



# Bay Lake Breezes

Bay Lake  
Improvement Association Inc.



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Volunteers welcome

## BLIA hires DNR to monitor public access for zebra mussels

Zebra mussels were discovered in the Brainerd lakes area last fall. The threat of zebra mussels is a very real one. There is no fix for zebra mussels (!) and it is not something we could try to manage like Eurasian watermilfoil.

Zebra mussels are most likely transported by boats. We have tried over the years to get people to volunteer to work as

boat inspectors at the public access and have not been successful. The Bay Lake Improvement Association decided with this new and very real threat to contract with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 450 hours of additional access monitoring at the primary public access to Bay Lake. This started in late May and will continue until Labor Day.

The DNR will run this program at a cost to the Association of approximately \$5,000. In the future, it would be in our best interest if we could get volunteers to be trained and to monitor this access on a regular schedule throughout the summer.

If you would like to be involved in this effort, please contact the Association at [BLIA@BayLk.org](mailto:BLIA@BayLk.org).

## BLIA continues successful control of EWM

by David Devins  
Aquatic Nuisance Control

Once again we will continue our fight against Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake. We will do as we have since 1992. This is our 13<sup>th</sup> season addressing EWM in Bay Lake. Our program is working to control the weed from both becoming a total nuisance and destroying the native vegetation.

Last year was a tough one for EWM: We treated approximately 150 acres. We aggressively treated all sites, including several large matted areas. We will find out in the next few weeks how successful we were.



In 2003, the north end of the lake was particularly heavy with EWM, whereas the south end of the lake had greatly reduced EWM sites as a result of our past efforts. EWM is scattered in the

lake, and we are making every effort to keep moving treatment sites around the lake so we do not have any one area that gets too large or dense. EWM is not going to go away, but we can continue to manage it.

We ask you to pull EWM around your dock if it is a problem. You can mechanically pull and remove an area of up to 50 feet by 50 feet (2500 square feet) around your shoreline without a permit. The treatment equipment cannot get in and around all the docks and boats. I

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# The most important thing to do before summer is...

by Betty Marquardt  
Membership Chair

What is the ONE most important thing to do this spring at BAY LAKE?

Of course, it's to join the BAY LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION!!!

Okay, so you also want to put in your dock, and get your boats in the water, and clean up your yard, and open up your cabin, and get your outdoor furniture on the deck — BUT,

joining the BLIA is also something that's just as important!!

We depend on your support to keep YOUR lake in as good a condition as possible. So, make sure that one of the important things you do this spring is to send in your BLIA membership as part of enjoying Bay Lake all summer.

Many thanks for your continued help and support.

## Bay Lake Improvement Association

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## Attention Beach Captains

Please send your current e-mail address to Trish Jespersion at [pjaflac@aol.com](mailto:pjaflac@aol.com) if you are currently a Beach Captain, or if you are interested in learning how to become a part of our effort to keep the Bay Lake Community strong through a robust Beach Captain network.

**See you at the  
BLIA Annual  
Meeting  
July 10  
Ruttger's**

## Our environment is a gift: let's pass it on

by Don Knutson  
Environmental Protection Fund

Environmental Protection: a lofty title for an even more important concept.

We are blessed with Bay Lake's beauty. I have written in the past that there are two reasons to support the Environmental Protection Fund. First, **emotional**: the love of Bay Lake and family. Second, **financial**: protecting our investment.

I now believe that there is an even more important reason: **guaranteeing future generations the gift we have received**. We must show that the

environment is a gift that must be cherished. It is our generation's responsibility to lead by example.

2003 turned out to be our biggest and best year ever for fundraising. We collected more than \$122,000. Thank you to all.

Please let's do it again in 2004. You soon will be receiving our spring request, along with the complete list of last year's donors.

This year we will continue our efforts to control and contain Eurasian watermilfoil, as well as address new concerns affecting our environment, such as zebra mussels. Let's all do our part.

## BLIA to give away shoreline plants on Saturday, June 19

by Tori Peterson

This year BLIA is excited to announce a new plant giveaway program.

The Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District is again offering shoreline plants at a great discount rate in cooperation with Prairie Restorations of Princeton. BLIA has purchased 600 starter plants to be given away in six-packs to the first 100 people who wish to plant them. Planting and care instructions will be included. There will be 10 different species to choose from, or you can choose to take six of one species.

Please visit [www.sherburneswcd.org](http://www.sherburneswcd.org) and click on the Native Plant Program/Specifics/Wet Edge to see the possible choices of plants that will be shipped. This site is

also good as an information source and has a wealth of information to investigate regarding shoreline restoration and care.

Plants will be ready for pickup sometime during the first two weeks of June, so the sale will be held on Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the White Hawk.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffin Souder at 952-240-0629 or Tori Peterson at 218-678-3685.

Tiffin and Tori are also working on setting up a "shoreline plant library" that would be available to Bay Lake residents, and on getting some of this information onto the Bay Lake Web site.

## Celebrate with Bay Lake Camp

by Carol and Gary Malek  
Bay Lake Camp

On behalf of First Lutheran Church of St. Paul and Bay Lake Camp (BLC), spring greetings!

First Lutheran is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and it is the 78<sup>th</sup> year of our camping ministry at Bay Lake. What a wonderful mission was started so many years ago! You can join in our celebration and support BLC by:

- Worshiping with us at 10 a.m. each Sunday, Memorial Day – Labor Day.
- Coming by boat, or catching the shuttle from the camp landing on Brighton Point beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Staying for treats and fellowship after each service.
- Walking the trails around the island.
- Bringing your children to our playground (parental supervision required).
- Watching Cabin 3 being remodeled by a youth service group from Prince of Peace of Roseville in July.
- Remembering BLC as you do your spring cleaning. Donations of tools, grills, lawn mowers, boats, pontoons, motors, etc.... are welcome. We'll either use or sell them for camp improvements.
- Sponsoring an inner city camper for a week of camp - \$175.
- Questions? Call Carol or Gary at 218-678-3712

Have a safe, joy-filled summer!

# Looking ahead to summer...

## Fish are jumpin'...

by Joel Kraft

The 2004 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest began Saturday, May 15, and will continue through Monday, Sept. 6. Trophies will be awarded for the largest walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie and sunfish in each of two age groups. Anglers 15

years of age and younger will compete in one group, and those 16 years of age and older will compete in another.



Fish will be measured by length (**down to the quarter inch**) and may be registered in the contest at Hansen's Store.

The signature of a witness in the registration book or a photo of the fish is all that is necessary to enter. You need not provide the actual fish. Contest details and submitted photos are available on the

BLIA Web site at [www.baylake.com](http://www.baylake.com).

We will also have a drawing that includes the names of all

who enter for two \$15 gift certificates to Tutt's bait store in Garrison. Even if your fish isn't the biggest, please stop in at Hansen's and take part in the contest. Maybe we'll help take a bite out of your bait bill this summer.

Names of trophy and gift certificate winners will be posted on the BLIA Web site and listed in the fall issue of the "Bay Lake Breezes." You can pick up your prize at Hansen's Store beginning Oct. 2.

This should be a great summer of fishing on Bay Lake. I look forward to many of you participating in this year's contest.

## Where does the time go?

### 20th annual Runtilla to be July 24

For those who have made it a tradition since the early years, it's hard to believe the 2004 Bay Lake Runtilla will be the 20th such event.

On July 24, Bay Lakers of all ages will again gather at White Hawk to run, walk, bike and roller blade around the 5K course, with family and friends cheering them on. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at White Hawk; the starting gun will sound at 9. The awards ceremony will follow the race.

In honor of the event's special anniversary, the goal this year is to have at least 50 sponsors, all of whom will be listed on the Runtilla T-shirt. For \$50, you can have your name or your company name appear on the back of the shirt. A mention on the sleeve costs \$250, and space on the front, \$1,000. To be a sponsor, please send your check and the name as you would like it to appear on the shirt to Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator, by July 10.

#### PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Jim Bye  
2482 Lafayette Road  
Wayzata, MN 55391

The entire amount raised goes toward the Bay Lake Environmental Protection Fund.

Many thanks to Jim Bye and the other volunteers who put the event together every year. Thanks also to the participants and those who come out to support them. Special thanks to White Hawk.

See you there!

## Bay Lakers to relaunch Fourth of July Flotilla

by Tori Peterson

This year we are trying to reintroduce the world-renowned Bay Lake Fourth of July Flotilla.

Anyone interested in creating a parade float on their boat or pontoon and participating in the Flotilla on July 4 is requested to meet in the bay between Ruttger's Lodge and Malkerson's Island and proceed clockwise around the island. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. Anything goes as far as float ideas are

concerned (within the limits of decency and tastefulness).

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Peterson at 218-678-3685.

P.S. There are no prizes, however the challenge should be enough to spark an untapped source of creativity in many of you. The Ghost of Flotillas Past will be watching! Good luck.

## Third annual Tour of Homes will benefit Habitat for Humanity

by Sylvia Graff

Members of the Bay Lake/Deerwood Lions invite you on a tour of unique homes July 30 and 31.

Patrons will enjoy a tour of elegant homes followed by a buffet lunch at Ruttger's Lodge. Refreshments and parking will be available at 8 a.m. at the Bay Lake Lions facility across from Zig's.

Tour cost is \$35, most of which is tax-deductible. Proceeds this year will go to the Lakes Area Habitat

for Humanity. Habitat is a hands-up, not a handout, self-help program intended to improve

family lives and community liveli-hood.

Group and individual registration forms are available at Hansen's Store and several other area businesses. Gather your group and join 425 persons who participated in last

year's House Tour.

For further information, contact Sylvia Graff at 218-678-2643.



## Fireworks to come from different spot

After years of inspiring oo's and ah's off Malkerson Island, the BLIA fireworks display is moving.

This year's show — at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 3 — will come from an area to the east of Ruttger's. The display will be visible from both the water and Ruttger's shoreline.

Many thanks to Warren and Joan Malkerson for their years of promoting, supporting and hosting what has become a beloved Bay Lake tradition.

See you on the 3rd!

## Minnow Camp to be July 3 on Church Island

by Sherry Hanson

The Bay Lake Improvement Association will sponsor the annual children's party at Church Island on Saturday, July 3.

The fun-filled morning (10 a.m. to noon), fondly known as MINNOW CAMP, will again be filled with fish-theme crafts and activities, and conclude with a "shore lunch." Parents and pre-school-to-early-elementary-aged children should meet at the flag pole on the island. Weekend guests and older/younger siblings may also attend.

Minnow Camp will be held rain or shine!

Contact Sherry Hanson if you or your older children would like to sponsor a craft table or help the little campers, or if you have new ideas. Many opportunities exist to be a part of the morning.



## Summer at Ruttger's

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge invites its Bay Lake neighbors to a number of fun-filled events this summer:

**June 23** – PGA Junior Golf Tournament

**July 2** – Style Show and Luncheon, beginning at 11 a.m.

**July 3** – Fireworks display over Bay Lake at dusk preceded with entertainment by the musical trio Triple Play, beginning at 7 p.m.

**July 5** – Entertainment by contemporary African band Yawo and Company, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the West Lawn

**July 6** – Hospice Charity Golf Event

**July 10** – Entertainment by reggae band featuring former band members of Ipso Facto, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the West Lawn

**July 31** – Ron Schara Enterprises Minnesota Bound Traveling Fishing Show, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Sept. 6** – Habitat for Humanity Charity Golf Event

**Oct. 22 through 24** – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest

Please call Erin at 218-678-2885, ext. 696 for more information on these events. See you this summer!

## Other Bay Lake businesses serving us

**Lonesome Pine** 678-2874  
Sun. to Thurs. — 4:30 to 10 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. — 4:30 to 11 p.m.  
Bar open until 1 a.m.  
Sunday breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon

**White Hawk** 678-2419  
Bar hours:  
Mon. to Sat. — Noon to 1 a.m.  
Sunday — 10 a.m. to midnight  
Dinner hours:  
Sun. to Thurs. — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. — 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Breakfast:  
Sunday — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Bay Lake Marine** 678-2096  
Mon. to Fri. — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday — 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday — CLOSED

**Hansen's Store** 678-2051  
Daily — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Ace Timber Hardware** 678-2063  
Mon. to Fri. — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday — CLOSED

## Ruttger's restaurant/ shop summer hours

218-678-2885, 800-450-4545

**Zig's** Ext. 504

Tues. to Sun. — 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Closed Mondays.

After hours karaoke Thursday nights

9 p.m. to midnight, July 9 to Aug. 26

(From Sept. 26 to Oct. 24, Zig's will be

open Thursdays, Fridays and

Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and

Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Zig's

will be closed on Mondays.)

**Ruby's Dining Room** Ext. 457

Daily through June 17:

Breakfast 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Dinner 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Daily June 18 through Sept. 6:

Breakfast 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations required.

**Bear Pine Bar** Ext. 467

Through June 17:

Mon. to Thurs. — 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday — 4 p.m. to midnight

Saturday — 11 a.m. to midnight

Sunday — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

June 18 through Sept. 6:

Sun. to Thurs. — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(Food available 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Fri. & Sat. — 11 a.m. to midnight

(Food available 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

**Auntie M's Kaffeehaus** Ext. 460

Weekdays in June: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours extend to 6 p.m. in July.

Sat. & Sun. — open until 10 p.m.

throughout the summer.

**The Garage** Ext. 766

**Country Store** Ext. 459

Open seven days a week in June

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In July and August:

Weekdays — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

***Your signature authorizing Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) treatment on your shoreline is needed now. Without your signature, we will not be able to treat any EWM sites discovered within 150 feet of your shoreline. If you have not responded, please do so ASAP by sending the signature form in the stamped envelope provided in the mailing or completing and sending this form:***

**For treatments in 2004, 2005 and 2006**

Attn BLIA,

Yes, you have our permission to chemically treat along our shore for Eurasian watermilfoil. Please provide all the information listed below.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Fire number \_\_\_\_\_

Bay Lake street address \_\_\_\_\_

Bay Lake phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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saw several dock areas last season that, with a little effort by the homeowner, would not have been such a nuisance.

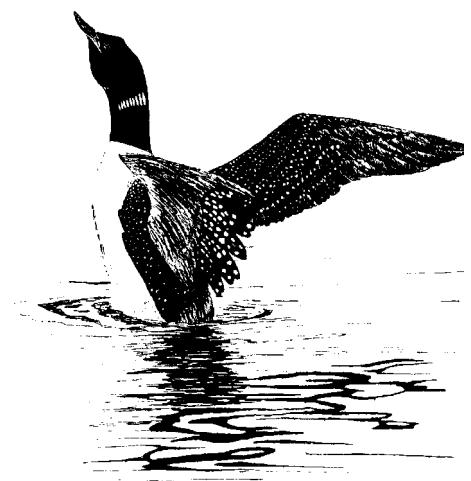
We need your signature cards returned ASAP if you have not done so on the form mailed to you. The form is also available on-line at [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org). This signature is now valid for three years. If we do not have a signature on file, we will not treat your shoreline should treatment be needed.

This year we will use divers and surface surveys from Buddy Diving Service and Lake Restoration Inc., as we have for several years. We are doing the surveys in late May and early June, with treatment planned for the third or fourth week in June. We will repeat this in September.

Please continue to support our program by donating to the Environmental Protection Fund again this year. This program has

**LARRY THE LOON says, "Please help prevent zebra mussels from entering Bay Lake. They pose a greater threat to our quality of life than does Eurasian watermilfoil! Read the article on Page 1 of this issue and visit [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org) to find out what you can do."**

worked and will continue to work with your contributions. Thank you.



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## Bay Lake Bulletin Board

*BLIA Annual Meeting  
Saturday, July 10  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Ruttger's  
Come early for coffee and  
conversation with friends*

*BLIA Picnic  
Saturday, Aug. 7  
5 p.m.  
Church Island*

*Fireworks  
Saturday, July 3  
East end of  
Ruttger's*

*20th Annual  
Runtilla  
Saturday, July 24  
White Hawk*

*Minnow  
Camp*