



TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION



# Newsletter



SUMMER 1989

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

AL MAAS, BIOLOGY TEACHER in Walker and popular fishing guide, will be the featured speaker at the Association's annual meeting Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Hackensack Community Building. The formal session begins at 7:30 p.m. but the doors will open at 7:00 for refreshments and visiting.

Maas, a frequent fisherman on Ten Mile, is thoroughly familiar with the lake. He will concentrate his remarks on what his experiences have taught

him about how to go after game fish on Ten Mile Lake.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE reports that, in addition to Maas' talk, there may be a musical surprise for those who attend the meeting -- if, that is, all goes well.

In addition to the program, there will be election of officers and directors as well as brief reports on current issues of particular relevance.

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DUES NOTICE: Membership dues of \$10 per family (includes dependent children) for the fiscal year August 1 through July 31, 1990, are payable now. Make your check to the Ten Mile Lake Association and mail it to the Association Secretary in the enclosed envelope. Married children, other relatives and anyone using your lake home regularly are encouraged to join. Please return this form with your dues payment by September 1.

(A reminder: Both dues and contributions are tax deductible)

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## ARE YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN PRACTICES POLLUTING THE LAKE?

For years homeowners have used fertilizers to feed their hungry lawns and gardens. Now as responsible homeowners, we need to be concerned about how our fertilizing practices contribute to the pollution of our lakes and groundwater.

The two nutrients mainly involved, nitrogen and phosphorus, are needed by all plants for healthy growth. Although individual lawns and gardens may seem small, the total area along our lakes and streams is significant.

Phosphorus in fertilizer leads to algae and weed growth in lakes. But, properly applied, phosphorus moves very little, quickly binding itself to soil particles. Lawn clippings, leaves from gutters and compost piles can be major sources of phosphorus.

Of all the fertilizer nutrients, nitrogen brings the greatest growth response in plants. Because of its solubility in nitrate form, nitrogen is more threatening to ground water than it is to lakes. This is particularly true of the sandy soils that are typical in this area.

Follow these simple techniques to

fertilize your lawn, not your lake:

1. Have your soil tested and follow the recommendation. Apply only the fertilizer you need! Soil test kits are available at Extension offices.

2. To avoid nitrogen loss on sandy soils, make three split applications through the growing season.

3. Water your lawn after fertilizing, but do not allow runoff into lakes, rivers or streams.

4. Clean up all fertilizer spills.

5. Lawn clippings and leaves should never be disposed of in or near the water. Compost piles are great, but should not be located near a lake.

6. Homeowners should use phosphate free detergents. All washing machine and sink discharges must go into your septic system. Grey water systems are illegal.

7. Shoreline owners have a considerable investment to protect. Consider the following: (a) Don't fertilize any lawn, garden or landscape materials near water. If you must fertilize leave a "buffer zone" -- a strip of unmanaged grasses or natural vegetation growing along the shoreline. --

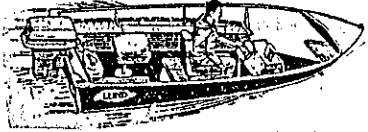
(This material was adapted from an article by Steve Berry, Cass County Extension Director.)

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COURTESY MARINE EXAMS  
OFFERED AUGUST 4 & 11

Stephen Chase, a member of the TMLA board and of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will offer free boating safety inspections twice in August.

He will be available from 9 to 12 a.m. at the Pinewood docks on August 4 and at his own North Shore dock August 11. A sign marking each location will be visible from the water.



SUCH BOATING SAFETY equipment as fire extinguishers, life preservers, bailing equipment, navigation lights, sound devices, etc., will be checked.

The inspections are a voluntary public service offered in the interest of safety. So bring your boat in for a free checkup!

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ZONING OFFICE RELEASES SUMMARY  
OF SEPTAGE PUMPING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING the pumping and disposal of septage from individual sewage treatment systems (septic systems and the like) went into effect in Cass County on July 1.

Carol J. Millard, County Zoning Officer, released the following summary of the ordinance's main provisions:

1. All sewage pumpers must be licensed by Cass County and certified through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The license fee is \$30.
2. License numbers must be visible on the pumpers' vehicles.
3. The ordinance applies throughout the county.
4. All pumpers must have disposal sites approved by the Soil Conservation Office and the County Zoning Office. Disposal sites will be subject to periodic checking.
5. Pumpers must furnish monthly reports to the Zoning Office as to the amount disposed of, site location and date disposed.
6. Land site disposal and setback requirements from lakes, streams and wetlands are specified.
7. Procedures for violations and suspensions of licenses are included in the ordinance.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available at the Zoning Office.

TEN MILE HAS HIGH LOON  
COUNT FOR JULY 15 CENSUS

As you may have heard, a loon count was taken throughout the state by volunteers on July 15. Jim and Toni Schwartz conducted the survey on Ten Mile Lake and were both pleased and surprised by the results.

When the count was completed they had tallied 51 loons -- 49 adults and 2 juveniles. Beginning at their place on Chariton Beach, the Schwartzes boated around the entire lake perimeter, bays and all, then toured the middle of the lake to pick up any they might have missed on the perimeter sweep.

The largest single grouping numbered 18 (at lake's center), another grouping totaled 6, and the remainder were triplets, pairs and singles. The information is being forwarded to the Minnesota DNR and the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Ashland, WI., and is part of a survey that covers the upper Midwest. Sponsors expect to repeat the count periodically.

SWOOPING EAGLE SCATTERS  
DUCKS ALONG NORTH SHORE

Spectators were treated to a novel sight along the North Shore recently when ducks and ducklings, feeding their way down the shoreline, suddenly took to the air.

What obviously frightened them was a mature bald eagle, intent upon bagging an easy meal. As he dropped down toward the beach the ducks, almost as one, sprang into the air and flew out over the lake. As soon as the eagle left the area the ducks returned and resumed their feeding pattern.

Although eagles are not an uncommon sight in this region, it's not often that residents and visitors see one diving toward its prey.



FROM THE NOTEBOOK . . .

. . . By JIM SCHWARTZ

BECAUSE OF THE MANY bear sightings around the lake this year, the bruin drawing in our newsletter logo seemed particularly appropriate. Residents from virtually everywhere on the lake have reported daylight glimpses of cub and adult bears roaming perimeter roads as well as lake shore areas.

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REGULAR REPORTS have come from the Chariton Beach area, where a yearling cub was a persistent visitor in early July. And on the North Shore, Phoebe Alden spotted a cub as she was taking her morning jog. Several Ten Milers along the South Shore have seen both cubs and adults.

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NO ACCOUNTS of damage or injury so far, except, that is, for a couple of my bird feeders. One, mounted on a quarter inch pole, was bent into the shape of a hairpin, the feeder itself dangling head downward only a foot or so above the ground. The other, supported by a heavy (1 1/4") pipe, was simply uprooted and flattened. We're not dead sure this was the work of a bear, of course, but we know of no other animal in these parts with that much strength.

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WILLA SHONKWILER MARTIN reports an otter family in the Lundstrom's Bay area. On several occasions she has seen them, playful critters that they are, cavorting in her yard. Although otter are common in this part of the state, we haven't heard of any on the lake for some years.

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AN OTTER-LIKE ANIMAL was seen moving along the west shore of Ten Mile in late June. Exactly what it was remains something of a mystery, partly because its dark, almost black coat is not consistent with that of an otter. Nor does it fit the description of a fisher, although that's the animal it most closely resembles. The problem with such an identification,

however, is that my wildlife booklet says fishers are seldom to be found outside the great forested wilderness of northern Canada and Alaska. Anyone have a clue?

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ROSS MELGAARD is the source of this delightful story about Claude Miller, a former summer resident of the North Shore. On or around his 75th birthday Claude was having his annual physical exam. In the course of the routine, the doctor asked Claude whether he ever experienced any pain in his left arm. Claude replied that, on occasion, he did. "Oh," remarked the doctor, "when do you notice it?" "When I water ski!" responded Claude. The Millers now are residents of Naples, Florida.

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THIS HAS NOT BEEN our best year for loon nesting. At least two nests were raided by predators and our most recent count indicated only two chicks had successfully hatched from other nests. Next season we are considering placing two or three loon nesting platforms at different sites to see whether this technique will encourage more loon pairs to produce young on Ten Mile.

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BY WAY OF CONTRAST, other waterfowl hatchings on the lake have been quite successful. Mallards are everywhere, wood ducks have occupied some houses, the golden eye pair is back at the Walt Kanes in Long's Bay, and there is at least one brood of common mergansers.

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THE ONLY CLIPPED FIN walleye reported this year was caught early in the season by Curt Madison. The fish was 26 1/2" long, weighed 5 1/4 lbs. and had a clipped right pectoral fin. That would put the walleye in its 13th year (fingerling right pectorals were clipped in 1976; left pectorals in 1981).

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IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that the TMLA organize a fund-raiser lottery on the date and time of the annual ice out. A scheme of that sort has legal ramifications, of course, which the Board will have to look into. We'll keep you posted.

IN MEMORIAM

Leslie S. Hiserote

Leslie S. Hiserote, of Hackensack, died April 23 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd. A one-time construction worker, Mr. Hiserote built cabinets and furniture and did other carpentry for many Ten Mile Lake residents.

The Hiserote property is located along the southwest side of Lundstrom's Bay. Mr. Hiserote was born in Hardin County, IA. He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Hackensack, and by a son, Gene, of Coos Bay, OR.

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Gloria L. Kraushaar

Gloria Louise Kraushaar, Glenville, MN, died May 31 at St. Olaf Hospital in Austin. She and her husband, LeMoynes, had summered at their North Shore residence for many years.

Mrs. Kraushaar is survived by her husband, two daughters, Susan and Nancy, and a son, Larry.

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Paul E. Franklin

Paul E. Franklin, of Hackensack, died June 3 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Park Rapids. Mr. Franklin was born at Emmetsburg, IA, went into the teaching profession and, prior to his retirement, taught in the Akeley and Walker school systems.

The Franklins own a small resort in Long's Bay. Mr. Franklin enjoyed playing his piano, woodworking and fishing. For several years he was secretary of the Ten Mile

Lake Association. Mr. Franklin is survived by his wife, Gladys, of Hackensack, and a son, Robert.

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Chauncey E. Barney

Chauncey E. Barney, 73, Lincoln, NE, died there July 2. Mr. Barney, an attorney, was a partner in the Lincoln law firm of Barney, Carter, Johnson and Baker. He was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1936 and received his law degree from Nebraska in 1937.

Mr. Barney was a former county commissioner and a delegate to the state and national Republican conventions.

The Barneys were among the early residents of Batcheller Bay. Mr. Barney's love for Ten Mile led him to write two songs about the lake, the lyrics for one of which were read at a recent annual meeting.

He is survived by his wife, Melba, and a son, Robert.

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David C. Pierson

David C. Pierson, 53, Lincoln, NE, died there July 5 after a year long battle with cancer. He was a 1957 graduate of Dartmouth, then went to Yale for his law degree.

He was a partner in the Lincoln law firm founded by his father and was considered one of the city's leading land-use attorneys. He also was active in Nebraska Republican politics.

Mr. Pierson is survived by his wife, Lonnie, a daughter, Katherine, and a son, John.

FISH STUDY INDICATES HIGH POPULATIONS IN TEN MILE



PRELIMINARY RESULTS from last summer's DNR fisheries survey suggest Ten Mile game fish populations are well above state medians and compare favorably as well with other lakes in this region.

In both poundage and numbers wall-eyes were found to be about three

times the figures for the state and even better than that for the region. Northern pike findings were similar for the state, but only slightly better than medians for the region. For largemouth bass, both poundage and numbers were almost ten times state and local medians.

A more complete report on what conclusions can be drawn from the survey will be published in the Fall issue.

CHANGES IN AND ADDITIONS  
TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Our Association membership totals 649, almost exactly where the figure was last year when the Fall Newsletter was published. Below are the new members who have joined since the listing in the Spring Newsletter:

CAMPBELL, Dr. Allan & Pam  
915 Iron Road  
Papillion, NE 68128           402-331-6898  
HC 75, Box 273                   675-6898

DAVIES, Rodney & Dee Dee (Minor)  
415 N. 2nd Street  
Monmouth, IL 61462           309-734-5427  
HC 75, Box 270                   675-6047

DICKINSON, Roger  
Box 392  
Empire, CO 80438               303-569-2452  
HC 75, Box 979                   675-5149

LINGWALL, Nancy J.  
18601 Geraci Road,  
Lutz, FL 33549  
HC 75, Box 354                   675-6629

Since publication of the directory these address changes have come in:

ARSETH, Wesley & Delores  
HC 75, Box 176  
Hackensack, MN 56452 (permanent)

BROSIUS, Andy & Deb  
Lake La June Estates  
Ida Grove, IA 51445           712-364-4170

GITS, Charles & Kim  
4017 Zenith Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55410

JOYCE, Helen (Gits)  
1056 Hall Ave.  
St. Paul, MN

GILLESPIE, Dr. Terry & Mary  
2005 Eastern  
Red Oak, IA 51566

LAND, Brian & Ellen (Hansen)  
1034 N. Edgewood St. #2  
Arlington, VA. 22201

MANLOVE, Jeff & Deb  
1746 Hartford Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55116           612-698-2213

SCHWARTZ, Jeff & Jeanne  
631 Colbarn  
Fishers, IN 46038

SIMPSON, Janice (Hintz)  
Badge No. 14960  
c/o Aramco, Box 9769  
Dhahran 31311, Saudi Arabia



Know of a Prospective Member?  
Send Name and Address to  
Lois Sandell, HC 75, Box 646

On page 1 of the directory the phone number of the St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids should be 732-3311. The number listed is for St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd.

Woock's Store on the south shore has a new phone number this year: 675-6645

