

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Fall 2001

Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

TMLA DATES FOR 2002

SPRING FLING Saturday
7:00 p.m. April 27, 2002
At the River House

**WATERCRAFT OPERATORS
PERMIT TRAINING** Thursday
9:00 a.m. June 27, 2002
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING DAY Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 13, 2002
Former Woock's Store and
Jerry Mill's Garage

ANNUAL MEETING Saturday
9:30 a.m. August 3, 2001
At the Hackensack Senior Center

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS Saturdays
at 9:30 a.m:
At the Home of Don Willis June 1, 2002
July 13, 2002
August 17, 2002
September 14, 2002

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A REMINDER!

Have you written your family history and sent it to Lorraine Stromquist?
She has received 27 histories so far. Is yours one of them?

Ten Mile Lake Association Officers

Don Willis, President	675-6231
Tom Cox, Vice-Pres.	675-6844
Al Griggs, Treasurer	675-6312
Anne McGill, Secretary	675-6652

Resident Directors

Gail Becher	547-3214
Heidi Hoppe	675-6265
Bob Horn	675-5314
Stuart Lane	675-6998
Jerry Mills	547-1164
Larry Urbanski	547-3107

Summer Resident Directors

Stan Benbrook	675-6810
Ray Black	675-6903
Don Harris	675-6285
Dave Losby	675-6066
Hank Sandvig	675-6521
Randy Vosbeck	547-3840

Watershed Coordinator

John Alden	547-3114
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Committees

- Adopt-A-Highway** - Robert Nelson (North), David Losby (South)
- Advisory Committee** - Bob Crom, Jack Adams, Al Hoover, Ross Melgaard, Jim Miller, Jim Schwartz, Stan Skaug
- Environment & Ecology** - Jim Schwartz, Gail Becher, Jack Adams, Fred Brosius, Pat Carey, Bruce Carlson, Amelia Gislason, Al Griggs, Carl Hertzman, Dick Horn, Marty McCleery, Jim McGill, Ross Melgaard, Jerry Mills, Tom Moore, Bob Nelson, Ellie Nelson, Brad Putney, Ken Regner, Bob Rydell, Dick Sampel, Hank Sandvig, Fred Shrimpton, Lorraine Stromquist, Forrest Watson, Don Willis
- Environ. Protection Fund** - Al Hoover, Ray Black, Rod Owre, Stan Skaug
- Finance** - Bob Crabb, Al Hoover, Jack Adams, Tom Cox, Al Griggs, Stuart Lane, David Losby, Ross Melgaard, Ted Melby, Jim Miller
- Fisheries** - Nick Melby, Larry Urbanski, Don Brown, Pat Carey, Adam Gislason, Bob Horn, Dick Horn, Gary Marchwick, Karl Reuland, Jim Schwartz
- Handbook/Directory** - Gail Becher, Phoebe Alden, Sarah Cox, Willa Martin
- History** - Willa Martin, Lorraine Stromquist, Stan Benbrook, Don Buck, Tom Cox, Sue Eikenberry, Deb Hamilton, Anne McGill, Ross Melgaard, Larry Urbanski
- Lake Level** - Walt Kane, Don Brown
- Lake Level Mgmt.** - Tom Cox, John Alden, George Brandt, Don Brown, Bob Crom, Dan Eikenberry, Walt Kane, Marty McCleery, Jim Schwartz
- Lake Safety** - Jerry Mills, Terry Cook, Pat Gjevre, Don Harris, Jim McGill, John McManus, Barbara Roberts, Mary Ann Schmidt
- Loons** - Dick Horn, Bob Moe, Bob Crom, Chet Malek, Lynn Martin, Ken Regner, Murry Towler
- Membership Coord.** - Phoebe Alden
- Newsletter** - Sarah Cox, ed.; Jim Schwartz
- Zoning & Land Use** - Ellie Nelson, John Alden, Pat Golden, Bob Nelson, Don Patterson, Dick Roberts

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Don Willis, TMLA Inc. President

The 49th annual meeting of the Ten Mile Lake Association was very interesting, informative, and fun to attend. It was a chance to meet and hear from some of the nicest people around: our committee Chairs and members. The new Handbook presented at the meeting was brought about by the hard work and talent of **Gail Becher**, **Phoebe Alden** and **Sarah Cox**. Thank you, ladies.

A special Kudo to **Lisa Tuller** for being our secretary for the past 8 years. Her dedication is sincerely appreciated. Thank you, Lisa. A special thanks also to our retiring board member, **Bob Crabb**. On a sadder note, we lost **Bob Kay**, the longtime Lake Safety Chairman, and **Ray Helsman**, our lake advocate. They will be missed as friends and lake stewards.

Looking out over Ten Mile Lake, I think of so many people who have contributed to our lake programs. It is their vision into the future on which we must strive to build.

Until next time . . .

KENFIELD BAY PROPERTY

by Al Hoover, Chair
James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund

In the Summer Newsletter, we discussed the purchase of the Anderson property in Kenfield Bay, and suggested that if each of our over 680 members would contribute an extra \$20.00 over their dues payment for each of the next two years, the Kenfield Bay property would be paid for completely.

Many members sent in the extra \$20.00 already. If by any chance you forgot to do so, just send in \$20.00 now and again next year, and we will have enough. We still have 21 months to raise the money before the final balloon payment.

The Board urges you to consider this very worthwhile project.

A Letter to the Editor — Praise for New Directory and Handbook

To the Editor:

We are thrilled with the latest Ten Mile Lake Association Directory for 2001; it is so easy to read (even without eye-glasses). The new Ten Mile Notebook binder is beautiful, user-friendly, and well thought out as to content. We applaud everyone involved in this endeavor for their ideas and long hours bringing this to fruition, and happily anticipate your future contributions. Keep up the very fine work!

Signed:

Dave and Mary Lee Losby (August 6)

NEWS FROM THE LAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE

by Don Harris, Member, Lake Safety Committee

A. 2nd Watercraft Operators Permit Training

In the spring, 2002, TMLA, along with the Hackensack Lions and other area lake associations, will host a repeat of the Watercraft Operators Permit Training for children ages 12 to 17. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 27, 2002 at the Hackensack Community Center at 9:00 a.m. The Hackensack Lions have again agreed to provide snacks and lunch. **Sergeant Tim Berglund**, of the Cass County Sheriff's Association, will return to teach the course. Successful completion of the training and passage of the test will earn the attending students Watercraft Operator's Permits, issued by the State of Minnesota. This permit is required for anyone aged 12 to 17 to operate a motorboat with a motor over 25 horsepower.

B. Permits Required for Moored Devices

Please note: Mooring buoys, swimming area buoys, swimming and diving rafts, and innertube water trampolines all qualify as temporary structures that require a permit from the Sheriff's Office if the structure is left in the lake overnight and is not attached to a dock. Permit applications are available from the Cass County Sheriff's Department, Boat and Water Division, P.O. Box 1119, Walker, MN 56484. You will receive an identification number to be placed on the structure. The fee, \$5.00, covers a two-year period.

If your structure is in the water even for just one night, the property owner is responsible for securing a permit. This requirement applies even if you are renting a device for a few days. **Refer to your TMLA**

Handbook for information about placing the required reflectors on your structure.

C. A Sheriff's Patrol Boat for Ten Mile Lake

The Cass County Sheriff has proposed that a Sheriff's Patrol Boat be placed on Ten Mile Lake, and the TMLA Board at its August meeting unanimously approved a one-year trial of the project. The aim of this project is to increase the presence of law enforcement on the lake, enhance lake safety, and have a boat easily available to the Sheriff if it is needed on the lake.

Ten Mile Lake residents will be asked to volunteer as Sheriff's Assistants to man the boat on summer weekends. The Sheriff's Office will donate a 17.5 foot Larson boat with a 130hp motor (confiscated in a Boating-While-Intoxicated incident). Happiness Resort, in Long Bay, has agreed to house the boat; gas, oil, and maintenance will be provided by the Sheriff's Department. Volunteers will be asked to patrol the lake, observe and report any illegal behavior, and offer encouragement and rewards when they observe good lake safety practices. Issuance of tickets or even verbal warnings will NOT be part of the volunteer responsibilities. The Spring Newsletter will contain more information regarding a training program for volunteers and the setting up of a schedule for volunteers to operate the Sheriff's boat.

D. Placement of Buoys

The TMLA buoys will go in seven to ten days after ice-out in the spring of 2002.

SAVING THE LOON — by John Aiden

ON AUGUST 10, a Culligan Water Softener truck was traveling southbound on County Road 71. As the truck rounded the tight curve north of Bachelor Road, the driver noticed an object in the middle of the road and got out to investigate. The object turned out to be a live loon! You should know that in order to fly, loons must take off from water and cannot fly from dry land, so you seldom see a loon on the land, even close to the water.

WHILE THE CULLIGAN DRIVER was trying to figure out what to do, the UPS truck came upon the scene from the south. That driver also stopped to lend assistance. Since neither driver had experience with live loons in the middle of the road, they used the

Culligan cell phone to call DNR. The DNR representative suggested that the best thing to do for the loon was to get it back to water. The two men threw a coat over the loon, carried the bird into the cab of the Culligan truck, (with the UPS driver holding the bird on his lap), and took the loon over to Flower Pot Bay. The loon was released on the shoreline, where it easily swam from the beach. Later the loon was seen preening and diving for fish.

WE OWE OUR THANKS to these drivers for their concern and their willingness to take action to protect the birds we all love to see on the lake. If you have the opportunity to thank either of these men personally, we hope you will do so!

From the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

IN THE MORE THAN 40 YEARS that we have been summering here, never have we experienced the prolonged warm lake water temperatures we have this past season. When our dock goes in (early May) I have since 1982 been dangling a thermometer at the end of it, just off lake bottom (about 4 feet deep), and monitoring the temperature daily until the dock comes out in late September or early October. Typically, our routine is to begin swimming when the water temperature reaches 65 degrees and remains at that level or higher (usually late June or early July). As fall approaches and the temperature drops below our benchmark we hang up the swim suits for the season (late August or early September).

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THIS YEAR THE WATER TEMPERATURE hit 68 degrees on June 9 and remained above 65 degrees through August and into at least early September (this was written September 5; water temp.: 75 degrees and rising). That time span is not unprecedented. My log book records eight other years when temperatures reached 65 degrees in early June and remained there until as late as mid-September. And my data show four summers (1983, 1987, 1989 and 1999) when the thermometer inched into the 80 degree neighborhood, topping at 82 degrees, holding for a day or two, then skidding back into the 70s. This past summer, however, I had lake water readings 80 degrees or above from July 28 until August 10, with a high on August 1 of 86 degrees. Are there other Ten Milers out there who have kept similar records? If so, I would be delighted to hear about your experiences. (In the interest of full disclosure, I changed thermometers this year and have found that my new instrument records about 2 degrees warmer than the old. Even allowing for that difference, however, no other year since I began taking readings in 1982 comes even close to matching 2001 for this nearly two-week period of unusually high lake water temperatures.)

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WHILE I'M ON THE SUBJECT of abnormal temperatures, evidence continues to mount that global warming is indeed real. The August 20 edition of TIME Magazine reports that Lonnie Thompson, a world-renowned glaciologist, has been for years involved in a unique field of research: he is clambering up the world's highest mountain peaks to

retrieve ice cores before their glaciated "crowns" melt away. A particularly startling statistic: Kilimanjaro, the storied African peak, has 80% less ice cover today than it had in 1912, and a third of that loss has occurred within the last 10 years. Thompson estimates that Kilimanjaro may lose its ice cap entirely by 2020. In Peru, Thompson's team found enough evidence atop Mount Quelccaya to speculate that it may suffer a fate similar to that of Kilimanjaro, also by 2020. Thompson is blunt about what is happening: the world is warming and it is foolish to pretend that it's not.

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IN THE UNITED STATES geologists are studying how warming is affecting Glacier National Park. Back in 1887 the park hosted 150 glaciers. The number now has plummeted to only 50. The scientists' conclusion: glacier melting is primarily the consequence of human influences. Geologists consider Glacier to be the best place in America to track warming trends.

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WHAT IS THE DOWN SIDE of mowing your lawn to the water's edge? Well, for one thing it makes certain that nothing will impede the flow of nutrients from your property into the lake. And, if you fertilize your lawn with any regularity the concentration of harmful nutrients will increase. The best management practice is to plant and nurture a buffer strip between your lawn and the lake shore, a 10- to 15-foot wide strip of native plants and grasses that will act as a filter, soaking up nutrients and reducing the rate of storm water flow as well. If you need some guidance on what to do and how to do it, buy a copy of "Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality," available at any DNR office, or consult your local County Extension Office. Both are excellent sources of information on what works best for lakeside properties.

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NOW THAT OUR BLUE enhanced 911 signs have been installed at County expense, the responsibility for maintenance and/or replacement has shifted to the property owner. If your blue sign or post is damaged or needs to be replaced, contact the County Highway Department to order a new one, but at your expense. Signs and posts are \$4 apiece and the property owner is responsible for pickup and installation. Green (street) signs, on the other hand, are the responsibility of the Highway Department.

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From the Notebook, Continued

ONE WAY OF ENCOURAGING BOATERS to clear your dock or swimming area by a safe margin is to anchor a reflectorized marker buoy indicating what you consider to be the appropriate outer perimeter (not more than 1200 feet from the shore). To do so legally, however, you must first apply for a permit from the Cass County Sheriff's office, pay the \$5 fee (it covers a two-year period), affix the assigned permit numbers to the buoy and put it in place. Buoys must be removed by October 1. Until recently, no fee was assessed, but that policy has changed.

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TEN MILERS ARE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD of the lake's clarity (20' to 22.5' most of this summer), but the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's annual transparency report lists two lakes, Hunter and our neighboring Portage, as having better average readings in the year 2000. Hunter reported a 27.5' mean and Portage 24'. Ten Mile? 23.2'.

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FISH HEADS AND OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

by Larry Urbanski, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

FISH HEADS: On a recent visit to the DNR Fisheries unit near Walker, I was able to check on the results of the collection of walleye heads turned in by Ten Mile Lake fishermen. They were working on sample number 623 when I was there.

Most heads were picked up at the Happiness Resort. Approximately 50 heads were dropped off at my place and Nick Wellby's. Thanks to all who participated. We will get the results when all the heads have been examined and the data recorded.

PRACTICE "CATCH AND RELEASE": Keep only the fish you can use right away.

A TIP FROM KARL REULAND: When fishing for rock bass, use a larger hook, from which you have removed the barb using a pair of pliers. The fish will be less likely to swallow the hook, and it will be easier to remove the fish from the hook.

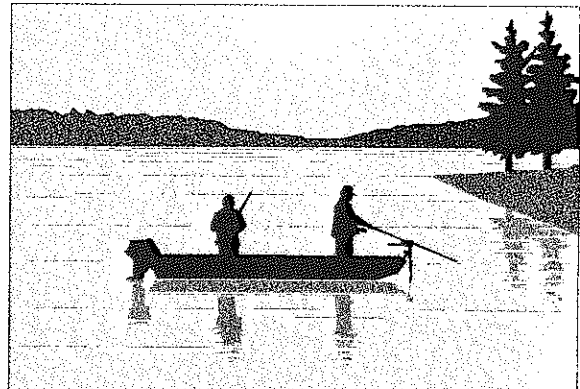
A GIRL AND A LAKE

by Cabin Ross

[Below is a paragraph from a "Life Book" our daughter wrote for an 8th grade language assignment last May. She has been coming to Ten Mile since she was born. She is now age 14. Her Name is Cabin Ross.]

My favorite spot in the world would be at the end of the dock on Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota. I love the feel of the hot beams tanning my skin, while the cool breeze refreshes me. The sound of the water lazily lapping the rocks is calming, and the sound of the loons makes me feel comforted. I know I'm not alone, but it also feels like we're the only ones on the lake. The smell of the pine trees that border the lake is wonderful. The border makes me feel safe and secure. The water is like glass; I want to walk on it. It is so peaceful that I can hear a fish jump to catch a passing fly, but the morning silence is broken by the first waverunner. He is taking advantage of the smooth waters. Soon everyone is out tubing, skiing, boating, and swimming. It's fun to see people have fun. When everyone is tired and sunburned they go inside for dinner. The wild waves return to glass. The loons call out as the sun goes down. Fishermen get their boats ready for the night's catch. The orange sun reflects a mile long line on the lake as it hides behind the trees. It turns off its light and leaves a dark purple sky. The fishers' boat lights look like dancing stars on the water. They blend in well with the real stars.

[About the Ross family: We are Greg and Buff Ross. We have three daughters: Clair and Katy, 19, and Cabin, 14. Greg started coming to Ten Mile when he was eighteen. He stayed at the cabin of Bill and Helen Hall on the North Shore. When we married in October, 1976 he wanted so spend our honeymoon at the Hall's cabin. They were very kind to let us use it. We will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year and plan to stay at the Hall's cabin, now owned by their son Don Hall. We have been coming to Ten Mile with our children for 25 years. We spend time at the Hall's cabin and at Pinewood Resort on the South Shore. We live in Johnston, Iowa.]



TMLA PARTICIPATES IN CASS COUNTY HEALTHY LAKES PROGRAM TRAINING

by Bob Crom and Marty McCleery

On September 7, a team composed of Gail Becher, Tom Cox, Bob Crom, Marty McCleery and Association President Don Willis completed the training phase of the Healthy Lakes Program (HLP).

THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION/INITIATIVE FOUNDATION HLP is designed to encourage and support lake associations interested in implementing an effective lake management plan (LMP) and to ensure that the lake community has a voice in the environmental and social decisions that affect them within their watershed.

DURING THE TWO DAYS OF TRAINING at Deep Portage team members participated in sessions on resource assessment, setting goals and objectives for LMP, communications, developing a vision for LMP, and identification of local, State and federal information and financial resources for developing and carrying out a LMP.

IN THE COMING MONTHS the TMLA HLP team, under the leadership of Marty McCleery, will be involving Board members, committee chairs and co/chairs, and others in evaluating and updating our current LMP. Subsequent steps will involve hearing from you and other property owners in the watershed, updating the LMP vision and identifying the key problems and actions on which to focus attention over the next three to five years.

COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING PHASE has qualified the Association for an immediate \$400 grant and also provided eligibility for follow-up funding to achieve TMLA goals by implementing actions identified in subsequent phases. Funding for this initiative comes from the McKnight Foundation and the Laura Jane Musser Fund. There is the added possibility of matching funds from other local, State, and federal agencies that have an interest in implementing recommended initiatives.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

by Bob Crabb, Co-Chair

At the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Finance Committee has asked the TMLA Board to extend Committee responsibilities beyond supervision of the Association's investments to include budgeting. With Board approval, the Committee has been finalizing a budget for 2001-2002, as well as looking ahead to the next few years.

In the year ending July 31, 2003, for instance, the contract for deed for the Kenfield Bay purchase will be paid off. It is expected that Environmental Protection funds now on hand, together with members' additional special contributions over the next two years, will enable us to retire this debt without disturbing our restricted funds. Nevertheless, the Board has voted to extend the restriction on those funds until we have made the final payment. (The Association does not use members' dues payments for this purpose. All Kenfield payments are made out

of member's specially designated contributions.)

From a budgeting perspective, we see that currently our annual expenditures exceed our dues income. For several years we have made up this shortfall by drawing on reserves that have been built up over several years. Reduced interest rates have contributed to the problem. A preliminary look at the ensuring five years forecasts more of the same. More information will be forthcoming in the spring.

In the meantime, the Committee would like to remind members that contributions of assets, appreciated stocks, etcetera, are tax deductible for the donor. There are a variety of ways to make such contributions while protecting the donor's income, and members of the Committee would be willing to discuss the options available to interested members of the Association. Donations of this kind are always welcome

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: THANKS TO TOM COX

To the Editor:

The undersigned wish to thank Tom Cox for the countless hours and extraordinary effort he has spent working to resolve the problems and controversies caused by the high water level of Ten Mile Lake. The high water level has had serious effects on many lakeshore properties, and we would like to acknowledge his efforts on our behalf.

Signed:

George Brandt	Dave and Evie Brandt
John and Carlyn Bryngelson	Judy Bryngelson
Sam and Betsy Fahr	Dick and Audie Garbisch
Ray and Sally Helsman	Tate and Jinny Lane
Fritz and Bernadette Kilander	
Jim and Donna Sandelin	(July 13)

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT, AUGUST 1, 2000 - JULY 31, 2001
Corrected August 15, 2001

BALANCE SHEETINCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARYASSETS

	General Fund	J W Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash-Checking	\$ 1,084	\$ 505
Cash-General Savings	973	41,480
Cash-Piper Jaffray Money Market	13,031	-
Cash-USPS Acct.	72	-
Investment - Nicholas Fund	<u>5,943</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets	\$21,103	\$ 41,985
<u>LAND HELD FOR PRESERVATION</u>		
Kenfield Bay Purchase	\$ -	\$171,730
Land - Donated	<u>-</u>	<u>182,300</u>
Total Land	\$ -	\$ 354,030
<u>OTHER - FIXED INCOME FUND</u>	<u>\$50,687</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$71,790</u>	<u>\$ 396,015</u>

LIABILITY AND FUND EQUITY

<u>LIABILITY</u>		
Contract Payable - Kenfield Bay	\$ -	\$ 66,811
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>		
Unrestricted	\$21,136	\$ 329,204
Restricted	<u>50,654</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$71,790</u>	<u>\$ 329,204</u>
Total Liability and Fund Equity	<u>\$71,790</u>	<u>\$ 396,015</u>

Notes to the "Income and Expense Summary" (Right-hand Column)

*The First Response "Pass Through" and "Matching Gift" figures do not match because TMLA matched a TMLA member's \$100 gift that was given *directly* to First Response rather than being given *through* TMLA. TMLA encourages members who wish to give to First Response to do so through the Association, which will match all gifts up to a total of \$1,000 per year.

**Note that we are purchasing the Kenfield Bay property entirely out of the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund (JWS EPF), which is funded wholly by members' special contributions over and above their regular dues payments. It is TMLA policy to deposit all special contributions not otherwise designated into the JWS EPF. TMLA does not use members' dues for the Kenfield Bay property purchase.

***These "deficits" were paid out of the TMLA's General Savings Account and the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund (JWS EPF) Money Market Fund, respectively.

INCOME

	General Fund	J W Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund
<u>INCOME</u>		
Contributions to TMLA		
Designated for First Response	\$ 22	\$ -
J W S Environ. Prot. Fund		800
Undesignated Contributions		665
Memorials		
Designated for First Response	265	-
J W S Environ. Prot. Fund		1,575
Undesignated Memorials		3,695
Miscellaneous	10	
Directory Sales	5	
Dues	12,925	
Interest and Dividend Income	<u>5,696</u>	<u>1,996</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 18,923</u>	<u>\$ 8,731</u>

EXPENSES

	General Fund	J W Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Administration	\$ 680	\$ -
Annual Meeting	132	-
Membership Secretary's Services	1,566	-
Committee Expenses		
Environment and Ecology	4,935	-
Handbook Committee	648	-
History Committee	94	-
Safety Committee	1,019	-
Water Level Committee	68	-
Directory Printing, Mailing	2,138	-
Donations to Outside Group		
First Response Pass Through*	287	-
First Response Matching Gift*	387	-
Insurance	69	-
Interest: Kenfield Bay Purchase	-	**6,295
Memberships		
Minn. Lakes Association	200	-
Assoc. Of Cass County Lakes	25	-
Newsletter Expenses	3,669	-
Principal Paid on Kenfield Property		**5,705
Real Estate Taxes	1,248	-
Spring Fling	7	-
Watershed Coordinator Stipend	8,400	-
Internet Svc. and Website Hosting	<u>338</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 26,537</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
Difference	***\$ (7,614)	***\$ (3,269)

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Cox, outgoing Treasurer

THE HISTORY PAGE

(It has been suggested that we include something on the history of Ten Mile Lake in each issue of *The Newsletter*. The following article was written by Lorraine Stromquist for inclusion in the history volume being assembled to honor the centennial celebration of the Town of Hackensack.)

A HISTORY OF TEN MILE LAKE by Lorraine Stromquist

Ten Mile Lake, one of the deepest, cleanest, and clearest in the State of Minnesota, is considered relatively pristine. The lake headwaters the Boy River, which runs through a chain of 15 lakes before emptying into Leech Lake. The origin of Ten Mile Lake can be traced to three different glacial periods that covered the area, the last of which occurred some 10,000 years ago. The lake is thought to be an "ice block" lake, created when a retreating glacier left a huge block of ice in the cavity it had gouged; as the ice melted, the lake was formed.

Native American Settlements

Some of the stories told about the lake say that the Indians of the region refused to settle around the lake or even camp near it because they believed it to be inhabited by a monster or devil, and called it "Devil Lake." (Some residents in this century have claimed to see the monster, most recently **Virginia Wagner**, when fishing.) In spite of these stories, traces of early Native-American settlements are evident in the region: one between Ten Mile and Gadbolt Lakes, another in the Flower Pot Bay area, and possibly a third off lower Long Bay. The Indians are believed to have fished in the lake, picked berries, and collected maple sap for sugar. **Willa Shonkwiler** found a unique arrowhead on her land and "**Cub**" **Stromquist** found an anchor rock.

About 1990, **John Alden** found four small mounds on the ridge northwest of Flower Pot Bay. We believe they are burial mounds, and have not disturbed them but reported them to State archaeologists. The site has not been excavated. There may have been a temporary or permanent Native American settlement at Flower Pot, or on the flatland below the ridge; thus a logical burial site would have been the nearby hillside. In the past, archaeologists have checked the lowland going west

from Flowerpot Bay and reported they had found evidence of Native American usage.

Near the start of the Boy River is a shallow stretch with a hard sandy bottom; this would be an easy crossing point. In 1975, the owners of a house on the west bank of the river dug under it to make a basement. There they discovered four skeletons, stacked one on another. Sheriff Chalish was notified; pictures and notes were taken, but the information has been lost or misplaced. The skeletons were sent to St. Paul, but no further information has been received.

Logging, Farming, and Tourism

Large-scale logging was underway at the turn of the century. While cutting activities were at their peak, Ten Mile Lake was an important artery for transporting logs to an established rail site.

As the logging faded, individuals seeking good farm land settled in and around the lake in early part of the 20th century. Some established homesteads including one on Angel Island, one just off Lundstrom's Bay, one along the North Shore, one on the South Shore, and one on what became the Albert Thomas farm on lower Long Bay. Other scattered farms existed in the area.

Tourism also became a new business following the waning of logging, as tourists were drawn by the clean and clear water of the lake which teemed with northern pike, bass, and walleyed pike. Resorts were established around the lake and individual summer cabins were built. During the 1930's, the drought and the Great Depression combined to blunt enthusiasm for vacation properties but once World War II ended, buying resumed and gained momentum.

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(History of Ten Mile Lake, Continued)

Today, few resorts remain; the number of permanent homes is increasing; the rest of the shoreline is dotted with seasonal residences; and only a scattering of shoreline parcels remain undeveloped.

Early resorts and campgrounds bordering Ten Mile Lake include the island resort, Ya-ma-na-Me-nis-ing. **Anna Marie Robertson** purchased the island in 1921 and developed it into a resort. Its name was eventually changed to Klose-to-Nature Camp. It was sold in 1947 to **Owen and Delores Heusmann** and named Wild Acres Resort. In 1951 **George Brandt, Jr.** bought the island, then named Angel Island (and now called by the family Brandts' Island). Resorts and camps numbered up to twenty, a few of which include Happiness Resort, Hillaway Girls' Camp, Pinewood Resort, and Quietwoods Campground and Resort, each with its own intriguing history, too detailed to include here. (A proposed history book of Ten Mile Lake is to be written in the near future which will describe each one.)

Early Schools

There were four one-room schools for the children of early pioneers who arrived after the lumbermen had logged the area. Lothrop School in Hiram Township opened in 1900, but in 1905 the school was moved to property donated by **Anton Linneberg** at the south end of the section of Boy River which joins Ten Mile lake to Birch Lake, near the bridge on the east shore of the river on County Road #6, now known as Lower Ten Mile Lake Road NW.

Another school was the Martin School, one mile south of Ten Mile lake, which opened around 1914 and was named for local residents **Victor and Tilde Martin**. It closed in 1921, but the building was used as the Hiram Township Hall until 1967, when it burned down and all of the township records were lost. The present Hiram Township Hall was rebuilt on the same site.

Lakeview School is the only one-room school in

Hiram Township still standing, but it has been incorporated into a larger home owned by **W. T. McGill** on the southwest corner of Ten Mile Lake on property purchased by the McGills in 1956.

The fourth area school was Shofner School in Shingobee Township, on the west side of Big Bass Lake, near the home of early resident **Mitt Shofner**. It operated from 1913 to 1918. Mitt's son **Basil Shofner**, and Basil's nephews **Jessie Eckman** and the late **Jim Petrie**, have worked for north shore residents.

Teachers boarded with near-by residents for the school term. They signed contracts stating they would not marry, smoke, or drink. Popular accepted activities were Friday night dances and winter skating parties. At one time, due to reorganization and consolidation of one-room schools, Hackensack's school was much larger than Walker's.

Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc.

In 1946 a homeowners' association was formed which combined both Birch and Ten Mile Lakes. This joint arrangement ended, and in 1958 the Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc., was organized. The Association now has over 680 members, both resident and non-resident. Over the years the Association has worked closely with DNR, studying and improving fishing conditions, launching environmental studies and sponsoring concurrent educational activities on behalf of its members.

The Association has adopted a long-range management plan; primary goals are to protect the lake's water quality, preserve its fish and wildlife habitat, and, if possible, enhance the entire area's natural environment. Ten Mile Lake's development as an area of homes, cabins, and a limited number of resorts and camps strongly affects the Hackensack area. It contributes a diversified group of people who actively participate in social, religious, and business activities of the local community.

WATER LEVEL REPORT

by Tom Cox, Chair, Lake Level Management Committee

A. Birch Lake Outlet Structure Update

On July 18, DNR staff from St. Paul and Bemidji, representatives from Birch, Pleasant and Ten Mile Lakes, Stan Kumpala of the Cass Board of Water and Soil Resources and Jim Dowson, County Commissioner, met in Hackensack to discuss the procedure for obtaining an amended or new DNR permit for the management of the Birch Lake Outlet Structure. With the advice of David Ford, Supervisor, Surface hydrology Unit, DNR Central Office, St. Paul, and Kirk English, DNR Area Hydrologist, Bemidji, the group reached a decision involving placement of a four-inch log in the outlet structure for a period of up to two years, during which time volunteers would make twice-weekly readings of the water levels on the three lakes and

report them to the DNR. Under Mr. Ford's guidance, the DNR will use these data, along with precipitation and river and ground water flow data, to determine the character of a fixed weir to be established at the current outlet structure's location. The Ten Mile Water Level Committee anticipates that the DNR's study, supported by Cass County's own concurrent hydrological study of the Upper Boy River (being supervised by Stan Kumpala with the assistance of John Alden) may result in a new outlet structure that will address both the low water concerns of Birch Lake residents, and the high water concerns of those who have homes on Ten Mile and Pleasant Lakes and along the Boy River in Hackensack.

B. Water Level Statistics

<u>Historic Data, 1973-2000</u>		<u>Summer 2001 Readings</u>			
Avg Level, '73-'00:	1379.42'	5/1:	1379.83'	7/16:	1379.91'
Recorded Range:	2.72'	6/1:	1380.03'	8/3:	1379.79'
Highest Level:	1380.21' (4/25/79)	6/14:	1380.22' (New High of Record)	8/15:	1379.76'
Lowest Level:	1377.49' (11/23/76)	6/27:	1380.15'	9/1:	1379.60'
		7/6:	1380.00'	9/8:	1379.56'
				9/14:	1379.44'

Walt Kane reports that on September 14, Ten Mile was four tenths of an inch higher than on the same date a year ago. Also on September 14, the water was down 5.2 inches from its May 1 level, and down 9.36 inches from its peak on June 14, when it reached 1380.22, the highest level on record since the DNR began keeping records in 1973. But the lake was up 1.2" from its level on last November 1. Also of interest, from June 25,

when the stop log was removed, until July 30, when it was reinstalled, Ten Mile's level dropped 4.3 inches. It's impossible to tell how much of this drop was due to the absence of the stop log and how much was due to July's long, hot, dry spell. Walt Kane calculated, however, that during this same 35-day period in other years of record, Ten Mile rose, on average, 1.3 inches.

C. Water Level Committee Adopts Mission Statement

At its meeting on September 8, the Water Level Committee adopted the following Mission Statement:

Continued, next page:

The mission of the TMLA Water Level Committee shall be to serve as an advocate with the Ten Mile Lake Association, Cass County and the Minnesota DNR regarding Ten Mile Lake water level issues. To carry out its mission, the Committee shall:

1. Monitor and record Ten Mile Lake water level and flow.
2. Monitor and record the water level and flow at the Birch Lake Outlet Structure.
3. Monitor and record the condition of the Boy River between Ten Mile and Birch Lakes.
4. Monitor shoreline erosion and other effects of high water levels on Ten Mile Lake.
5. Monitor Beaver Dam activity under the CSAH 6 Bridge and at other locations, and organize removal of dam construction materials and other debris as necessary to keep an open flow under the bridge.
6. Cooperate with the County Engineer's Office regarding the management of the Birch Lake Outlet Structure.
7. Advocate for and provide technical and practical assistance to Cass County's Upper Boy River Hydrological Study.
8. Advocate for and provide technical and practical assistance to the DNR's water level studies pertaining to the County's application for a new or amended permit for the Birch Lake Outlet Structure.
9. Advocate for construction of a new Birch Lake Outlet Structure.
10. Advocate for the construction of an appropriate new CSAH 6 bridge over the Boy River (scheduled for 2003).

D. Dam Raiders Strike Again

So far this past summer the TML Dam Raiders have struck twice at the Beaver Dam under the CSAH 6 Bridge over the Boy River. The stream stayed clear through June, perhaps in part because last November a trapper took 19 beaver out of the area around the bridge. But in early July, the beaver were at it again. And so, on the 20th the Raiders gathered at the river to remove the accumulating saplings and other debris -- three trailer loads, in fact. Then, again, on August 13, they struck again, taking another trailer-load to the transfer station. They also removed large rocks and loosened the build up of sand that creates something close to a two-foot weir that also obstructs flow under the bridge. But as this newsletter goes to press, beaver have made a good start on yet another dam, and it appears that they have had helpers: there are a few rocks in the streambed where there were none before, and which could only have been dropped there by folks

sympathetic to the beavers (and to high water in the river). A third raid is planned, and a fourth may be required before freeze-up this fall. Boaters and canoeists report that the rest of the river between Ten Mile and Birch Lakes has remained open, i.e., free of beaver dams, throughout the summer.

Bouquets to the Dam Raiders who have helped *this* summer to rid the river of this obstruction to Ten Mile outflow:

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| Don Brown | Bob Crom | Forrest Watson |
| Richard Shipp | Tom Cox | Dan Eikenberry |
| Bob Nelson | Ray Raetz | Don Patterson |
| Geoff Cox | Al Griggs | Dave Brandt |
| Homer Olsen | Don Willis | Ken Regner |
| John Alden | | |

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY UPDATE

by Dave Losby, Co-Chair, Adopt-A-Highway Committee

During the past six weeks the following people have become active in this program: **Elaine Crabb, Homer Olsen, Hank Sandvig, and Janet and Cary George**. Many thanks to them all.

We still have openings and would appreciate your assistance. Call **Dave Losby** at **675-6066**.

REPORT ON THE FISHING SURVEY

by Larry Urbanski, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

AT THE TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC. Annual Meeting held August 4, 2001, the Committee on Fisheries distributed a survey sheet to obtain information from the TMLA membership. We received 26 responses. (We were hoping for more input!) Thanks to all who took the time to fill in the survey and for the comments you provided.

Perhaps because it was a fishing survey, your answers concerning your three favorite activities listed Fishing as number one. Scenic Viewing was second, with boating and swimming coming in third. In all, seventeen activities were mentioned.

FISHING ON TEN MILE LAKE was listed as fair to good. Most of the respondents said they fished two to four times a week, but answers varied based on the amount of time spent at the lake. Two to three hours were usually spent on one fishing outing. Walleyes were listed as the species fished for most frequently, followed by bass and sunfish.

How MANY FISH did you catch this season? Our respondents listed the following:

<u>TYPE OF FISH</u>	<u># CAUGHT</u>	<u># RELEASED</u>
Walleyes	175	52
Northerns	210	185
Bass	471	319
Crappie	14	2
Sunfish	918	766
Rock Bass	1,123	990
Whitefish	35	35

Respondents listed Lake Trout and Small mouth bass as new species to be introduced or stocked in the lake. They also suggested we should do something to increase the crappie population. Areas suggested to

closed during spawning season were Flower Pot, Kenfield, Lundstrom, and Long Bays, especially near the Boy River outlet from Long Bay. It was also suggested that this should be left up to DNR to decide.

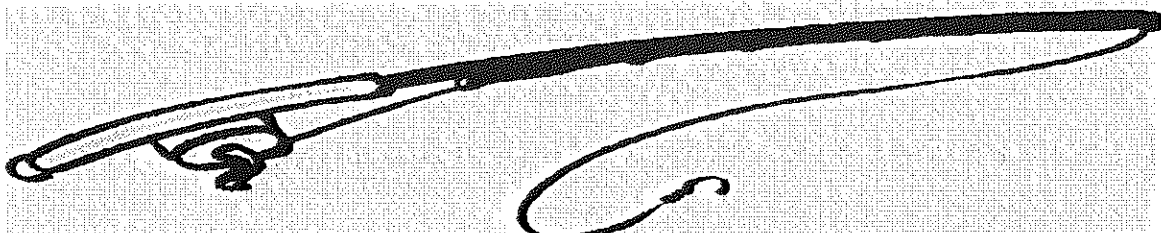
Most of the respondents believed the current Northern restriction was good, and that they believed the size of Northerns was increasing because of the restriction. The species reported as most troubled on Ten Mile were walleyes and crappies. Almost all respondents believed that the DNR stocking program was very important and should be pursued.

The number of walleyes caught per angler per outing among our respondents was on average one walleye. Only two respondents reported they had caught their limit of six walleyes in recent years. A slot limit for walleyes was favored by a few respondents. As to what size this slot limit should cover, it seems that most felt we should keep walleyes 15" to 21" but release walleyes under 15" or over 21". One interesting comment recommended that each fisherman establish a self-imposed slot limit and practice "Catch and Release."

BECAUSE SO MANY RESPONDENTS were in favor of having the Fisheries Committee draw up a standardized fishing log, the Committee plans to develop a log and make it available for the next fishing season. The information collected could prove useful to both the Committee and DNR.

MANY OTHER CONCERNS were listed for the Committee to address, including:

- Restrict jet skis in fishing areas
- Address overharvesting of small and medium-size bass
- Keep pressing for yearly stocking
- Develop better crappie and panfish fishing
- Restrict fishing in spawning areas during the first two weeks of the season.



LOONS AND LEAD *by Carl Hertzman*

THE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ISSUE of National Wildlife magazine has a definitive article on lead poisoning in loons and other birds. According to the article, it is estimated that nationwide twenty percent of loon deaths are caused by lead poisoning, from lead shot, sinkers and jigs. The ingestion of lead by loons causes 100 percent mortality within one week. The second most affected bird is the pelican; others include swans and eagles. [*The Summer issue of the Newsletter carried an article about an eagle found near Ten Mile Lake dying of lead poisoning.*]

SINKERS UNDER ONE OUNCE and jigs under one-half ounce should not be used, since loons can ingest them. The birds will swallow lead pellets, along with pebbles they find on the lake bottom, to help grind up food in the stomach. It is better to switch to steel devices. The National Wildlife Foundation recommends the "Ultra Steel" sinkers used in their program but there are multiple other manufacturers. The problem is more severe in New England, possibly because the lakes there are shallower. Please note that the fishermen there report that they catch more

fish with the steel devices, which give better sensation at the end of the line. There are other safe materials such as ceramic; zinc, however, is as toxic as lead. (Some believe that air-born mercury is a long-term threat to these birds as well, but there is little that can be done about this threat on a local level — the solution would require control of emissions from incinerators, power plants, etcetera.)

THE OUTLOOK FOR NATIONWIDE PROHIBITION of lead sinkers is not good because of political opposition. In New England, however, some states and communities are passing laws against the use of lead sinkers, and some have set up programs to fund exchanges in which fishermen turn in lead sinkers and receive steel ones.

PLEASE NOTE THAT if, as we urge you to do, you choose to get rid of your lead sinkers and jigs, you cannot simply throw them in the garbage. (And, for heaven's sake, do not throw them in the lake!) They constitute hazardous waste, and should be turned in to the Cass County Recycling Center in a bucket.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Near Tragedy

To the Editor:

Friday evening, July 20th, we had a very near life-ending experience! We were out in our pontoon boat about 8:30 p.m., in anticipation of a beautiful sunset cruise. We noticed an inboard-outboard motor boat bearing down on us pulling a water skier. We thought that surely the driver of the boat would see us and change his course. However, it became evident that this was not to be the case. Luckily we had enough power in our motor to increase our speed and evade what could have been a horrible accident.

We followed the boat until it stopped to change water skiers. The driver and crew were most apologetic and said they were all watching the water skier, including the driver who was also videotaping the skier!! We wonder if the driver of the boat is aware that had the collision occurred and we had been killed he would now be in jail charged with negligent homicide.

We reported this incident to the Office of the Sheriff; he informed us that it is also against the law to pull water skiers within an hour of sunset.

We urge all boat owners pulling water skiers to

have a least two people in the boat in addition to the driver: one to watch constantly where the boat is going and one to watch the water skier.

Signed:

Dick Garbisch (July 24)

Another Storm Recollection

To the Editor:

Reading Ginny Carter Moll's story of the storm in '53 brought back vivid memories of that day for me. My mother, sister, and I were visiting the Garbisch gang and witnessed the 'tornado' from their living room window. Convinced that the storm which had lifted a wooden C-boat out of the water had also done great damage to our beloved wood, my family hurried home along Sunset Beach. Halfway there, we encountered a visibly shaken Ginny holding her two wide-eyed boys.

"Does this sort of thing happen often?" Ginny inquired. (— Apparently, only every 50 years or so.)

Signed:

Ann-Lee (Anderson) Zalk (July 26)

(South shore —still standing pine grove — resident)

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Sylvia Oline Haase

Sylvia Oline Haase, 91, of Ida Grove, Iowa, died Monday, August 20, 2001 at her summer home on Ten Mile Lake.

She was born July 8, 1910 to Hans and Mary (Pederson) Eriksen in Battle Creek, Iowa. She graduated from Battle Creek High School and from the Iowa School of Business in Sioux City, then worked for Campbell's Law Firm in Battle Creek. In 1932 she married Harold Haase, of Cleghorn, Iowa. The couple spent every summer since their honeymoon on the North Shore of Ten Mile Lake. They built Camp Des Moines in 1934 and operated it for about ten years. They bought their current cabin in 1951, but spent their winters in Ida Grove, where they owned and operated Haase Pharmacy for 27 years.

Mrs. Haase was very active in the community, including First Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star, Girl Scouts, Rainbow Ladies Aide, and many bridge clubs. She was known for her love of cards, jokes and Scrabble, and is said to have been beating friends at Scrabble one evening shortly before she died. The door of her house was always open to family and friends, and she would make a pie at the drop of a hat.

Mrs. Haase is survived by one daughter, Sherry (Joe) Day of Bemidji, who was adopted by the Haases in 1946; one grandson, Dax, of Ten Mile Lake; two granddaughters, Danielle and Nicole, of Fargo; one sister, Mary Gosch, of Ida Grove; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; one son, Dennis, in 1944; and a brother and sister.

Funeral services were held August 25, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ida Grove. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Ida Grove.

(From an article in the Walker Pilot Independent, August 30, 2001; page 10A.)

Raymond D. Helsman

Raymond Dane Helsman, 77, of Ten Mile Lake, passed away Monday, July 23, 2001 after a long struggle with cancer. Formerly a resident of

Bloomington, MN, Mr. Helsman also maintained a home in Eden Prairie.

Mr. Helsman was born in Nickelson, PA on March 28, 1924. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, during which he served in the Atlantic and Pacific on the Underwater Demolition Team (now known as Navy Seals). He was retired from the City of Bloomington Park Department. He served as a southside lakeshore advocate for Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc. For several years, and was an American Legion member and DAV.

Mr. Helsman is survived by his wife, Sally; one daughter, Kay (Steven) Kaepfel of Flower Mound, TX; two grandsons, David and Dane Kaepfel; one niece and one nephew.

A graveside service was held August 6, 2001 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. *(From the Walker Pilot Independent, August 3, 2001)*

Robert I. Kruzan

Robert I. Kruzan, of Decatur, Illinois, died May 17, 1997 at his residence. Mr. Kruzan was born in Warrensburg, Illinois, the son of John A. and Minnie B. (Berman) Kruzan. He was the brother of Josephine Major, of Ten Mile Lake.

Mr. Kruzan began working for the Decatur Public Schools in 1947 as Elementary and Junior High Band Director, and later served as Band Director at Johns Hill Junior High, MacArthur High School, and Harris Elementary School. He was a member and the Director of the Decatur Municipal Band, and the leader of the Bob Kruzan Orchestra from 1947 to 1967. He served as Secretary of the Noon Kiwanis Club, through which he developed a program to receive donated musical instruments, refurbish them, and make them available to low-income students in Decatur schools. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for over 65 years. He was also Hickory Point Township Assessor.

Mr. Kruzan was an alumnus (1943) of Millikin University, where he also received a Masters Degree and taught private music lessons. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was a member of the 519-520 AAF Band.

REMEMBERING . . . continued

Mr. Kruzan married Florence Weber in Pleasantville, New Jersey on December 2, 1945. He and his wife often visited Ten Mile Lake, staying with his sister or in a rented cabin. At one time they owned lots on the lake, but never developed them. He loved to read ("a family failing") and to play the piano for friends and relatives. He played the piano at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack on several occasions.

Mr. Kruzan is survived by his wife, Florence; son Erik Kruzan (Lori) of Maroa; daughters April (Alan) Coutant of Chillicothe, Illinois and Karla (Michael) Walker of Decatur; sisters Josephine Major of Hackensack and Bonnie Rester of Springfield, MO; a brother, David Kruzan of Dayton, HO; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.

(Information provided by Josephine Major.)

Virginia (Ginny) Lou Carter Moll

Virginia Lou Carter Moll, of Hopkins, MN died August 9, 2001 after a long battle with cancer. Ginny was born in Waterloo, Iowa, to the Carter family which started Carter Press, the first professional printing company in Ames, Iowa. She graduated from Ames High School and Iowa State University. Preceded in death by her husband, Dale, she is survived by sons David and Dan (Cathy); granddaughter Meghan; and brother George "Bud" Carter.

Ginny was a Past President of the Minnesota Women's Golf Association and Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. She was a former member of the Hopkins Planning and Zoning Commission. She served as communications Coordinator for the Hopkins Public Schools and was a long-time member of the National School Public Relations Association. She also served as a reporter and editor for the Sun Newspapers. She was a freelance writer, with articles in many different publications, as well as a frequent writer of letters to the editor of the Walker *Pilot-Independent*.

A memorial service was held August 20, 2001 at Mizpah United Church of Christ in Hopkins.

(Information from the Minneapolis Star Tribune, August 12, 2001, and Joyce McManus).

James T. Prince

James T. Prince, 81, of Bradenton, FL died on June 15, 2001 in Florida. He was born in Winchester, TN to Clofton and Ethel Prince. Jim served in the US Navy and was a veteran of World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota and received his Master's Degree in Microbiology; he became a professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School for his entire career and retired in the late 1980's. Jim enjoyed sharing time between his Osseo home and his lake home in Hackensack, MN until he purchased his home in Palmetto, FL in 2000.

Jim had an early introduction to Ten Mile Lake when he married Dorothy Kohl (sister of Ten Miler Doug Kohl) at Wes Kohl's cabin on the South Shore on August 10, 1947. (The temperature outside that day was 96 degrees!) In 1970, after 20 years of weekend commuting between Osseo, MN and Ten Mile, the Princes established their own lake home also on the South Shore.

Jim constructed one of the early pontoon boats on the lake, created out of wood and masonite. It was very successful and a family favorite.

As a long time member of the Ten Mile Lake Association, Jim was able to use his teaching specialty in microbiology to offer guidance to the Association in its concern about lake pollution. He had developed a keen appreciation of the environment as a youth growing up around Winchester and exploring its nearby mountains, and applied that same appreciation to the TML environment. (Incidentally, although he lived 53 years as a "northerner," he never lost much of his southern accent.)

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 1996. He is survived by a daughter, Marcia (Gerald) Schmidt; a son Mike (Diana); four grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. All of them have developed a deep love of Ten Mile adventure.

(Information provided by Doug Kohl.)

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NOTE: TEN MILERS IN ACTION — CONGRATULATIONS TO:

— CLIFF BRUNZELL, a long-time owner of a cabin on the South Shore of Ten Mile Lake, who was profiled recently by the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, on the occasion of the release of his latest CD, titled "Interaction II." The release occurred just three days before Cliff's 80th birthday. The article notes that Cliff is best known as the leader of the Golden Strings, a string ensemble that played for 18 years in the Flame Room of the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Before the Golden Strings group was formed, Cliff played for seven years with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. And boaters on Ten Mile Lake report the pleasure they have experienced when they have heard lovely violin music as they drifted near Cliff's cabin on an occasional summer evening.

Cliff Brunzell was born in Minneapolis and began taking violin lessons at 8. After high school, he played for a time with a trio at the Nicollet Hotel; after serving in the Army, he earned a Bachelor of Music degree in violin from the MacPhail College of Music. Later he got master's degrees in violin and music

education. He joined the Minneapolis Symphony in 1948, but left it in 1955 to run the strings and orchestra department of Hopkins High School. He also became Assistant Conductor of the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis, and founder and music director of the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.

In 1963, Cliff was asked by hotel owner Curt Carlson to head an ensemble to be called the Golden Strings which would play in the Flame Room. The group became a well known and well-loved institution in the cities, and over the years released 10 CD's. When it appeared the Golden Strings would not be needed in the new Radisson, Cliff purchased the name from Carlson for \$1. Having given up teaching in 1971, Cliff has kept the Golden Strings busy playing at weddings and numerous other bookings, either as a quartet or as an 11-piece ensemble. Cliff says he hopes to keep working at least another ten years.

(From the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Sunday, August 12, 2001; page F1.)

ATTENTION!

COUNTY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ANY SHORELAND ALTERATION PROJECT

It has come to the attention of the TMLA Board of Directors that many shoreland property owners are not aware of the need for a County Permit for any shoreline protection efforts such as rip-rap. The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has authority over the water in the lakes up to the ordinary high-water level. Their literature describing shoreline renovation states that no State permit is required for rip-rap projects that project no more than 10 feet into the water. However, the County has authority for the land above the ordinary high-water level, and the County does require submission and approval of a permit application.

Permit application forms and information can be obtained from the Cass County Department of Environmental Services (P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484; Tel.: 218-547-7241 or 1-888-547-3301, Ext. 241 — speak to John Sumption or Dave Kaufman). You must submit a plan of your renovation project along with a drawing, and pay a fee of \$130. For ordinary rip-rap projects the County will grant permission routinely.