

Newsletter

Spring, 2007

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2007

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADESWednesday
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2007
North Shore..... Dock at Arthur's
South Shore..... Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING**..... Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 5, 2007
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 14, 2007
At former Woock's Store (South Shore, Rock Rose
Trail & Lower Ten Mile Lake Road) or
Jerry Mills' Garage (North Shore, 5323 Co.Rd.50)

ANNUAL MEETING..... Saturday
9:30 a.m. August 4, 2007
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS Saturdays
9:00 a.m.
At Brad Putney's June 16, 2007
At Bruce & Jean Carlson's July 21, 2007
At Bob & Kim Moe's August 18, 2007
At Tom & Sarah Cox's September 15, 2007

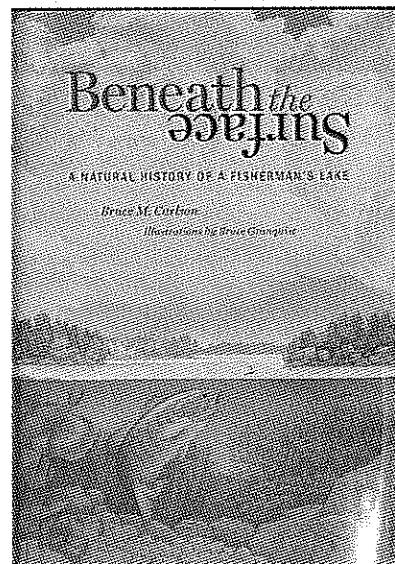
**DEADLINES FOR SENDING IN MATERIAL
FOR NEWSLETTERS:**
Summer Issue..... June 19, 2007
Fall Issue..... August 28, 2007

SAIL BOAT RACES Saturdays
1:30 p.m.
4th of July Race..... July 7, 2007
The Memorial Cup..... July 21, 2007
The Moxness Cup August 4, 2007
The August Summer Series August 18, 2007

BRUCE CARLSON'S NEW BOOK: "BENEATH THE SURFACE"

by Marty McCleery, E & E Committee

Dr. Bruce Carlson, Chair of our Environment and Ecology Committee, has just published a new book, "Beneath the Surface,"¹ now available for your reading, enjoyment and analysis. Dr. Carlson takes readers to a side of Ten Mile Lake that few have experienced first hand.



The book explores the inner working of our very own Ten Mile Lake in Cass County, MN. It is an intimate study complemented by elegantly detailed images in pencil, ink, and water-color by illustrator Bruce Granquist. We learn how the physical characteristics of TML affect the plants and animals within it and how the

various forms of life inhabiting the lake interact.

Dr. Carlson explores the dynamics of the lake as they shift from day to night and season to season. He shows anglers how to hone techniques to heighten fishing success. It's a must-read for every Ten Miler. The book is available at Swanson's store in Hackensack.

¹Published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, 345 Kellogg Blvd, W, St. Paul, MN 55102-1906 (www.mhspress.org)

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SECOND ANNUAL TENNIS INVITATIONAL

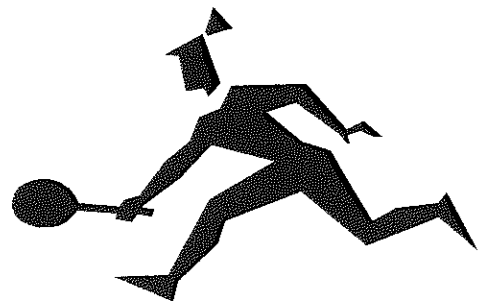
Stan and Jeanie Kramer have issued a blanket invitation to Ten Mile Lake tennis fans to attend the **SECOND ANNUAL TENNIS INVITATIONAL**:

- Date: July 6, 2007
- Location: 3879 60th Avenue NW, just off Lower Ten Mile Lake Road
- Warm-up and Registration: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Play begins: 10:00 a.m.
- Cost: \$5.00 per entry (to help offset refreshments during the day and entrée for the end of tournament picnic)
- Rain Date: Saturday, July 7, 2007

The Invitational is a doubles tournament open to all residents of Ten Mile Lake and their guests. All levels are welcome! The Super Tie Breaker format is exciting and will move play along quickly. The Kramers urge non-players to come to watch and cheer for your neighbors!

Early registration by e-mail or phone will help the tournament director (Stan Kramer) to set up the brackets. However you may also register on the day of the tournament. Anyone interested in being an assistant to the tournament director should notify the Kramers by phone or e-mail. All assistants will receive a free tournament t-shirt and refreshments.

Questions, or to register:
jeaniekram@aol.com or 218-675-5035



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . . , by Al Griggs, TMLA President

Once again, it is great to see open water when I look out on the lake, after many months of ice and snow. And once again it is great to see the friendly faces of summer residents returning to Ten Mile. Except for a cold snap in March, the winter temperatures were quite mild for Minnesota. Even so, the lack of snow cover did result in some septic system freeze-ups, particularly with systems that had little or no use for some period of time.

ARTHUR'S NO MORE: Some changes have occurred in and around TML: where Arthur's once stood is only a bare field and a "for sale" sign. The DNR folks at Bemidji have assured me that they have NO interest in the site for a public access. Most of Arthur's 33 acres are across Highway 371 and south of Ten Mile with very little lake frontage. (However, the DNR remains interested in putting a second public access on Ten Mile, somewhere!)

WORK ON COUNTY 71: After many years, County 71 from County 50 to County 6 is being paved this summer. Heavy equipment is on site and limited access signs are posted. I am told that Cass Co. would like to complete the project this summer, if possible, so we can expect heavy activity and probable delays on this road.

INTRALAKE CLASSIFICATION: Earlier this spring, several of us attended a DNR seminar describing their recently developed program to identify and quantify environmentally sensitive lakeshore areas. This is an outgrowth of Cass Co.'s Intralake Reclassification program. TML is a pilot lake in this program and the seminar described the preliminary evaluations of Ten Mile. The protocol, initially developed at Bemidji State University, involves mapping the lakeshore into 500' by 2000' rectangles with the short axis parallel to the shoreline and the long axis extending 680' into the lake and 1320' on shore. The rectangles overlap, except at the shoreline. Each rectangle is evaluated for aquatic vegetation, marine life, fish, spawning areas, water depth, bottom characteristics, animal species, bird life, frog and turtle counts, etc, and an accumulated score is assigned. The scores enable a semi-quantitative assessment of the environmental sensitivity of each rectangle. All of our bays scored high on environmental sensitivity. If utilized appropriately, this work will provide a sound basis for defending lake classifications.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: Members of the Conservation Easement subcommittee met with Fitz Fitzgerald of the Minnesota Land Trust to show him the seven TMLA-owned properties that may be suitable for Conservation Easements. He suggested that perhaps a "blanket" easement could be developed to include all the properties. I hope we may have a CE or CEs in place before the year is out. In addition, the Lois Deer property, (half a mile of shoreline abutting the southwest portion of Lundstrom's Bay) remains a strong and very desirable candidate for a CE. We urge Ten Milers to consider CEs to protect their lands. The TMLA Board has earmarked \$10,000 for the TMLA easements (to cover surveys and other costs) and

the Cass Co. Environmental Services Department has set aside \$100,000 in grant moneys for CEs on a first-come, first-served basis.

A GIFTING POLICY: Our Gifts subcommittee has established the ground rules for a TMLA Gifting Pamphlet, and **Tom Cox** has prepared a written draft as a good starting point for this Pamphlet. We hope to complete the work on the pamphlet this summer. With increased land values, inflation, and developmental pressures, gifts have become an ever more important part of our discretionary funding, particularly with regard to maintaining and defending the relatively pristine quality of our lake. Land gifts are equally appreciated.

NO HIRAM PLANNING ACTION: Unfortunately, the Hiram Township Board has disbanded their Planning Commission until further notice. This action followed a vote at the Township Annual Meeting to approve a budget submitted with no PC funding for 2007-8, and a second vote which defeated a motion to provide subsistence funding for the Planning Commission until the revised Cass County Land Use Ordinance is in place.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE: More recently, the Cass Co. Commissioners defeated a revised Platting and Minor Subdivisions Ordinance which would have prevented Minor Subdivisions (e.g., 5-9 lots) from flying "under the radar." The existing Ordinance exempts these minor subdivisions from County Planning Commission scrutiny, public hearings, and notification of surrounding land-owners except those immediately adjacent. Fees are also substantially lower. Probably 80 percent of new plats have come in under the existing minor subdivision rules. The development community strongly opposed the revised ordinance and the Commissioners listened.

LAND USE ORDINANCE: The Cass Co. subcommittee charged with developing the revised Land Use Ordinance 1116 covering CDs/PUDs will meet at the end of May to establish ground rules for public hearings on this revised ordinance. They will hold hearings during the summer. Then the full committee will meet to make final modifications to the revised ordinance. This will then be presented to the County Commissioners for approval. The revised ordinance, while not perfect, is a substantial improvement over the existing ordinance in that it specifies CDs abutting water to have two tiers, one riparian and one non-riparian. The riparian tier can only have one building unit per each 100 yards of usable frontage and one dock, and must have at least 400 feet of frontage. The non-riparian tier must have a lake access of not less than 50'. This access may have a boat launch and a small structure. The revised ordinance comprises 100+ pages, so it has lots of complexities, I urge you to look it up on the Cass Co. website at www.co.cass.mn.us and become familiar with it. We really need to get the attention of Cass Co. officers and Commissioners on this one.

FISHING CHATTER

BY Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

2007 FISHING OPENER: This year, the weather and the fish cooperated. According to resort owners and others, the walleye bite was good. Lundstrom's Bay and Long's Bay were active. Overall, most people caught fish — and more big ones than normal. Rumor has it that **Kent Hrbek*** was fishing for crappies in Lundstrom Bay on the Thursday before the opener.

FISHING SURVEY: 140 Ten Mile residents sent in their responses to the fishing survey included in the Fall 2006 *Newsletter*. Thanks to all who took the time to complete the survey! The Fisheries Committee will review the responses and report the results in the summer *Newsletter*.

DNR NETTING RESULTS, 2006: DNR has not yet completed the analysis of the TML netting process last summer. However, the preliminary result for the numbers of walleye per net was very encouraging.

NORTHERN PIKE REGULATION: The ten-year experimental regulation for northern pike will be evaluated by the DNR this summer. DNR will then hold a public meeting this coming September to take comment on whether the 20-inch regulation should continue or be changed.

DON'T DUMP THOSE MINNOWS! A recent Minnesota Conservation magazine (Jan-Feb 2006, page 49) strongly recommends that any unused minnows in your bait bucket NOT be released into the lake. The

purpose of this admonition is to reduce the risk of spreading heterosporis. (*Heterosporis* is a newly identified parasite that infects fish muscle tissue. It does not kill the fish or infect people, but makes the fish unattractive for eating. The parasite has been identified in Lake Ontario and in several lakes in Wisconsin and Minnesota. — from "Fishing Wisconsin," a website of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.) A good idea would be to give your leftover minnows to a neighbor (make sure the neighbor does not toss them in the lake) or bury them in your garden. They make good fertilizer.

FIERSTINE RECOMMENDS: The Fisheries Committee met this spring with Harlan Fierstine of the MN DNR to discuss some of these issues. When asked, "What can the residents of Ten Mile Lake do to create a good environment for fishing?" his response was

1. Encourage everyone to practice "Catch and Release."
2. Create a buffer zone at your lakeside to provide a good natural habitat. This will prevent erosion and improve water quality.

* Minnesota Twins famous former first-baseman and fisherman.

WEEKLY COFFEES NEED HOSTS!

Both the men's and women's coffee hours need hosts for many of the coffee dates this summer. Can you help by volunteering your home for a coffee?

The men's coffees are held Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., May through October. Women's coffees are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., June through September. The association provides mugs, and signs to put out directing coffee-drinkers to your house. The host provides coffee and doughnuts and a place to gather.

If you can help, sign on to the TML Website (www.tenmilelake.org) and check out the coffee schedules to see what dates are available.

Then send an e-mail to the webmaster to indicate the date you have selected (geoff@geoff-cox.com). If you need advice (amounts of coffee and doughnuts, for instance) call one of the earlier hosts or almost any officer of TMLA.



From the Notebook

By Jim Schwartz

WE ARRIVED APRIL 26, a day ahead of ice-out, just in time for the "blossoming" of the midge season, a mosquito-like insect that is among the peskiest of the many bugs inhabiting this area. At no time in our memory have they congregated in the huge, dense masses they did this spring. And, as far as we can tell, none of the birds around at this time of year seemed interested in making a meal of them. Fortunately, the bugs' stay is brief: two or three weeks and they're gone.

WE NEVER GROW WEARY of renewing our acquaintance with the creatures that make this such a special place: the chipmunks that have overwintered successfully, the lone beaver that swims past our cabin every spring, the pileated woodpecker that continues its pile-driver assault on our tree stumps, the downy woodpeckers that seem downright grateful for the replenished suet feeder, the nuthatches and chickadees that awaited our sunflower seed refills. And, at length, the return of hummingbirds: May 12, essentially right on schedule. It's a comforting and reassuring pastime.

AN EARLIER THAN USUAL appearance was made by those cottony, thread-like seed carriers that cling to window screens and are the bane of anglers who like to troll for their quarry. The wispy filaments wrap around fishing lines, forming a white ball just above the bait and, in my experience at least, are a virtual guarantee that nothing will bite.

SHORELINE FOAM often is a source of concern for some lake residents. Not to worry. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency says that, in most instances, what we see is natural. It's created by a combination of organic compounds, such as decomposing plants and animals that, because of wave action, become mixed with water and air to form foam. When it collects on a downwind shore, the spectacle may not be aesthetically pleasing, but it's harmless, says the MPCA.

THE RUSTY CRAWFISH, an undesirable invasive species, is now in the Boy River chain and likely will spread from lake to lake. One negative impact of the creature is that it can displace native fish populations. Research in Wisconsin suggests that a control measure that seems to work is to encourage and maintain a healthy population of bluegills, a natural predator of the unwelcome visitor. The lead researcher says that "if the predator population density reaches some critical abundance, they'll eat every crawfish they see."

THE FRESHWATER SOCIETY, dedicated to educating people of all ages about our most precious resource

(water), does so in a variety of ways. One is to ask "Did You Know" questions. Here is a sampling: Americans use five times the amount of water that Europeans use. Leaving the water running while you brush your teeth can waste 3 gallons of water (at 3 gallons a minute). Cutting one minute off your shower time can save about 700 gallons of water per month. Freshwater animals are disappearing five times faster than land animals. In a 100-year period, an average water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.

I MENTIONED THAT ICE-OUT occurred on April 27. That's a full two weeks later than a year ago, and interrupts a trend toward earlier break-ups in northern tier states that has been charted by climate watchers. According to the researchers, almost 80 percent of the lakes studied are thawing two weeks earlier, on average, than they did 100 years ago. And, according to the data, the total number of days that the nation's lakes are frozen is decreasing, some by as many as 21 days. Here is the ice-in, ice-out record for Ten Mile Lake since we began keeping data 20 years ago:

Ice-In and Ice-Out Dates		
Year	Ice-Out	Ice-In
1988	Apr 30	Dec 09
1989	May 04	Dec 03
1990	Apr 26	Dec 18
1991	Apr 26	Nov 26
1992	Apr 21	Dec 07
1993	Apr 24	Dec 11
1994	Apr 22	Dec 12
1995	May 03	Nov 29
1996	May 18	Nov 27
1997	Apr 28	Dec 24
1998	Apr 12	Dec 25
1999	Apr 24	Dec 22
2000	Apr 18	Dec 11
2001	Apr 29	(2002) Jan 02
2002	Apr 24	Dec 04
2003	Apr 24	Dec 10
2004	Apr 24	Dec 19
2005	Apr 16	Dec. 18
2006	Apr 13	Dec. 23
2007	Apr 27	

SHOULD GARBAGE DISPOSAL units be used in lake residences? The answer is "no." Septic systems are not able to digest and properly treat such large quantities of organic waste. Also, forget septic system additives. They can do more harm than good.

NEWS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

By Bruce Carlson, Chair

Although the E & E Committee won't have its first 2007 meeting until early June, individual members have been quite active throughout the winter and early spring.

TMLA Website

One of the priorities of the Committee is to make important information about the state of the lake available to all interested parties through postings on the TMLA Website. Once on the Website, click on the committee section and from there to E & E. You will find the following:

1. Hazardous waste disposal information
2. A map showing areas along the shoreline affected by swimmers' itch
3. Lake water temperature data for many years
4. Secchi disk readings for many years
5. Water quality summaries based on our annual testing program

Spring 2007 Lake Water Testing

On May 12, **Ken Regner** and **Del Hogen** braved strong winds and 50-degree temperatures to do the first lake water testing of the season. As of this writing, results are not yet in. One of the components of the spring testing program is sampling sites of

drainage into the lake, mainly along the west side. Because of the construction program on County Road #71 this year, the patterns of swamp drainage into the lake are likely to be significantly changed. The E & E Committee will monitor this to be sure that undesirable substances don't enter the lake.

2007 Well Water Testing

The annual well water testing program will be continued this year. The testing date is **Saturday, July 14**. This is a valuable service, and the cost is minimal. It is a good way to make sure that your drinking water is safe.

New Members

The E & E Committee is always open to new members. Many of our activities are heavily dependent upon volunteers, and while we have been blessed with a number of folks who regularly contribute significantly to our functions, with more volunteers we could accomplish more tasks more easily. You don't have to be an ecologist to join. The main qualification is an interest in maintaining the quality of the lake that we all love. If you would like to find out more about the committee, please contact **Bruce Carlson** at brcarl@umich.edu or in the summer, call at the cabin **(218) 675-5580**.

THE ONE AND FUTURE TEN MILE LAKE INN

By Brad Putney, Resident Director

In October of 2006 a piece of Ten Mile Lake history and tradition was lost, as Arthur's Restaurant served its last entrée. In November of 2006 the building was razed and the site was cleared. At the present time the property is listed for sale.

Three Ten Mile Lake residents, **Stan Kramer, Don Sarles, and Brad Putney**, have formed a team with the goal of rebuilding the **Ten Mile Lake Inn**. We have prepared a business plan with financials, and shared it with a few potential investors. Our plan calls for a small group of investors to form the equity portion of a venture to buy and rebuild the Inn. Presently we are seeking additional potential equity partners, and would like to meet with those interested parties.

Many of you can recall coming down the lake in the boat and seeing the iconic restaurant sitting on top of the hill at the end of the bay. The new Inn will be built to take full advantage of the lake view and the sunsets. We have met with architects to create a classic lodge style restaurant and bar with a large deck overlooking the water. The kitchen will be state of the art, with the ability to produce a menu second to none in the north woods.

If you would like to examine the business plan, and learn more about the new Ten Mile Lake Inn, please contact **Brad Putney**, at truenorth@tds.net. Let's bring back our favorite gathering place.

THE HISTORY PAGE

OLD MAPS

By Lorraine Stromquist, Chair, History Committee

Past history stories and pictures of Ten Mile Lake itself and of the shore around it abound in the Ten Mile Lake History files. As you know, they have been compiled and put into a history book that will soon be available for publication and sale. The stories tell of family histories at the lake, lake development, activities, schools, roads, and much more. Some of the files show certain old maps. Although the files on maps are sparse we do have a few old maps that are interesting. These maps show changes made to our Ten Mile Lake area.

LOTHROP

A December 1895 map of the then existing City of Lothrop, located north of Hackensack and just east of Ten Mile Lake, shows a plat layout of lots, streets, and alleys plus their sizes and shapes. The plat is certified by a County Surveyor and dated January 15, 1896. According to the map, Lothrop had two stores, three or four restaurants, a bakery, a drugstore, two barber shops, two hotels, seven saloons, and one school. Reportedly its population was over 1000. It was a thriving city which has vanished.

RAILROAD TRACK ROUTES

There exists in our files a map showing railroad track routes and predecessor roads of our area. The data are based on an index map of Northern Pacific Railways in Minnesota, June 1917, and the Railroad Commissioner's Map of Minnesota, 1930. It shows that in 1897 there was a road passing from Brainerd to Bemidji, and lists Lothrop as the one city along the way. During 1901-1907, that route was extended north from Bemidji to International Falls. The road south from Brainerd to the Twin Cities was already in operation in 1877.

TRAILS

One old pencil sketched map shows routes or trails from Old Agency Bay to Hackensack. It shows Ten Mile Lake and Lothrop along the way, outlines

railroads from 1896 and a wagon load trail from Old Agency Bay to Brainerd.

OTHER OLD MAPS

In his book, "The Naming of Ten Mile Lake," author **John Stahler** shows several interesting old maps. Among them is a Nicolet Map, 1843, which illustrates many lakes including Ten Mile Lake. Also included are roads of Central Minnesota as they existed in 1873, plus a road map circa 1921 which shows that Lower Ten Mile Lake Road did not go through to the highway in 1921. An Old Agency Bay trail map from sometime in the past shows a known trail from Agency Bay to just north of Ten Mile Lake, and a probable route to bring it as far as Upper Ten Mile Lake Road. This history book is in our files.

A new book, "Beneath the Surface," by Ten Mile Lake resident **Dr. Bruce Carlson**, has several outline maps of Ten Mile Lake which illustrate distribution of North American beavers, ranges of the common loon, dense schools of ciscoes, and more such maps.

People do love to look at and study maps of all kinds. Maps provide a good deal of information and pleasure. If anyone of you has an old and/or interesting map that could be donated to the history committee or copied and given to us for our history files, we would appreciate the addition

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

William M. "Bill " Dailey Jr.

William M. "Bill " Dailey Jr., 63, of Westlake Village, Calif., died of cancer at his home on February 14, 2007.

He was born November 27, 1943, near Roland, Iowa, and grew up in Ames, Iowa. He graduated from Ames High School in 1962 and from Iowa State University in 1967. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

After graduation, he was employed by Allstate Insurance Co. at their Chicago headquarters, where he was a pioneer programmer and executive in the computer department. He remained with Allstate until the late 1980s, when he took a position with Twentieth Century Insurance Co. of Los Angeles as vice president for information services; he worked there until his retirement.

He was a summer resident of Ten Mile Lake where he and other family members shared a summer home complex. He was an avid fisherman who claimed he enjoyed being out on the lake as much as actually catching fish, and an excellent golfer who enjoyed many of the golf courses in the area.

He is survived by his mother, Laura Dailey of Ames; two daughters, Sarah of Middleton, WI and Amy (Clayton) Williams of New Orleans, LA.; three grandsons; two sisters, Susan (Larry) Donaldson of Nevada, Iowa, and Christie of Chicago; one uncle, Andrew (Carmen) Christensen of Peoria, Ariz.; three aunts, Betty Christensen of Nevada, Iowa, Amanda (Fred) Brosius of Ames; and Mary Lou (John) Nissly of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and by several cousins and their families.

(Information provided by Laura Daily and the Walker Pilot Independent, February 16, 2007.)

Sven Kielland Moxness

Sven Kielland Moxness passed away February 14, 2007 at the Three Links Care Center in Northfield, MN., at the age of 100. He was born December 19, 1906 in Trondheim, Norway, to Arne and Augusta (Kielland) Moxness. He came to the

U.S. in 1925. He became Chief Process Engineer for Minneapolis Honeywell from 1936 to 1950. During WWII he was involved in many of Honeywell's military projects, including the development of the Norton Bomb Sight. In 1951 Sven left Honeywell to join his uncle in his tool and die company in Racine, Wisconsin. His plants, including Moxness Products, were located in a number of Wisconsin communities. The companies evolved into the Plastics Corporation of America and in 1969 the company became Versa Technologies, which included Stearns Manufacturing of St. Cloud, MN. Sven remained as Chairman of the Board of Versa Technologies for years after his retirement.



Sven Moxness

As a pioneer in the silicon and plastics era, he delivered countless technical papers all over the world and held numerous patents involving the molding of silicon and plastics. During his retirement Sven was a Charter Member of the Royal Poinciana Gold Club of Naples, FL.

Sven was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Esther; his sister Lisa; and his prothers Ola and Tore. Survivors include two daughters: Karen Lund-Brust and husband Frank of Minneapolis and

Linda Merritt and husband Ron of Wheeling, Illinois; nine grandchildren and their spouses; 18 great-grandchildren; his close friend Jean Perman of Northfield, his sister-in-law, Jennie Moxness of Norway, many nieces and nephews in Scandinavia, and other relatives and friends.

(Information provided by Karen Lund-Brust.)

Shirley Buck Siqveland

Long-time Ten Mile Laker Shirley Siqveland passed away on January 7, 2007 at Kay's Pine Chalet, in Akeley, MN. She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 27, 1915 to Frank "Rollie" and Ann Buck.

With her parents and brother Robert, Shirley arrived at Ten Mile Lake in the summer of 1925, where they stayed with Egon and Helen Reese, her aunt and uncle, in their cabin on Chariton Beach. Two years later they built their own cabin two lots to the west of the Reeses, where Shirley spent nearly every summer until 1995. Her family continues to enjoy Ten Mile Lake.

In the early 1930s, Shirley met her husband to be, Ivar Siqveland Jr. at Ten Mile. Ivar's parents had built a cabin in 1923 on Sunset Beach and owned property along that shore, much of which was sold off to future Ten Milers. After Ivar's service in WWII, they returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Ivar assumed the dental practice his father had started. While Ivar commuted to Ten Mile on weekends, Shirley and her four sons spent summers at the Lake.

Shirley especially enjoyed gardening, sailing, swimming, and nature. She was an avid reader and delighted in spending time with her good friend, Fran Brandt, whose four boys were constant companions with her own four boys.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, brother, and husband. She is survived by her four sons: Ivar III (Peggy), Robert (Ellen), James, and Thomas (Colleen), as well as six grandchildren and one great grandson.

(Information provided by Ivar Siqveland III.)

Jon Curtis Unger

Jon Curtis Unger, of Bemidji, died after a long battle with cancer, on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at

his home in Bemidji. Jon was born on April 4, 1965, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Jerome and LaVonne (Grosser) Unger. He graduated from Neil Armstrong High School in 1983, and from the University of Minnesota with a BS in Business in 1991. He went on to work for Rosemount, Onan Corporation, Cummins Engine, and eventually as a manager for TEAK Industries in Bagley, MN.



Jon Curtis Unger

Jon and Michelee Spears married on the shores of Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack on July 4, 2003. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He also enjoyed collecting antique fishing lures, coins, watches, sports memorabilia, riding his Victory Kingpin motorcycle, NFL football, snowmobiling, boating, and fishing on Ten Mile Lake. He loved the outdoors and nature too. He always knew how to make someone smile with his smile and humor. He was loving, caring, and always there for someone when needed.

He is survived by his wife, Michelee Unger of Bemidji; stepson Justin Steele; parents Jerome and Lavonne Unger of Plymouth, MN; sisters Lynn (Lou) Hermanek of Plymouth, MN and Lisa (Mark) Ulrich of Oak Grove, MN; and niece and nephew Rachel and Dan Ulrich. He was preceded in death by his brother, Scot Unger.

(Information provided by Jerry Unger.)

TMLA GIFTING POLICY

By Tom Cox

Introduction

Grateful for the generosity of past donors and wishing both to encourage giving and to provide prudential guidance for future donors and for the Association, last summer the TMLA Board appointed a committee to create an Association Gifting Policy. In the fall the committee presented its proposal to the Board, which approved the new policy in December. Soon the Board will publish a Gifting Policy brochure to provide TMLA members with background on giving to the Association and Gifting Policy details

Background

In the mid-1980s, forward-looking Ten Milers **Lloyd and Mildred Sundin** asked then-President **Jim Schwartz** how they might make a substantial gift to the Ten Mile Lake Association.

Wishing to support the Association's goals in the long term, the Sundins stipulated only that their gift be tax deductible, that it be prudently invested, that only the income on the investment be used for Association purposes for fifteen years following the date of their gift and that after fifteen years, the principal become available for Association purposes.

The TMLA had been incorporated under Minnesota law since 1952, and had re-filed its Articles of Incorporation in 1981, but it had never been tax-exempt.

Jim Schwartz consulted the Board of Directors, which approved the Sundins' stipulations and applied for tax exempt status. The IRS granted the Association 501(C)(3) status in 1985. Shortly thereafter, the Sundins made a \$50,000 gift to the Association.

The Sundin Legacy

From its beginnings in 1952 the Association had relied on membership dues¹ to fund its programs and pay administrative costs. The Sundin's gift was the first of its kind. Returns on the investment supplemented dues income to the Association, which then could fund more sophisticated lake monitoring, water quality testing and other programs which have contributed significantly to the preservation and improvement of the lake and its environs.

Inspired by this pioneering gift, and by the evident value of the Association to the lake and its residents, others have made major gifts, both of money and of land, since the Sundins' 1985 donation. Many special gifts made possible the purchase of the ecologically sensitive Anderson property in Kenfield Bay in 1998, the debt on which was retired in 2003.

Subsequent major gifts:

- 2005: **Bequest of the Vela Devoe Estate**
- 2006: **Richard G. Garbisch Conservation Fund**

Also, a number of families have gifted the Association with parcels of land, including:

- **Bailey's Shores**, a gift of **Ray Bailey**. Two parcels, 12.65 acres, 900 Ft. of Shoreline in Long's Bay.
- **Boone Point Road Outlots**, a gift of **Ray Bailey**. Two lots, 49.3 acres, no shoreline.
- **Owre Property, Kenfield Bay**, a gift of **Rod and Dorothy Owre**. 5.69 acres, 500 Ft. of shoreline.
- **Roby Property, Robinson's Bay**, a gift of **Opal and Cecil Roby**. 1.8 acres, 500 Ft. of shoreline.
- **Pierson Outlot, Hiram Loop Road**, a gift of **Katherine and John Pierson**. 1.33 acres, no shoreline.

The James W. Schwartz Environmental Preservation Fund (JWS EPF)

In addition, over the years many Association members have made smaller, special contributions over and above their annual dues. These have fallen into one of several categories:

- **Memorials** — Gifts given in memory of deceased Ten Mile residents. Some memorial gifts have been designated for specific purposes.
- **Designated Gifts** — Special gifts given for a designated purpose, such as the purchase of safety buoys, the construction of the Birch Lake outlet structure, etc.
- **Undesignated Gifts** — Gifts over and above the annual dues amount but not designated for a specific purpose.

Recognizing that many TMLA members were routinely giving over and above the amount of their annual dues, and that fiduciary duty required that any of these funds that were not spent should be prudently invested, in 1998 the Board of Directors established the **Environmental Preservation Fund**.

¹ Annual TMLA Membership Dues were \$10 in the early years. They have been \$15 since 1991, \$25 since 1999 and \$30 since 2002.

The purpose of the *Environmental Preservation Fund* is "to endow preservation activities impacting Ten Mile Lake, including research, education, lake management, emergency response to environmental threats, and protection of environmentally fragile areas" (Association Bylaws), including purchase of ecologically sensitive shoreland.

In its 1998 Annual Meeting the membership named the fund in honor of **Jim Schwartz**, a quarter-century key Association leader (an incorporating member of the Association, a long-time Editor of the *TMLA Newsletter*, a multi-term Chair of the Environment and Ecology Committee, a nine-year member of the TMLA Board, President of the Association from 1984 to 1986 and a long-time hands-on volunteer in the TMLA environmental protection and education program).

Thus the Fund became the **James W. Schwartz Environmental Preservation Fund (JWS EPF)**. Since the Association Bylaws were amended to this effect in August, 2004, TMLA policy has been to deposit all undesignated gifts and bequests directly into the *JWS EPF*. Annual distributions from this fund may be no more than ten percent of the value of the fund as of July 31 of the previous year. Distributions of more than ten percent must be approved by two-thirds of all of the members of the Board of Directors.

In significant ways the Sundin's 1985 gift has provided the foundation upon which Ten Milers have

built an environmental and educational program second to none. Over the years, gifts both large and small have helped the Association not only to preserve and improve the quality of the lake and its environs, but also to become one of the leading Associations of its kind in the state.

The Ten Mile Association Gifting Policy

Since it was established in 1998, the *JWS EPF* has served the TMLA well, and it remains the Board's depository of choice for contributors' financial gifts. However, recognizing that other types of funds may be more appealing to some contributors, upon the advice of its Gifting Committee, the Board has adopted a Gifting Policy designed to provide additional alternative ways of supporting the TMLA's long term goals:

- I. Occasional and Annual Gifts Over and Above Annual Dues Payments
 - Memorials (Designated and Undesignated)
 - Other *Designated* Gifts
 - Other *Undesignated* Gifts
- II. TMLA Endowment Fund (New)
- III. Named Endowment Funds (New)
- IV. Land Contributions
- V. Conservation Easements (New)
- VI. Bequests

When it is published, the TMLA Gifting Policy Brochure will spell out the details of the policy to which this article is offered as a brief introduction.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WATERCRAFT OPERATORS TRAINING – THURSDAY, JULY 5

By Don Harris, Lake Safety Committee

The Lake Safety Committee urges all Grandparents, Parents, and Teens to mark their calendars for Thursday, July 5, 2007 for **Watercraft Operators Training** for youths ages 12 to 17. The training course will be offered from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Hackensack Community Center. The course will be taught by the Cass County Sheriff's Water Safety Officer. The Hackensack Lions Club will provide snacks and lunch.

Please note: Minnesota Law requires that youths ages 12 to 17 must have a Watercraft Operator's Permit to operate a boat with a motor larger than 25 horsepower.

The course will include the State test and a hands-on session with the sheriff's deputies on Birch Lake. Please call **Don Harris, 675-6285** or **Jerry Mills, 547-1164** to register your child.

Thanks to parents' and grandparents' interest and support, over 218 youths and 4 adults have been trained to date. Keep 'em coming! Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend the training along with their children.

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