page and anyone is welcome to post to the page. Drop by and visit one of these two places on the web where you can learn more about Deer Lake.



## In Memorium



*Libby Murphy*

&

*Matti Hoffman*

## Membership News

The 2017 dues statements should have arrived in your mailbox along with the refrigerator magnet of the events on the lake. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you didn't get a magnet or a membership form please send an email to Susie (shoush1@comcast.net) or the deerlakeassn@gmail.com.

## Current Email Addresses

If you didn't receive a copy of Deer Tales in your email, we don't have your v

To add or change your email or any of your other information please send an email to deerlakeassn@gmail.com and we'll update our database.

To be removed also send an email to this address!

## Survey Results

The survey results are available on the web page ([www.deerlakewi.com](http://www.deerlakewi.com)) if you would like to see the results!



Excellent



Average



Poor

## Summer Calendar 2017

The next issue will address the full summer schedule and go into more details!





## Earth Day Clean-up for Deer Lake

Here are some pictures and a list of all the volunteers who helped with Clean Up Day.



Jim Miller, Phil and Jeanne Foussard, John and Debbie Patterson, Denise Sinclear-Todd, Susie Housh, Bob Fedderly, Pat & Sandy Corcoran, Steve Berestka, John & Kate Wright, Dennis & Cam Raedeke, Nan Riegel, Tom McBride, Jay & Mary Becker, Jane Sackett, Ken & Patti Roberts, Carol Baumgart, Don & Paula Knutson, & Laurel Fermanich (not pictured)

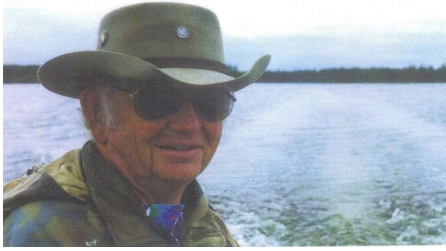
I hope we didn't miss anyone!

Our volunteers did a great job, below are some piles of trash gathered by our volunteers.





## 14th Annual Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Contest—June 10th Keep Kids Fishin'



Looking ahead to June 10th, another memory-making day for kids fishing on Deer Lake as part of the 14th annual

Neil McKenzie Memorial Youth Fishing Derby. This is a kid-focused event sponsored by family and friends of Neil McKenzie (1930-2003) and the Polk County Sportsmen's Club.

Each June many wonderful people donate the use of their pontoons, fishing boats, fishing rods, tackle, time, talents, prizes, and trophies to provide a free day of fishing, learning, and fun for area kids who might not otherwise have that opportunity.



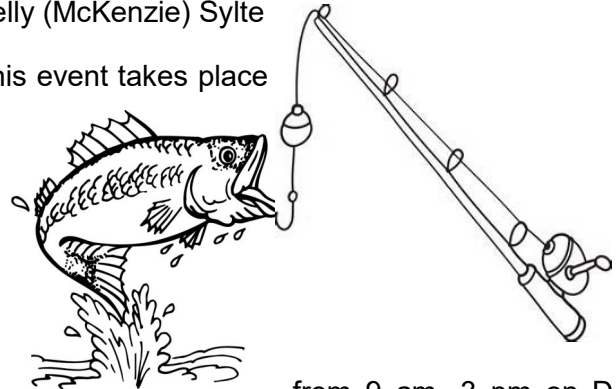
This free day of fun and learning for the kids could not happen without the generous support of all who believe this is a worthwhile event... a day to KEEP KIDS FISHIN'! This has been a legacy of love and pride in our area—a practice continued from how Neil McKenzie interacted with kids and encouraged them to love the outdoors.



We so very much appreciate everyone's understanding and support of this fun and educational day for kids! The generous contributions of time, talent, and equipment are what keep this event going. Thank you!

Kelly (McKenzie) Sylte

This event takes place



from 9 am -3 pm on Deer Lake so prepare for additional boat traffic and busier landings on the 10th of June.



### Information for Deer Lake History

The article "Deer Lake Tales—A Look Back at Deer Lake", is made possible by the residents of Deer Lake who are willing to share their stories with others.

If you have pictures, stories, memories, etc. that you would be willing to share with others please feel free to email me, send me mail, or phone me. Any stories/information would be appreciated.

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## Deer Lake Tales— A Look Back at Deer Lake: Tipperary Bay

Tipperary Bay used to be a very social locale, to the right a picture of Johnny Moochy's Tipperary restaurant.

Below is a picture of people enjoying an evening of entertainment at Tipperary Bay. This picture was taken where the land slopes to the current boat landing. A hundred years ago most of the land was grass and people would sit on the ground and listen to the music and watch the festivities at Tipperary Bay.

The opposite page shows a reprinted flyer for one of the many events at Tipperary Bay. This flyer was most likely in 1928.

There are numerous reports from people that some of the men would sit on the porch with sawed off shotguns in front of the "brothel".

Pictures from Joyce McKenzie.

**A View Of Our Dining Room**



**STOP IN AND GET ACQUAINTED—**

**TRY OUR DELICIOUS DINNERS**

**Specializing In**  
**Italian Spaghetti**

**Steaks — Chicken — Sea Food**

**Johnny Moochy's Tipperary**

**On Beautiful Tipperary Bay, Deer Lake**  
**½ Mile North of U. S. "8" on "35."**



At Tipperary around 1928. A crowd gathers to watch the entertainment.

Over 6,000 people attended the Grand Celebration at Tipperary  
on July 4th. We offer an even bigger and better  
entertainment at

# Tipperary

## Wonderland Amusement Park

Four miles east of St. Croix Falls, on Trail 35

## Sun., July 15

### Two Big Shows —- Afternoon and Evening

Roller Skating After the Show

### Music by a Circus Clown Band

Michelsen & Lee, entertainers of high class and ability, will  
present a Comedy Juggling Act

**Petey Bros.** Acclaimed as one of the best Trampoline acts in the show world  
today — an act with plenty of speed and pep, in a clever routine of tumbling and good comedy.  
They feature a double back somersault (2 complete revolutions in the air)

### Comedy Dutch Act

HARMONY SINGING—BUCK AND WING DANCING

And a Rushing Dance Act by “Do-Do,” the Wonder Boy.

### Be Sure to See Patie and Saple

In a comedy slap stick table act, including a series of fast ground tumbling.

Then we have our

### Wild Animal Show and Deep Sea Wonder Show

And Live Alligators

BURROS AND PONIES FOR THE KIDDIES TO RIDE

Night Show will be staged on our newly erected elevated  
platform, in a glittering Fairyland.

A Day and Night of Solid, Wholesome Entertainment in the  
grandest playground of the North

BOATS, SWINGS, TABLES, AND PARKING FREE.

Come—and Tell Your Friends.

Admission 10¢ and 35¢

Entire program given—rain or shine. Don't forget the roller skating after the show.

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