



Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter
Fall 2023



President's Message



First of all I would like to thank Renee Graves for her time and talent as our outgoing President. She was a ray of sunshine and will be greatly missed.

One of the few perks of being President is you get to express what is on your mind in each issue of Deer Tales. When I first came on the DLIA Board of Directors back in the early 90's I was full of optimism for the future of the Lake. The Deer Lake Conservancy was formed and started implementing major projects to improve water quality. The results were immediate. The Deer Lake Improvement Association worked with over three hundred individual property owners to plan, fund, and complete the undergrounding of primary electrical power lines supplying properties on the Lake. This project literally saved thousands of trees around the lake. The DLIA and Conservancy worked together through the Courts to defeat a proposed Cement Plant on the north side of the lake. These are but a few of the many projects and policies implemented at the time.

As the water quality and clarity improved, land values also increased dramatically and in many cases forced third and fourth generational families off of the Lake. As these families departed the sense of community and the level of respect and consideration as to how individuals actions negatively affect their neighbors sadly began to suffer. What was once a beautiful Northern Wisconsin Lake is fast turning into Lake Minnetonka East.

Contractors get the job by pushing beyond the limits of development rules and regulations. Homeowners cut trees instead of branches to provide an unobstructed view of their property from the Lake. Wake board boats operate in close proximity to shore looking for the calm water only to cause major issues with shoreline erosion. High powered PWC's operate far too fast and far too close to other water craft and swimmers. I recently spent an afternoon at the boat landing quietly observing folks putting in and removing water craft from the lake. When it came to removing or not removing plant debris from boats some of the worst offenders were Deer lake residents. If those of us who have property on the Lake are not willing to properly clean our boats at the landing when the law requires it, why would we expect others using the lake to be any more diligent. The reason we have Zebra Mussels is simple, someone was careless. If I sound pessimistic it is because I am. Deer Lake is suffering a death by a thousand cuts. I believe we can do better but I am not sure we have the collective will to be better.

As I like to remind folks. If you don't like what you hear, there is always room on the committee.

May you all have a safe and healthy winter. See you in the spring.

John Wright
President Deer Lake Improvement Association

2024 Schedule

Spring Party

TBD

Deer Lake Clean-Up

Sat May 4th 9 am

Boat Parade

(clockwise)

Tues July 4th 1 pm

Music on the Lake— Hungerford Pt

(leeward side)

Tues July 4th 7 pm

Fireworks

(Storm date)

Sun July 5th 10 pm
Mon July 6th 10 pm

Pontoon Party

Fri July 12th 6 pm

"Name That 'Toon"

Fri July 12th 8 pm

DLIA/DLC Annual Meeting

Sat July 13th 9 am

Flagstad Farm Event

Sat July 27th 6 pm

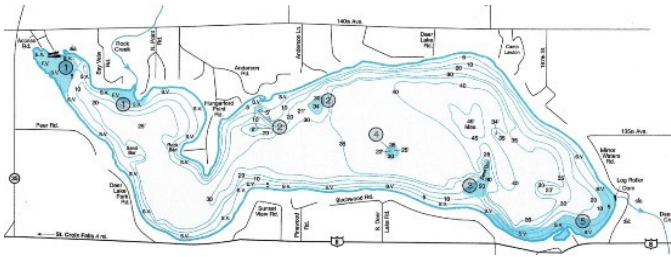
Music on the Lake— Hungerford Pt

(leeward side)

Sat Aug 3rd 7 pm

Schedule updates and additions available
at www.deerlakewi.com

Enviromental Updates:



Aquatic Invasive Species-

Check your equipment before storage

With open water season winding down, recreational water equipment is being removed from the water for the year. It is crucial everyone continues to take the proper steps to make sure all equipment is cleaned properly to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Zebra mussels in particular, are invasive organisms that have established in Deer Lake. Landowners continue to report finding zebra mussels covering the bottom of boats, motors, docks and along the shoreline. They can cut feet, clog and overheat boat motors, and outcompete our essential native fish and mussels. Depending on conditions, they may survive out of water from several days to several weeks.

The following steps should be made when taking equipment out of the water for winter storage:

- Inspect and remove all plants, mud or other debris found on equipment that has been sitting in water: dock posts, wheels, boats, rafts, pontoons, kayaks, jet skis.
- Drain all water if possible.
- Spray all equipment (including live wells) with a pressure washer sprayer. This will help get unwanted invasive species that are hanging on tight or that you can't see.
- Spray down your equipment with a bleach/water solution, including the inside of live wells. One tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water and let it air dry to help kill unseen hitchhikers.
- Talk to your own service provider and neighbors about taking these steps.

If you find something suspicious, take a picture, bag it and contact Kate Wright, DLIA environmental committee at 715-294-0223 or wrig5807@gmail.com.



Trails/Hunting dates

Lake Trails **CLOSED** November 18-26, 2023.

Deer Lake Conservancy Trails, out of an abundance of caution, are closed annually during Wisconsin gun deer season. While there is no public hunting on Conservancy lands, rifle bullets can travel miles and for the week we ask anyone walking their roads wear fluorescent Orange/Pink and to not use any of the trails Saturday November 18 - Sunday November 26.

- **DEER***
- **Archery & Crossbow**
Sept. 16-Jan. 7
- **Youth Deer Hunt**
Oct 7- 8
- **Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities▲**
Oct. 7-25
- **Gun**
Nov. 18-26
- **Muzzleloader**
Nov. 27-Dec. 6
- **Statewide Antlerless Hunt**
Dec. 8-11
- **Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ***
Dec. 24-Jan. 1

* Please check the dnr.wi.gov, keyword "deer" for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

▲ This is not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "disabled deer hunt".



Cherished Lake traditions in jeopardy

By John Wright

Three years ago after more than two decades of coordinating the Deer Lake Fireworks and Music on the Lake I promised my family that I would step down and pass the torch to someone new. To date I am still looking for that someone. I have agreed to put these events together for one more year through the summer of 2024. After that if we can't find my replacement the future of these events is in jeopardy. If you have any interest in this position or if you have any ideas as to how we can continue please contact John Wright at anytime.



DEER LAKE CONSERVANCY



Conservancy Updates:

Deer Lake owners continue to take action to reduce runoff to the lake and improve shoreline habitat. Native plantings are a great way to accomplish both. Arnie and Miriam Lagus continued a native planting along their entire shoreline on Hungerford Point Road this year, and Jeanne Johnson planted native plants in a large area near the water on Bayview Drive. Both worked with landscape designer Debbie Elmer to complete the plantings. Tom and Jo McBride (Hungerford Point) and Paul and Alison Knapp (Anderson Lane) are planning to complete native planting projects yet this year. Many thanks to these owners for their efforts to preserve Deer Lake!

Native plantings, natural shorelines, and projects to reduce runoff are marked with heron markers all around the lake with over 50 markers distributed so far. An interactive map of the projects is found on the Deer Lake Conservancy web site homeowner projects page: <https://www.dlcwi.org/projects/deer-lake-herons/>

For more information about how you can reduce runoff and improve habitat on your Deer Lake property or request a visit with an owner who has completed a project, email Cheryl at dlcdirector@dlcwi.org.



Newly completed native planting at Jeanne Johnson property



On July 4th, the boat parade had to be canceled due to weather. Our Grand Marshall, Laurie Pohlen, was looking forward to it and will hopefully be our Grand Marshall next year! There were others that had also decorated boats, and we hope all will participate again next year when we hope to have beautiful weather!



Leaves



This is a reminder to make sure that lawn clippings and leaves don't go into the lake. If you have a company doing this for you make sure they aren't putting clippings or leaves in the lake. A clean lake in the fall helps the lake in the spring!

Water Friendly Trees

If you have waterfront property, especially on a seepage lake, you might be looking for some trees that can tolerate shifting water levels. Below are ten trees for fluctuating water levels. Trees contribute a great deal to any home landscape: shade, structure, a canopy "ceiling," filter for clean water, carbon absorption, and wildlife habitat.

The following ten trees can handle the fluctuating water level conditions currently found along Wisconsin's lakes and most grow well in medium to wet, well-drained soils. If you're thinking about planting a tree or need to replace some that have been damaged by storms or fluctuating water levels, give one of these a try on your shoreline.

- Red Maple
- Tamarack
- Silver Maple
- Swamp White Oak
- Eastern Cottonwood
- River Birch
- Northern Red Oak
- White Pine
- Eastern Cottonwood
- Elderberry
- Pussy Willow

<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/resources/newsletter/default.aspx>

Spring Party

There used to be a winter and spring party every year. Next year we will try and bring back the spring party - still in the planning stages. We do realize that there are a lot of snowbirds who are gone the required six months and most are back by May 15th. The party will probably be sometime after May 15th. Keep a lookout for something in your email.

If you don't know if we have your current email, please send an email to deerlakeassn@gmail.com. If you didn't receive an emailed copy of Deer Tales, then we don't have your current or correct email.

Thanks much.



In Memorium

*Davina
Hauschild*

&

*Bob
Rawlings*



Deer Lake Tales - A Look Back at Deer Lake

By Kris Rognes

In 1958, my parents, Ted and Ramona Lindbom, were invited by Guido and Helen Becker to spend a day at their family cabin on Deer Lake. (Their daughter, Joan Leedy lives there today). It was love of DL at first sight. They bought a lot on the north shore - the other end of Tipperary Road (140th today) - and built their dream cabin.

My mom, sisters; Karen, Karla, Katy and I spent the majority of the summers at The Lake, while my dad commuted to The Cities. Deer Lake had many activities then. Sailing was popular, with regular regattas, as was water skiing. There was a slalom course set up on the south side of the lake. Lots of canoers, including the kids from Camp Lawton, and of course, fishing. The Lagoon Restaurant was always a popular spot. You could tie your boat up to the dock and enjoy a burger, steak or walleye. When you finished, you could fill the boat with gas, since pumps were conveniently located on the dock. And if the lake wasn't enough, there was always cliff jumping in the Interstate Park, horseback riding and much more.

Today, my husband, Jeff, and I are the fortunate owners of the same family cabin and we love sharing it with our kids, grandkids, sisters and friends.



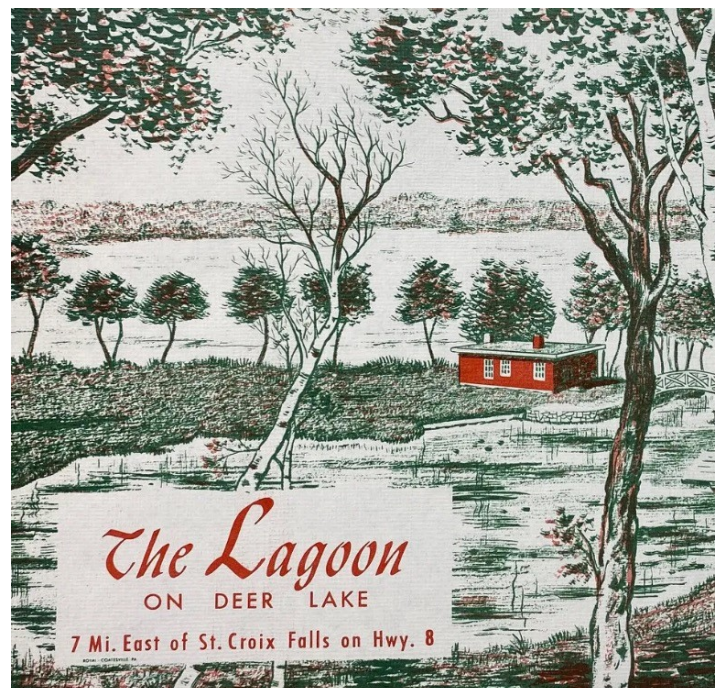
Pictures are from Kris of "The Lagoon" restaurant.



"Jamming" at Deer Lake



Neighbor Mike Dummer on guitar; Karla on flute; and Katy and Kris on percussion



Deer Lake Clothing



www.deerlakewi.com or
<https://deer-lake-merchandise.myshopify.com/>



LAKE LIFE sleeve logo 3-color
 choice Heavyweight Unisex
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 From \$22



Preserve DEER LAKE white
 11 oz Ceramic Mug
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Unisex Hoodie
 From \$35



BLUE LAKE LIFE sleeve logo
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Information for Deer Lake Tales

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 send them to Laurel Fermanich. Any stories or information is appreciated.

Email: deertales@deerlakewi.com

Communication Emails

We now have dedicated emails for all the officers/committees to make it easier to reach us!

You may still use deerlakeassn@gmail.com as the general email for the Association.

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Reasons We Love Deer Lake

Name That 'Toon 2023



Sharing Pictures

If you have some pictures that you would like to share please send them to deertales@deerlakewi.com with "Deer Tales" in the subject line.

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