

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Spring, 2002

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! —

TMLA DATES FOR 2002

SAFETY PATROL VOLUNTEER

TRAINING **Saturday**
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. June 15, 2002
At the Hackensack Community Center
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WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT

TRAINING **Thursday**
9:00 a.m. June 27, 2002
At the Hackensack Community Center
(See article on Page 3)

WELL WATER TESTING **Saturday**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 13, 2002
Former Woock's Store and
Jerry Mill's Garage
(See article on Page 5)

ANNUAL MEETING **Saturday**
9:30 a.m. August 3, 2002
At the Hackensack Senior Center

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS **Saturdays**
At Don Willis' Home **at 9:00 a.m.**
July 13, 2002
August 17, 2002
September 14, 2002

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WATER LEVEL REPORT

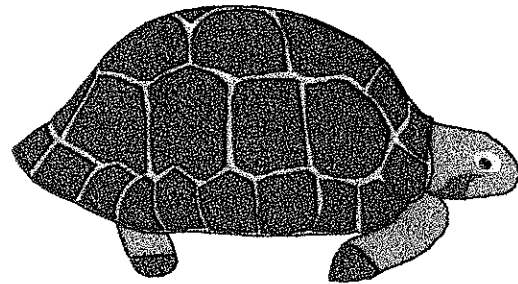
by Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

Due to light winter snows and spring rains, Ten Mile was considerably lower in May than it was last year at the same time. Walt Kane reported these 2002 levels, read from the DNR Gauge in Long Bay:

Feb. 19	1379.14	DNR reading - we have no comparable
April 10	1379.08	Down 9.5" from May 1, 2001
May 10	1379.26	Down 7.3" from a year ago
May 14	1379.30	Down 6.6" from a year ago
May 20	1379.24	Down 8.3" from a year ago
May 28	1379.21	Down 8.6" from a year ago

Last year at this time we were heading for a June 14 reading of 1380.22', the highest level recorded since DNR began keeping formal records in 1973, and 8 inches higher than this year's May 20 reading. Assuming we won't see last year's heavy rains again this spring, we should enjoy more comfortable water levels this summer than last.

In keeping with the the DNR study plan agreed to last summer, the 4" stop log (a steel I-beam) in the Birch Lake outlet structure has been in place all winter. It will stay in place at least another year to provide the DNR with data under a constant outlet structure configuration to create a hydrologic model of the water flows between Ten Mile and Birch Lakes through the Boy River.



WHERE THE BUOYS ARE . . .

by John McManus, Lake Safety Committee

If you have any questions about buoys in the lake, please call any member of the Lake Safety Committee. The Committee is in the process of having buoys set out, including getting County permission to locate no-wake buoys. There will be buoys to mark significant rocks and hazardous areas, as well as warning buoys near the loon nesting sites.

LAKE SAFETY REPORTS

NEW BOATING REGULATIONS AND SOME SAFETY TIPS

by Jim Schwartz and Don Harris

NEW BOATING REGULATIONS this year require you to have **YOUR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE ON BOARD** instead of being "available" as has been the case in the past. The certificate accompanies the validation decal. That "sticker" is to be displayed on the forward half of the hull on each side of the boat along with the registration numbers assigned to your craft. Check to be sure your licenses have not expired! A copy of the MN Boating Guide is available from the City of Walker and from Swanson's Bait and Tackle, in Hackensack.

Some other advisories:

- ▶ It is unlawful to operate a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances. Nationally, alcohol contributes to about half of boating mishaps and fatal accidents. Penalties here are severe: up to \$1,000 fine (plus surcharge), a possible jail sentence, loss of motorboat operating privileges for 90 days during the boating season, and the possibility, if there are aggravating factors, of increased penalties and affected drivers' licenses.
- ▶ U.S. Coast Guard approved **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs) MUST BE ON BOARD FOR EVERY PASSENGER**. More than 80 percent of boating fatalities involve persons not wearing PFDs. The PFD must be of the appropriate size for the intended wearer, be in good condition and be readily accessible in case of an emergency. Also, power boats 16 feet or more in length are required to have at least one throwable flotation device on board.
- ▶ It is unlawful to transport marine plants, zebra mussels or other exotics on your boat, motor or trailer in the State of Minnesota. You can help stop their spread by removing any visible plants and animals from your rig before launching and after landing, draining water from your live well, bilge and transom wells when you leave any water body. Wash and dry your boat and associated equipment to kill exotic species not visible at the launch site.
- ▶ Observe any experimental and special regulations posted at launch sites. For Ten Mile Lake that means releasing all northern pike that are more than 20 inches long. All other catch and possession limits are identical to those for the State in general. If you suspect that any angler is taking more fish than the limit allows, there is a reward for

reporting that person to the Turn in Poachers (TIP) program at (800) 652-9093. Poachers, after all, are not sportsmen, but cost everyone else by unfairly reducing the resources and diminishing opportunities for others.

- ▶ Persons under the age of 13 **MAY NOT OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT** (jet skis, etc.) even with an adult on board. At age 13, you must have an adult on board (21 years or over), or have a Watercraft Operator's Permit, **AND** be under visual supervision of an adult. If age 14 to 17 years, you must have an adult on board or have a Watercraft Operator's Permit.
- ▶ For items in the lake such as mooring buoys, swim rafts, diving platforms, trampolines, etc. you must have a permit from the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Permits cost \$5.00 (\$10.00 in 2003) and are good for two years.

WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT TRAINING

by Don Harris

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, TAKE NOTE!! The TMLA Lake Safety Committee, in cooperation with other area lake associations and with sponsorship of the Hackensack Lions Club, will be hosting a repeat of the Watercraft Operator's Permit Training Course. The course will be taught by Cass County Sheriff's Water Safety Officer Sergeant Tim Borgland and a Conservation Officer from the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The course, for children 12-17 years of age, is scheduled for

Thursday, June 27, 2002

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hackensack Community Center

The course is free; snacks and lunch will be provided by the Lions Club.

Minnesota Boating Laws require that children between the ages of 12 and 17 have a Minnesota State-issued Watercraft Operator's Permit to operate a motorboat with a motor over 25 hp. An open book exam will be offered at the completion of the course; students mail the test to DNR and DNR will send permits to those who pass.

To enroll your children or grandchildren, please call **Don Harris** (675-6285) or **Jerry Mills** (547-1164).

From the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

IT APPEARS THAT Minnesotans are the "boatingest" people in the country. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the number of boats registered in the state in 2001 was 826,173, more per capita than any other state in the Union. Motorboats numbered 579,071, canoes 151,197, personal watercraft 35,914, sailboats 18,173, kayaks 14,458, rowboats 13,694, and a category dubbed "other" (paddleboats, sailboards, inflatable rafts, etc.) 13,666. It's my impression that as boat numbers grow, so also do boat sizes. (And, not so incidentally, so does the horsepower of the engines that power them).

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THAT LEADS ME TO revisit the four-cycle/two-cycle engine issue. Back in 1996 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached an agreement with the National Marine Manufacturers Association to cut hydrocarbon emissions 75% by the 2006 model year. The result: a range of new four-cycle and fuel-injected two-cycle engines that already meet that standard and are being sold as 2006-compliant. The standard applies to outboards, jet boats and personal watercraft. The regular carbureted two-stroke outboards and similarly fueled jet engines are being phased out altogether. But what about all those older two-cycle outboards owned by practically every lake and river boater? Since chances are slim to non-existent that they can be retrofitted, voluntary retirement appears to be the only solution. As I've observed before, the problem is that they seem never to wear out and, perhaps more to the point, many of us have developed an abiding affection for these old critters. The good news, though, is that I'm seeing more four-cycle outboards on Ten Mile every summer, a trend that I think will continue.

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NOW, THE BAD NEWS: Outboard and jet engines are only part of a much bigger problem. Consider all the other two-stroke culprits out there: ATV's, snowmobiles, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, lawn edgers, chain saws, motor scooters, motorcycles, mini-bikes, snow blowers, ice augers, post hole diggers, brush cutters, weed eaters, even ultra light airplanes, and probably a lot more that I have overlooked. Most of these devices produced prior to the year 2000 are powered by engines that are shockingly inefficient, spewing as much as 25% of their unburned fuel into the environment. Their emissions contain, among other nasties, benzene, toluene and zylene (carcinogens) as well as hydrocarbons of the same order as those found

in cigarette smoke. Whether it would be practical to outfit every bit of this kind of equipment with four-cycle engines or the newer fuel-injected two-cycle models is problematic. Some of them, notably lawn mowers and motorcycles, already have been or are being converted. Most, however, have not, though each model year seems some change in the right direction. We can help things along by encouraging manufacturers to concentrate on improving efficiency and reducing emissions while at the same time, however reluctantly, we go about the job of retiring our old tools and toys.

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IN THE MEANTIME, here are some precautions recommended by the DNR that anyone can take to minimize environmental contamination from gas-powered engines: never overfill gas tanks, measure oil and gas mixtures precisely, close the vents of portable tanks when not in use, check fuel hoses and fittings often for wear and possible leaks, clean up spills immediately. NEVER discard mixed gasoline or oil onto roads or into the environment. Take such substances to a recycling center.

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I HAD INTENDED to have a paragraph or two about Minnesota's incredibly mild winter months and other "global warming" tales but the assignment proved too daunting: way too much stuff for this column's limited space. Just let it be said that the "awakening" came in April — cold, and the second snowiest on record for the State of Minnesota.

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ANOTHER "RECORD," this one applying to Ten Mile Lake: ice-over this past season was January 2, 2002, the latest since we began keeping track of such matters. At first, it appeared the date would be December 20, but open water was sighted after that and not until January 2 did the lake succumb to Ol' Man Winter. Ice-out? Well, despite the cold April, the ice was gone about its usual time: the morning of April 24.

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LIVING ON A BEAUTIFUL lake or, for that matter almost anywhere in Northern Minnesota, tends to distort one's view of how plentiful our supply of fresh water is. For us there is an abundance of it, but that's not the case in far too many other areas of the planet. An article by William Finnegan in the April 8 issue of The New Yorker magazine warns that the world is running out of fresh water. Some data cited in the article: less than three percent of the world's water is fresh and most of that is unavailable; lakes, rivers, marshes, aquifers and atmospheric vapor constitute less than one percent of the planet's total water; aquifers are being depleted

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From the Notebook, Continued

much more rapidly than they can be recharged; by 2025 the demand for fresh water is expected to exceed the supply by 56 percent. There's much more, most of it unsettling in the extreme. Meanwhile, commercial giants, quick to recognize a profit opportunity, are buying up public water utilities around the globe. Not surprisingly, when that occurs rates shoot upward and users have little or nothing to say in the matter. The article is a must read — for public servants and concerned citizens alike. And as water runs short elsewhere, you can expect mounting demands for Minnesota (as well as other water-blessed states and regions) to share its abundance.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, spring is here, birds are returning, trees are donning their summer costumes, one of our two duck nesting boxes is home to a goldeneye, and the wren house we mounted above the mailbox is occupied by a flying squirrel! Yet another lake season has arrived. May this be one of your best!

HIGHWAY 71 REPORT

by Jim Schwartz

CASS COUNTY ENGINEER Dave Enblom reports that, as weather permits, County Highway #71 on the north and west sides of Ten Mile Lake is scheduled for another calcium chloride treatment. The project does not provide for any additional gravel this year. The chemical treatment is intended to stabilize the road bed, keep the dust down and minimize washboarding.

Certain township roads bordering the lake may also receive the chemical treatment, but Enblom said he had no information as yet as to which ones will be designated for the application.

A TIP ON BOATING SAFETY

FALLS OVERBOARD AND CAPSIZING are the two accidents that cause the most deaths among boaters. In a small boat, resist the urge to stand up. If you must move around, keep your weight low and close to the center of the craft.

(From the MNDNR Boat & Water Safety Guide)

WELL WATER TESTING DAY

by Jim Schwartz

ONCE AGAIN, THE ASSOCIATION'S Environment and Ecology Committee is sponsoring a Well Water Testing Day for all Ten Mile Lake residents. The event will take place on

Saturday, July 13, 2002
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone is urged to participate. It's an easy and reliable way to make sure your drinking water is safe.

Pick up a sampling kit at the testing station nearest you and carefully follow the simple instructions included with the container. There will be a \$16 charge for each sample, payable when you pick up the kit. When you have drawn your water sample, return the container to the same testing station:

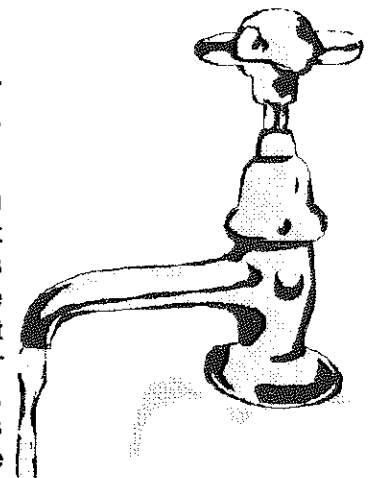
South Shore — Former Woock's Store, Lower Ten Mile Lake Road.

North Shore — Jerry Mill's Garage, at 5323 Upper Ten Mile Lake Road.

The testing program analyzes the samples for nitrates and coliform bacteria. Nitrates can accumulate as a consequence of acid rain or from leaking and/or improperly functioning septic systems. Coliform bacteria occur when there are sources of fecal contamination.

In about 10 days you will receive your test results. If your water is okay you will be pleased to know that it is safe to drink. If your sample fails the test, instructions accompanying the results will advise you

as to appropriate corrective procedures. Usually, chlorinating your well takes care of the problem, a procedure you can perform yourself or, if you prefer, you can retain a professional to do it. Once the well has been decontaminated, the water should be retested to make certain the problem has been corrected.



BIRD NOTES by Carl Hertzmann

NEW GUIDES — There have been several new bird guides published, of which two are important enough to bring to your attention. *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, published by the National Audubon Society, is an awesome achievement by a single author. There are about 6,500 paintings of the birds of North America, showing subspecies, various plumages, birds in flight, *et cetera*. This is the most comprehensive and accurate guide to bird identification that has been published. It is somewhat bulky to use in the field, though many are using it as a field guide; as a reference, it has no peers. Published in 2000, it has sold over 500,000 copies, indicating its popularity and the popularity of birding.

In general, I do not like bird photographs in a field guide; because of variations in lighting and films, photographs can be misleading. An exception is *Birds of North America* by Kaufman. The photographs are digitally enhanced to highlight identification marks. (A similar system is used in the Peterson guides.) This enhancement is successful. Kaufman's *Guide* has the best written descriptions for identification available. A drawback is that, given the relatively small size for a book covering all of North America, the author is limited in showing various plumages and birds in flight. Furthermore, the colors in some of the birds appear to be washed out. Nevertheless it is a good guide.

As a first guide to the birds of Eastern North America, I prefer the Peterson *Field Guide*. Note: I have mentioned previously the excellent guide, *Butterflies Through Binoculars* by Glassburg. There is now a western edition of this book. If you are interested in dragonflies, get the similar *Dragonflies Through Binoculars* by Dunkle.

SLEEP PATTERNS IN BIRDS — In my discussion on sleep patterns in birds [see the TMLA *Newsletter*, Spring, 2001] I failed to mention bills and legs. These structures lack feathers and can be a source of heat loss in cool weather, though the legs have a shunting vascular system to decrease this risk. Some birds, such as swans and geese, will sleep with their bills tucked in the feathers of the back to prevent heat loss. One leg, for similar reasons, may be tucked up into the belly feathers, making the bird appear one-legged. I have even seen sandpipers hopping about on one leg while feeding.

EFFECTS OF CHANGING BIRD POPULATIONS — As has been mentioned in this *Newsletter*, Canada geese love to feed on lawn grass; they nibble it and do not pull it up by the roots, and thereby do not destroy the habitat. Contrarily, snow geese are destroying the habitat. The population of snow geese has exploded due to the improved food supply in the winter habitat of the deep

South. Where they used to feed on a limited food supply in the deltas and bays, their food supply is now abundant and the population is exploding. When they migrate, they are denuding the fragile tundra in the Arctic region and turning it into a semi-desert, to the detriment of other birds and animals dependent on the tundra. This is an example of the inadvertent effect of humans on animal life. Other examples: (1) the competition of starlings for the nesting cavities used by flickers is causing decreased flicker populations. (2) House finches, a western bird, were released by a pet store in New York City; they have spread west and are having a negative impact on the English sparrow, another introduced species. (3) Mute swans have escaped into the wild and are now breeding along the East Coast and the Great Lakes. They are very aggressive and territorial and are having a negative impact on other birds, including nesting trumpeter swans. Trumpeter swans reintroduced to a wildlife area on the south shore of Lake Erie are being pushed out by the mute swans. Could this sort of thing happen in Minnesota?

FROM MY WINDOW — There have been pairs of phoebes nesting under the eaves of our cabin at the same spot for years. Birds are often faithful to the same nesting site. In 2001 the last brood was fledged the end of July. I have seen mallards and mergansers with broods of small ducklings in late July. Birds need time to become strong enough for the rigors of migration and winter. I wonder if these late broods will make it. Hawks and owls will nest early, even in late winter, so the young will be strong and experienced enough to survive the following winter, or migration.

ABOUT THE PATROL BOAT PROGRAM—

In spite of recent newspaper articles to the contrary, the Sheriff's Patrol Boat Program for TML is on hold for the time being. The Lake Safety Committee has been trying to locate a place where the boat, to be provided by the Sheriff, could be berthed — so far without success. If you would like to support this program by providing dock space (a boat lift is available) please call any member of the Lake Safety Committee.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS to operate the boat, however, will go forward on **Saturday, June 15, 2002, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Hackensack Community Center**. Volunteers from Ten Mile, Woman, and Pleasant Lakes will be trained by Sheriff's Deputy Tim Bergland.

BUILDING FOR NEW RESIDENTS

by James R. Sampel

THOSE OF US WHO ARE FORTUNATE to have a residence at Ten Mile Lake know how much enjoyment we derive by observing the many different "moods" the lake itself undergoes throughout the season, ranging from the pristine beauty of the azure blue water on a clear day to the wild and furious churning we encounter during a summer storm. Year round residents extend their enjoyment to include the ice over and ice out through the winter months. However, our spectator enjoyment doesn't have to end there if we reach out to our feathered friends.

Our enjoyment can be enhanced since we are in the midst of a national forest where many birds share the environment with us. However, birds tend to be a little shy around us unless we encourage them. This encouragement can occur if we welcome them by building suitable residences for them — rent free.

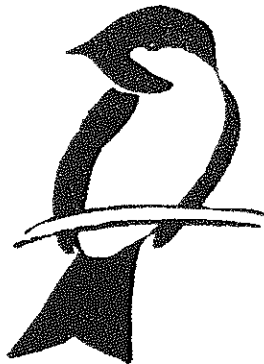
Carroll Henderson of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has published a text, *Woodworking for Wildlife*, which includes plans and specifications for building a variety of bird houses. TMLA has received permission to make several of these plans available to our members. We have selected the following houses:

1. House wren, Chickadee, Nuthatch
2. Bluebird
3. Robin, Phoebe
4. Wood Duck, Merganser, Golden Eye
5. Tree Swallow
6. Purple Martin

BUILDING ANY OF THESE HOUSES involves only a small amount of time and money, but the spectator pleasure you realize can be endless. Warning! Bird watching can be addictive!!

If you would like a copy of one or more of these plans, please call, write, or email me and I will get them to you. We also intend to have a supply of the plans available at the annual meeting. My address is:

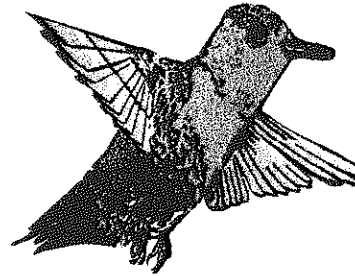
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BIRDING

by Jim Schwartz

SPRING BIRDING ACTIVITY was more rewarding this season than it has been for many years. Not only did we identify more species than usual but numbers were up significantly over what they have been in the recent past. Our first Baltimore oriole appeared on May 11,



pretty much on schedule, and several have been busily feasting at our feeders ever since. The hummingbirds were a couple of days late this spring, showing up on May 12 instead of their regular May 10 date.

WARBLER SPECIES we identified were: yellow rump (myrtle), black poll, black and white, yellow, magnolia, Nashville, orange-crowned, chestnut sided, prothonotary, Canada, and American redstart. Other species visiting our lot were the scarlet tanager, red bellied woodpecker, rose-breasted grosbeak, goldfinch, purple finch, red-breasted nuthatch, white-breasted nuthatch, chickadee, ruby-crowned kinglet, blue jay, downy woodpecker, sapsucker, hairy woodpecker, flicker, pileated woodpecker, chipping sparrow, swamp sparrow, white-throated sparrow, junco, veery, robin, brown-headed cowbird, tree swallows, barn swallows, and two or three kinds of flycatchers. A goldeneye has occupied one of our two nesting boxes; the other stands empty as far as we can tell.

ADOPT-A- HIGHWAY UPDATE

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

This program continues to be in need of volunteers to assist in periodically picking up litter from sections of Highway 6. Specifically we need assistance with the section from the Boy River bridge west to the turn and for the section from Sandy Beach Lane to 64th Ave. Each section is approximately one-half mile long.

About half our volunteers have been assisting with this TMLA project since its inception, and, frankly, it's time to infuse new blood into the program.

If you can help in this beautification project, please call **Dave Losby** at 675-6066.

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 account was written by Megan Speers over several months in 2001-2.)

The Johnson Family Cabin on Long Beach by Megan Speers

Raymond G. Johnson was born to immigrant parents in 1908. His parents, Andrew Johnson and Emma Rasmusson, both traveled to the United States from Sweden in the beginning of the twentieth century. He grew up in a farming family but decided to go into business when he was old enough. In 1936 he married my grandmother, Perle Bellig. Eventually, Ray and Perle moved to Lamberton, Minnesota where they had three daughters: Judy, Jane and Jeanne. Ray owned his own farming implement company and Ford dealership.

In the middle 1940's, Raymond G. Johnson first brought his family to Ten Mile Lake for a short summer vacation. The family quickly fell in love with Ten Mile and decided to return every summer. Their decision was helped by the fact that two other Lamberton families, the Kuehls and the Stahlers, also decided to make Ten Mile their summer home. In 1948, Ray purchased 125 feet of lakefront property on Long Beach for \$5.00 a foot from Mrs. Siqveland. The lot was originally larger, but some was split off to the Ted Kuehl family (currently the Jim and Anita Thomas' cabin, just south of the Johnson cabin). The Stahler family built a cabin further north on Long Beach, now the Swan cabin. Mrs. Siqveland would not sell the beachfront property without the back ten acres, however, so Ray also purchased that land for \$140. Six other families on the beach agreed to split the \$140 and leave the land undeveloped, as it remains today.

During the summer of 1948, Ray sketched out a design for the cabin he wanted to build and ordered logs from Washington State. That fall Ray, with the help of a carpenter named Carl Urness and some friends, built the cabin. It took them ten days to build the five-room cabin. There was no running water, and the three girls shared a bedroom with bunkbeds. An outhouse was built and named "Li'l Sweden" by Urness, who wanted to tease Ray and his Swedish father about their heritage.

As the three girls grew up, Perle packed them off each June for the summer at the lake. Ray, back running his farm implement company in Lamberton, would come up every possible weekend and vacation. Sometimes he even chartered a small plane to get him there faster. He would land in Backus and then hitch a

ride into Hackensack or to his cabin, delighting his three daughters with the surprise. Judy, Jane and Jeanne made fast friends at the lake, including the Garbisch girls (Marlou, Mimi, and Marcia), Karen Lane, and Janey Anderson, all of whom still have cabins on or visit Ten Mile today. As the girls grew older, they waitressed in town at night, slept late, and skied all afternoon.

Along the way, the cabin experienced changes. In 1951, running water was added to the cabin and the girls original bedroom was changed to a bathroom (although "Li'l Sweden" still stands today!). In 1954, Ray bought a barely used wooden speedboat in Little Falls for \$800.00, motor and trailer included. The boat was a fourteen foot Larson Runabout with a Johnson thirty horsepower motor. On its first launch, Raymond was horrified when it sank to the bottom. Fortunately, the boat sank simply because it had been out of the water for too long and the wood had shrunk. Once it was recovered, the boat was fine and Judy, Jane and Jeanne could often be seen in it or behind it on a pair of water skis. In 1973, the guest cabin was built to accommodate the increasing number of grandchildren spending time at Ten Mile Lake during the summer. Also in the 1970s, Ray retired, sold the wooden speedboat, and bought a pontoon for fishing.

Perle died in 1996 and is missed every year. Because of health limitations, in 2001 Ray was not at the cabin for the first time since the 1940's. Judy, Jane and Jeanne and their families hold strong connections to Ten Mile and spend summers there still.

Judy, the oldest daughter, met her first husband Fritz Kilander during summers at Ten Mile. They had two children, Heather and Trip. After their divorce, both Fritz and Judy remarried. Fritz and his current wife Bernadette established a permanent home on Ten Mile Lake and Heather and Trip spent many summers with them growing up. Recently, Heather and her husband Mark Stonacek bought the Hillaway Camp owner's cabin (in the 1990s) and now spend summers there with their sons Raymond and Stuart. They also bought back Ray's original wooden speedboat, now beautifully restored, from the Ten Mile family who had purchased it from Ray. In addition, Trip, his wife Heather, and their

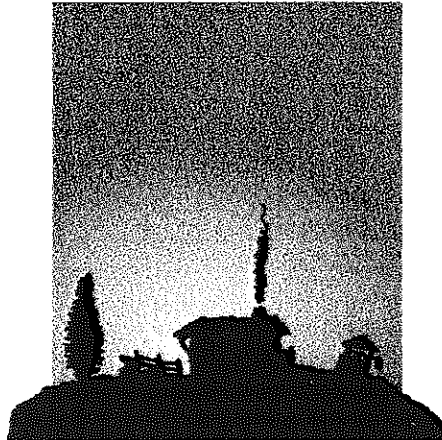
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children Quad, Cannon and Holly, visit Ten Mile and their extended family a few times each year.

Judy married Forrest Chaffee and they have rented various cabins on Ten Mile for many summers. Forrest's daughter Kris met her husband Jeff Bates at Ten Mile, as Jeff's mother owns a cabin on Ten Mile as well. They, along with their two daughters Sara and Natalie, recently built a permanent home just south of the original Johnson family cabin on Long Beach. Forrest's son John, his wife Tracy and their three children currently live in California but still make it to Ten Mile at least once a year. Judy and Forrest now divide their summers between visits to the Chaffee-Bates home and the Stonacek cabin.

The middle daughter, Jane, bought the Johnson family cabin from Ray and Perle in the early 1980s. (Ray and Perle continued to spend summers there for many more years.) Jane and her husband Ken Odell now live at the cabin each summer, and plan on spending even more time there as they have both recently retired. Jane and Ken have updated the old cabin in many ways and in 1998 replaced the



guest cabin with a brand new garage and second cabin, with another kitchen, bathroom and a beautiful deck overlooking the lake. Jane's daughter Becca, along with her husband Lance and children Emma and Andrew, spend a good part of their summer at Ten Mile with the Odells. Jane's younger daughter Megan and her husband Steve also visit regularly and look forward to bringing their new baby Lucy there for the first time in the summer of 2002.

Ray and Perle's youngest daughter Jeanne married Frank Agnello and they currently live in Olympia, WA. Despite the distance, they still travel for a summer vacation in northern Minnesota every year. Jeanne and Frank's daughter Amy, her husband Michael Lowsky, and their daughter Luna also visit Ten Mile from their home in Olympia, Washington.

Raymond and Perle Johnson left a legacy when they built their cabin on Ten Mile Lake. Over fifty years later, all of their descendants continue to include Ten Mile as a major part of their lives. The Johnson family children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will all agree that Ten Mile is a very special place.

FOREST TENT CATERPILLARS *by Jim Schwartz*

ALTHOUGH THERE IS no way of knowing for certain, it appears that the forest tent caterpillar infestation this season will range from light to moderate in this area. The evaluation was made by Bob Tiplady, Department of Natural Resources specialist, who surveyed portions of Chariton Beach. His estimate was based on the number of egg masses he found at several different locations.

The late spring cold snap may also have had a limiting effect on caterpillar populations. That not only delayed the hatching process, but the occurrence of several successive nights of freezing temperatures could have killed off at least some of the little critters as they came off the hatch.

TIME WILL TELL. Typically, the caterpillars munch away on aspen, basswood and other deciduous tree leaves through June and into July, often defoliating trees completely. By the third week in June, the

infestation usually reaches its peak; the caterpillars go into their final cocoon stage in July; the moths then emerge and lay their eggs on tree twigs and the next spring the whole process starts over again. Defoliation can set a tree back but it usually bounces back, produces new leaves and survives.

If infestation turns out to be worse than expected, there are some web sites you can turn to for information on how to keep the caterpillars off your trees, buildings or wherever they may tend to lurk:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/backyard/treecare

www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg7563.html

www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/infosheets/tentcat/index.htm

Besides songbirds, a natural predator that will eventually control caterpillar numbers is what is often called a "friendly fly," a non-biting insect that is slightly larger than a deer fly and can be recognized by its gray and black striped back.

CARETAKING

A Continuing Primer on Best Management Practices for Shoreland Owners

by Jim Schwartz

A NEW STATE LAW limits the phosphorus content of lawn fertilizers to 3% in outstate Minnesota unless a soil test proves that more is needed. Our advice has always been and continues to be to avoid the use of lawn fertilizers altogether, even those that contain no phosphorus. Because most Minnesota soils contain all the phosphorus that's needed for grass to flourish, all that's required is generous watering. Any fertilizer that gets into the lake stimulates algae growth and that, in turn, reduces water quality for swimming and other water sports. Remember: what makes the grass green also makes the lake green.

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IF YOU COMMONLY use anti-bacterial soaps and detergents in your household, shop around for brands that don't contain this ingredient. They're harmful to bacteria in your waste treatment (septic) system, those little bugs that break down solids and other substances so that relatively clear liquid flows to the drain field.

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THAT BIT OF ADVICE also applies to "every flush" toilet bowl cleaners, products containing chemicals that have the same effect on your septic system as other anti-bacterial formulations.

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ACTUALLY, THE SEPTIC SYSTEM no-no list is a long one: cooking grease, harsh cleansers, detergents with bleach additives, solvents, paints, antifreeze, prescription medicines, bacterial additives (enzymes,

starters) that claim to keep your system healthy, drain cleaners, facial tissues, tampons, plastics of any kind, and, well, you get the idea.

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A QUESTION THAT comes up every season is what to do with yard waste: leaves and grass clippings. Composting is an excellent solution, but if you're not equipped for that, have run out of low spots on your lot to fill and pulverizing is not practical, you may have to arrange to have the waste hauled to the county transfer station just north of Hackensack off the Stony Lake road. Above all, don't scatter leaves or grass into the lake, dump them along the roadside, or dispose of them in a wetland. Think of them as nature's nutrients that require proper management and disposal.

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AS TREES AND PLANTS on your property die off for whatever reason, replace them with native species. They will thrive and prosper much more readily than will exotics because they are adapted to the climate and the general environment. And while you're at it, try to establish a buffer zone of plants along your shoreline. This will pay off in a number of ways: beautification, filtration of runoff, and stabilization of erodible soil.

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WHILE BEACH BONFIRES undeniably set the mood for a romantic evening or a delightful family gathering, they have an unfortunate side as well: they're not good for the environment. The ash residue is loaded with nutrients whose most likely destination is the lake, washed in by rain or waves breaking on the beach. A better way to "have your cake and eat it, too," so to speak, is to locate your bonfire well away from the beach and confine it in a fire ring of some sort, whether purchased or homemade. When the fire has died away, remove the ashes and, after you have accumulated a sufficient quantity, have it hauled away by your garbage collector or take it to the transfer station.

TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION HANDBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE — DO YOU HAVE YOURS? by Gail Becher

TMLA Handbooks were distributed and made available for pick up last year. Designed to offer easy access to a variety of information on the lake and the association, these handbooks included the TML Long Range Management Plan, guidelines for Property Stewardship and Water Safety, and a map showing the location of hazard buoys and loon nesting sites.

Enough handbooks were printed so that one is available per household. (Should multiple families make up a household, please share one copy.) For those who have not yet obtained a handbook, they will be made available for pick up on June 22nd and July 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:a.m. at the Hackensack Senior Center Parking Lot.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Eloise W. Ball Allensworth

Eloise E. Ball Allensworth, of Roscoe, Texas died Friday, February 8, 2002 in Provena Saint Anne Center. Mrs. Allensworth was born June 20, 1909 in Grinnell, Iowa to Charles Clyde and Roslyn Marie (Steinke) Ball. She graduated from Main Avenue High School in San Antonio, Texas and from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas with a B.S. degree. She married Andrew Jackson Allensworth on June 14, 1940 in Minneapolis, MN. Mr. Allensworth died in 1997.

Mrs. Allensworth taught art in Minneapolis Vocational High School and was an Arts and Crafts counselor at Camp Danworthy in Walker MN from 1932 to 1940. She taught mechanical drawing at Main Avenue High School, and was employed by San Antonio Council for Retarded Children for 18 years, from 1956 to 1974, when she retired. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Chapter Y, P.E.O., and the Ten Mile Lake Association. She was a past member of the League of Women Voters and a charter member and founder of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Mrs. Allensworth's father, Charles C. Ball, purchased Boone Point in 1915. It was known as Boone Point because he sold many of the lots to his friends from Boone, Iowa. Mrs. Allensworth's daughter, Peggy Franklin, now owns the Allensworth cabin, and her younger sister, Kay, owns and spends her summers at the northern most cabin on Boone Point.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret "Peggy" (James) Franklin of Loves Park; grandchildren James "Andy" (Christine) Franklin of Loves Park and Jeremy Franklin of Tampa, Florida; and a sister, Katherine Helscher of Keota, Iowa. She was predeceased by her parents and a sister, Zelda Johnson, and a daughter, Roslyn Anne Allensworth.

Memorial services were held February 11, in Roscoe United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to San Antonio Council for Retarded Citizens.

(Information provided by Peggy Franklin and the Rockford Register Star, Feb. 10, 2002.)

Anne (Tolly) Blowers

Anne (Tolly) Blowers passed away December 29, 2001 at the Austin Medical Center in Austin Minnesota. Anne

was born May 13, 1910. She spent her entire life in the Austin, Minnesota area, where she graduated from high school and received her degree in nursing from St. Olaf Hospital.

She married Donald Regner in 1936; they had two children, Ken and Ruth. They were married for 21 years. Don passed away in 1957.

In 1962 she married Maynard Blowers, and together they spent over 25 happy years at their place on Ten Mile Lake, where they enjoyed fishing, playing cards, and socializing with their many friends.

Maynard passed away in 1996.

The door was always open to their family which included children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all of whom have their special memories of laughing, and playing as part of the Blowers household. And of course they have many fishing stories.

Her wonderful humor and zest for life will be missed by all.

Anne's children, Ken Regner and Ruth (Joe) Blowers, both reside on Ten Mile Lake, and hope to carry on the memories.

Jeane G. Grant

Jeane G. Grant, 78, of Rock Rapids, Iowa died Friday, January 11, at Merrill Pioneer Community Hospital in Rock Rapids after a long illness.

Born in Des Moines, Mrs. Grant moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa in 1952 and was active for many years in community service organizations. She was particularly active in Girl Scouting. She enjoyed working with girls, watching them mature and providing them with many opportunities for personal development. She was a Girl Scout for ten years and an adult Scout for 56 years. She served ten years in the administration of the Minn-la-Kota Council — two terms as Secretary, two terms as Vice-President and two terms as President. After her time in Girl Scout administration, she especially enjoyed traveling around the United States working as a volunteer to help improve local Councils. She was awarded the "Thanks Badge", the highest Girl Scouting honor for adults, for her dedication and contributions.

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She was also awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award by then Governor Robert Ray for her involvement and leadership in community affairs.

Mrs. Grant received her BS degree in Food Science from Iowa State College and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She worked briefly at the Birdseye Canning Company in Fairmont, MN before marrying Richard Grant in 1946. She and Richard made their first trip to Ten Mile Lake in 1952. For many years they rented one of the Wock cottages for a month every summer. In 1984 they bought a home on Robinson's Bay.

Jeane is survived by her husband Richard of Rock Rapids; four daughters: Jeri Matzen of St Louis, MO, Carol Groenenboom (Dennis) of Naperville, IL, Jo Elliott (Robert) of Iowa City, IA, and Nancy Weathers (Ron) of Coralville, IA; and eight grandchildren: Melissa Matzen, Tom Matzen, Jill Groenenboom, Jeff Groenenboom, Grant Elliott, Jessica Elliott, Erin Weathers, and Jaycie Weathers. She is also survived by her sisters: Elaine Hess of Montana and Dorothy Vickery (James) of Des Moines; an aunt, Mildred Thelen; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

(Information provided by Dottie Carpenter.)

James A Holte, M.D.

James A. Holte, M.D., 67, of Bettendorf, Iowa, died February 10, 2002, at Genesis East Medical Center in Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. Holte was born July 5, 1934, in Ringsted, Iowa, to Harold A. and Lizette (Christensen) Holte. He married Mary Jo Burke on April 11, 1959, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Iowa Medical School in 1959. He completed his residency in urology from the University of Iowa. He retired from Urological Associates, P.C. in 1995.

Dr. Holte also served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps, stationed at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington. His memberships included the American Medical Association, the American Urological Association, and the Scott County Medical Society. He was a member of the University of Iowa President's Club and a former member of the Quarterback and Outing Clubs.

The Holtes were longtime summer residents on the North Shore of Ten Mile Lake. According to his wife, "Ten Mile was his heaven on earth." He was an avid

fisherman and hunter, and cherished the special times he spent with his grandchildren.

Dr. Holte is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; two daughters: Tracy (Jon) Wright, who lives on the east shore of Portage Lake, and Katherine (Nicholas) Romano of Golden Valley; two sons: James B. (Julie Aagard) Holte of Coralville, Iowa and Daniel (Deborah) Holte of Kirksville, MO; nine grandchildren: Dillon and Jacob Wright, David, Andrew, and Ryan Holte, Nicholas James Romano, and Nathaniel, Kallie Marie, and Cohen Holte; and one aunt, Hazel Lund of Ringsted, Iowa.

Funeral services were held February 13 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bettendorf. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Davenport. Memorials may be made to Genesis Foundation Dialysis Unit or St. Anthony's Care and Share.

(Information provided by Jack and Barb Adams, and the Walker Pilot Independent, February 14, 2002.)

Esther Augusta Johnson

Esther Augusta Johnson, 95, a former summer resident on the South Shore of Ten Mile Lake, died peacefully on November 18, 2001 at the Jones Harrison Residence in Minneapolis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Alvin Johnson, M.D.; daughter Joanne Ewing, and granddaughter Tristin Erickson.

Mrs. Johnson graduated from West High School in Minneapolis and received a Registered Nurse degree from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in 1928. She was an active member of the Hennepin County Medical Auxiliary, the Edina Women's Club, the Minneapolis Woman's Club, and the Naomi Circle of the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. She also served on the board of Gustavus Adolphus College Arboretum in Saint Peter, MN.

Esther is survived by daughter Mary Bowman (Bradley); son Harry A. Johnson, Jr. (Judy); daughter Kay Erickson (Gerald), twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Esther is remembered by her family and friends for her compassion and devotion, as well as her strong commitment to her faith. She had a great capacity for friendship, loved to play bridge, and had a life-long zest for good food. The family has many memories of happy times with her on Browndale Avenue — the Johnson home in Edina — and at the cabin on Ten Mile Lake.

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A funeral service was held November 29, 2001 at Mount Olivet Church, with interment at Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gustavus Adolphus College Arboretum.

(Information provided by Birdie Bagley.)

Robert J. Larson

Robert J. "Deacon"/"Bapo" Larson, age 83, died Thursday, December 27, 2001 at his home on Ten Mile Lake. He was born October 22, 1918 in Chicago. At the age of 30, he lived in Brazil; at 40 in Peru, at 50 in Chile, at 60 in Texas, and at 70 and 80, on the shores of Ten Mile Lake. During his professional career, he was a chemist, an Army Air Corps meteorologist, a technical writer, and an airline meteorologist.

At Ten Mile Lake, he was truly a man for all seasons. He gathered maple syrup, was a gardener, a canoeist, a stone mason and wood splitter, a wild rice harvester and whitefish netter, a skater, a skier, and an ice rink architect. He was a loving father, husband, brother, grandfather, and uncle, a devoted friend, a passionate correspondent, philosopher and raconteur. His generosity and wit touched all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Patty; four children, Speedy, Poo, Nito, and Diti; one brother, David; grandchildren Andrea, Sebastian, Guido, Marco, and Daniela; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. The family plans a private memorial ceremony in the spring, and has indicated that memorials may be directed to the Walker Public Library, Walker MN 56484, or to Minnesota Public Radio, Membership Department, 45 East 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55101.

(From the Walker Pilot-Independent, January 2, 2001.)

Marilyn Ann Mellby

Marilyn Ann (Pahl) Mellby, 63, of Hackensack, MN dies September 26, 2001, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd after a three-year battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

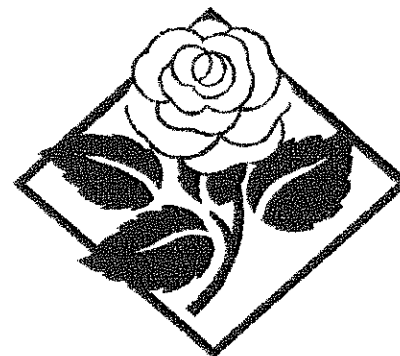
Mrs. Mellby was born and raised on a farm along the Minnesota River in Bloomington. As a young adult, she worked as a cosmetologist in Edina. Then her husband's law practice took them to Montgomery, MN

where they lived for 30 years. In 1993 they moved to Hackensack to enjoy semi-retirement. Her penchant for friends and cards earned her the title of Master Bridge Consultant. Her last card game was played five days before she passed away. Her love for her family, love of life, and triumphant spirit were present to the end.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore; one son, Nicholas (Paula) of Minnetonka; one daughter, Margaret "Maggie" of St. Michael; one grandson, Jens Pahl Mellby; her mother, Myrtle Pahl of Bloomington; two brothers, Wayne (Joanne) of Burnsville and Donald of Lakeville; two sisters, Yvonne (Jim) Bublitz and Jean Friendshuh, both of Bloomington; and many caring neices, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her father, Leo T. Pahl; and an infant brother, Warren Pahl.

A funeral Mass was held September 29 at Assumption Catholic Church in Richfield. Burial was at Assumption Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the ALS Association, 528 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 610, Minneapolis, MN 55403-1810, or the Arthritis Foundation.

(From the Walker Pilot-Independent, October 4, 2001.)



DON'T FORGET!

Remember to check out the TML Website, at
<http://www.tenmilelake.org>

The webmaster, Geoff Cox, has a new e-mail
address:

geoff.cox@vectorimaging.net

Send him news you have for the webpage.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE SUMMER PROJECTS

by Jim Schwartz, Co-Chair, Environment and Ecology Committee

THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE is proceeding with another series of testing and related projects for Ten Mile Lake this summer. Here is a run down of activities:

1. LAKE TESTS — Water samples will be drawn for chemical analysis at four sites in mid-May, mid-July and mid-September. The sites are: Main Lake, Kenfield Bay, Robinson's Bay and Long Bay. The tests will determine the concentrations of phosphorus, nitrogen, chlorophyll-a and pheophytin-a, all indicators of water quality.

2. SWAMP SAMPLES — Ten perimeter swamps around the lake had surface water samples taken for analysis in mid-May to monitor the inflow of nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) to the lake proper.

3. INVERTEBRATE COUNT — A top-to-bottom survey of zooplankton numbers and species was planned for mid-May at two sites: deepest point of the main lake and at a 75-foot depth in front of Pinewood Resort. Intent is to assemble data that will help determine whether there is a sufficient population of zooplankton to support a healthy game fish population in Ten Mile Lake.

4. CLARITY READINGS — The summer long transparency measurement project continues and will be expanded to include more sites. Besides the two traditional locations (deepest spot in the main lake and a 45-foot depth in Long Bay), readings also are set for Kenfield Bay, Robinson's Bay and the North Shore. Readings normally are taken on a weekly basis from May into October, with findings going to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for assembly and analysis. Ten Mile Lake has cooperated in this Citizens Lake Monitoring Program since its inception in 1973.

5. OXYGEN CONCENTRATION — In mid-September a top-to-bottom dissolved oxygen and temperature profile will be measured at two sites: deepest part of the main lake and a 75-foot depth in front of Pinewood Resort. The purpose is to monitor the lake's ability to sustain a sufficient concentration of dissolved oxygen at its deepest points to prevent the release of phosphorus from the bottom sediments. Reason: when phosphorus enters the water column, algae blooms occur and water quality declines. This annual check helps us keep track of our lake's overall health.

6. EXOTICS SURVEY — In mid-September, the lake will be surveyed for signs of eurasian water milfoil and other exotic species. The survey involves inspection at all known boat launching sites, resorts and a large area of lower Long Bay. Boaters are also urged throughout the season to be alert for any unusual marine plants, take samples, mark the location carefully and deliver the samples to any member of the E&E Committee.

7. GROUNDWATER STUDY — Selected wells around the lake will be identified and samples taken periodically for chemical composition. This is the first year of what likely will be a project covering several seasons as results are correlated with lake water findings. Marty McCleery is heading up the study.

8. NESTING BOXES — Anyone interested in building and putting up nesting boxes for birds ranging from wrens to wood ducks may get in touch with Dick Sampel (547-2297). He can supply you with plans for a variety of boxes, instructions for placement and other information. Nesting boxes are a great way to increase our songbird and waterfowl populations.

9. WELL WATER TESTING DAY — Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North and South Shore locations. See complete story on Page 5 in this issue.

Last year's testing program produced no major surprises. As Del Hogen, President of Instrumental Research, Inc., our testing agency, put it in his annual report: "Ten Mile Lake continues to maintain itself as an exceptionally desirable body of water, thanks in part to the caring stewardship of its residents. They are continuing to upgrade their waste disposal systems and are managing their properties with the welfare of the lake in mind."

There is a cautionary note in the report. Clarity has pretty much leveled off, indicating that an as yet unidentified nutrient source is having an effect. One possibility is that nitrogen from waste water treatment systems, a nutrient that travels freely through the soil, has saturated lake properties to the point where more and more of it is moving into the lake. Our Committee is looking into methods of denitrifying waste water flows, a technology that only recently has become available.

NOTE: Ten-Milers in Action — Congratulations to:

— JOHN A. ALDEN, a senior at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School, (and son of TMLA's Watershed Coordinator), who has qualified for the Academic All-Star Award sponsored by the National Forensic League. The demanding requirements for this award include

- ▶ achieving a score of 27 or above on the A.C.T. test
- ▶ maintaining a high school grade point average of 3.7 overall through the seventh semester
- ▶ earning a total of 750 points in competitions sponsored by the National Forensic League.

John started his extra-curricular speech career in seventh grade as an extemporaneous speaker, a

category which has challenged him throughout high school. Last year he won the regional finals, placed sixth in the State, and qualified to compete at the national level in Oklahoma.

John is attending Bemidji State University this year under the college option program. Technically a high school senior, he has been eligible to compete in high school league activities, which he has chosen to do. In his first speech meet of his last year, he won in extemporaneous speaking with rankings of straight ones.

(Information obtained from the Walker Pilot-Independent, January 31, 2002)

FISH STORIES

FISHING OPENER *by Jim Schwartz*

ANGLERS MAY HAVE their differences about bait presentation, fishing strategies and the like, but they agreed absolutely about the fishing opener on Ten Mile this year: terrible. Other terms come to mind as well: awful, rotten, horrible, take your choice. Not only was it cold, rainy and windy, but the prized walleye took what amounted to a vacation. Only a few hardy anglers scored and their take was minimal, after maybe two or three hours of fishing.

The same was true, apparently, on Leech and other area lakes. The people at Swanson's Bait and Tackle Shop in Hackensack, who keep track of such things, reported slow going everywhere. Chalk it up to the late spring, cold water temperatures, delayed spawning, or any other excuse that appeals to you, and hope for better things to come as the season progresses.

THE BASS OPENER, on the other hand, was a winner, just as it was a year ago: plenty of "keepers" in 2 to 3 pound sizes, with an occasional whopper to make things really interesting. Along with the stringer fillers, there were lots of small bass eager to whack whatever lure was offered, indicating TML's bass fishery is maintaining itself at what appears to be a comfortable level.

Sunfish, rock bass and crappies also began hitting over the bass opener weekend, providing desperate anglers an opportunity for a satisfying fish fry even if the preferred species, walleyes and northern pike, weren't cooperating. Still another plus was the

improving weekend weather, going from cold and windy Saturday morning to warm and calm Memorial Day.

REPORT OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

by Larry Urbanski, Co-Chair

FINAL RESULTS on last year's DNR research concerning Ten Mile Lake's walleye harvest will be in the next issue of the Newsletter. All the data have been collected but are still being reviewed by DNR in preparation for release of the information. It appears that many walleyes caught were from the 1998 fish-stocking (those with the metal insert).

DNR IS CONTINUING its study of the walleyes coming out of Ten Mile, so please continue to keep the heads from any walleyes you catch in Ten Mile, and turn them in to the DNR office (across Highway 200 from Ah-Gwah Ching) or drop them off at the North Shore residence of Larry Urbanski (5376 County Road 71 NW) or the South Shore residence of Nick Mellby (6012 Lower Ten Mile Lake Road NW).

THE COMMITTEE IS DEVELOPING a Fish Log to be inserted into the Ten Mile Lake Handbook. The log will be handed out at the annual meeting. Meanwhile, please try to keep a record of all the fish and the varieties of fish that you catch this season. (Note: last fall DNR stocked 1,321 pounds of fingerlings — meaning a possibility of about 36,000 future walleyes).

FINALLY, PRACTICE "CATCH AND RELEASE" this year, especially on those big ones. **EAT SMALLER FISH!**

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FROM THE SQUALL LINE

Editor: Tom Siqueland

SAILBOAT RACING DATES

The Ten Mile Lake Yacht and Tennis Club has scheduled four dates for sailboat races. Race dates (all Saturdays) and names are

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
July 6	Fourth of July
July 20	Memorial Cup
August 3	Moxness Cup
August 17	August Summer Series

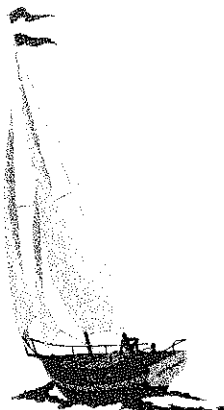
Two races are held on each race date. The first race begins at 1:30 p.m. The second race begins shortly after the first race is concluded. If a race is cancelled because of bad weather, it will be rescheduled for the next day (Sunday) at 10:30 a.m. The second backup day, if Sunday weather conditions are poor, will be the following Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

A launch party for club members is planned at the Siqueland beach following the second race on July 6, 2002.

2001 RACE RESULTS

In their boat, **Carmel**, The Hoffmans, **Ki, Byron**, and crew, captured overall first place for the season with a total of 5718 points across the best three of four qualifying races.

Tom Brandt and crew, sailing a new boat apparently not yet named, came in second for the year with 5461 points. **Bob Crabb**, with cousin **Mimi Carlson** helping occasionally at the helm of **Sirocco**, came in a close third with 5458 points.



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