

Opening Remarks:

Welcome to the 2019 season my friends. Having opened up our place last weekend, I was reminded of how different the beginning of the season is in comparison to the end. Leaves are just starting to bud. The water is extraordinarily clear. The reeds haven't come up yet and above all else that, as previously described, water is really really cold.

I suspect that you, like all of us, are stoked for another great summer on Deer Lake. Please consider joining us for our numerous events. I look forward to seeing you! -- Bill Routh

President's Message

DLA is working to keep AIS out of Deer Lake and to reduce the amount of phosphorus running into the lake.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that causes algae and undesirable weed growth. Deer Lake is highly sensitive to phosphorus loading, meaning that additional phosphorus causes a disproportionate decrease in water quality. The good news is that this sensitivity also means that *if we reduce the amount of phosphorus running into the lake, water quality will increase disproportionately.*

People often associate lake water quality problems with large-scale agriculture, or forestry, urban development, or industrial practices. But the truth is that **property owner actions have a significant impact on lake water quality.** The impact of land use decisions on one lake lot may be relatively small, yet the cumulative impact of small decisions on many lake lots can result in a significant decline in water quality.

You can help reduce the amount of phosphorus running into Deer Lake:

- Reduce or eliminate rain and other water runoff from your property. Leave forested shoreline and ice ridges in place, or install a buffer or low berm at your shoreline. DLA can help.
- Minimize shoreline erosion
- Pump your septic tank every 3 years or as otherwise recommended by your pumping service
- Order a septic compliance inspection every 10 years. DLA can help...**2019 incentives below.**

Your individual action may make the difference.

Thank you. -- John Davis

2019 \$\$ Septic and Shoreland Incentives

DLA raised funds and offers to partner with Deer Lake property owners during 2019:

1. DLA offers to pay the cost for eligible property owner septic compliance inspections.

2. For those whose systems that fail inspection, DLA offers up to \$3000 in septic replacement incentives for eligible property owners.
3. DLA is working to arrange low or no-interest 10 year term loans for septic replacements, but we don't yet have final approval. Hopefully soon.
4. DLA offers a disinterested shoreland expert to provide property owners an assessment and options to reduce or eliminate runoff and erosion. Free and no obligation.
5. DLA offers to write you a cost-share check for \$1000 to help you pay for an eligible runoff or erosion mitigation project.

Please contact beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com to learn more about these offers.

Create a Deer Lake Legacy

The Deer Lake Legacy Investment Fund provides ongoing \$ support for clean water and other Deer Lake initiatives. Up to 5% of the Legacy Fund can be spent annually on Deer Lake. We'd like to grow our Legacy Fund to help provide funding for clean water initiatives now and into the future. Please consider a *planned gift* to DLA. Planned gifts can be immediate or accomplished through a will or estate plan. A planned gift returns great personal satisfaction, can provide a current income tax deduction, can enable you to avoid capital gains tax, and can reduce your estate taxes. **There are many ways to create a Deer Lake legacy without writing a check.** Here are some of the more common ways you can give:

1. From an IRA if age 70½+
2. Appreciated stock
3. Donor advised fund
4. Beneficiary designations
5. Life insurance
6. Charitable Trust, Charitable Lead Trust, Charitable Remainder Trust.

Deer Lake Association of Itasca County, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. More info and a library of examples here <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262012>

DLA Aquatic Invasives (AIS) Initiative

- Know which waters are infested <http://www.eddmaps.org/midwest/tools/infestedwaters/map.cfm?showheader=1>
- Know whether your or your guests' owned or rented boats and gear have been in infested waters.
- Practice Clean, Drain, Dispose and Dry
- If waters are infested, drain and dry boats and trailers in the sun for at least 5 days, remove AIS manually, or decontaminate with very hot water - 140° for 10 seconds or 120° for two minutes. <https://www.itascaswcd.org/ais-decontamination-locations>

- Dry lifts/docks at least 21 days before moving
 - Don't let others use your private launch unless you know where their boats have been
 - Patronize **DLA FiveStar** service providers when you:
 - Install/remove dock/lift
 - Service boat and engine
 - Rent trailers, boats and gear
 - Purchase used gear /equipment
- <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>
- Construction of Deer Lake AIS Station begins in June. Hopefully operational in July.
 - Pls thank AIS inspectors at the public access!

Need boat or engine service from a marine dealer? Consider a DLA FiveStar marine dealer who takes AIS precautions. <https://goo.gl/zE8YaN>

2019 DLA Events

June 15, *Saturday*

DLA Membership Meeting

10AM at Camp Hiawatha, Baldwin Commons
<https://goo.gl/maps/8tMVmQrDcfPBws6fA> Coffee and treats included. Featuring Deer Lake News, Laura Connelly for Itasca Waters, and AmberBeth VanNingen on Deer Lake's Wabu Woods and other MN DNR Scientific and Natural Areas. All welcome.

July 19, *Friday*

DLA Spaghetti Dinner and Annual Business Meeting

5pm meeting, 6pm dinner, at Camp Hiawatha
This year we are trying something different, combining our Spaghetti Dinner with our Annual Business Meeting. Agenda includes election of Officers and Board Members, and Deer Lake News.

August 15, *Thursday*

DEER LAKE FROLIC

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner at *Camp Hiawatha*

The Annual Deer Lake Frolic will be held at Camp Hiawatha on Saturday, August 15th. Music, games, food, chance drawing, silent auction. The Frolic is a great opportunity for the entire Deer Lake community to come together, including residents, guests, and visitors both from Deer Lake and the surrounding communities. All are welcome! The Frolic also serves as the primary annual fundraiser for the DLA. Please mark the date and plan to attend!

Need space for a meeting, family reunion, retreat, family celebration or other special event? Want to send your child or grandchild to camp on Deer

Lake? Consider **Camp Hiawatha**, a Deer Lake steward. <https://goo.gl/Dy9hqj>

Bear Island Trail Maintenance

June 14 – Friday 9:00 AM

July 12 – Friday 9:00 AM

August 9 – Friday 9:00 AM

(In the event of rain - 'Rolex' 24 hours)

Thank you to Paul Askegaard who volunteered to coordinate Bear Island monthly trail maintenance. Longtime coordinator Bob Baker has retired from serving as coordinator after many years of faithful work. DLA and I are grateful and thankful for all Bob has done for Deer Lake over many decades of service, including Bear Island.

Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by DLA, who purchased it with contributions from lake residents plus State matching funds. Now it's protected and available for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and cleaning up trash left by Mother Nature or people. Paul will provide coffee/donuts. RSVP not necessary, just arrive on the south end of the Island at 9am on the scheduled day. If conditions are questionable, call Paul at 651-230-3361. **Please volunteer, especially if we have a bad storm during the month.** Bring gloves, wear long pants and bug spray, and bring any equipment you have (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag). We hope to see you!

DLA Hwy 62 Clean-up:

June 7, Friday

September 6, Friday

Coordinated again this year by Barb and Kerry Glader. Please join us for DLA Hwy 62 clean-up where we combine community service and fellowship! Gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am, corner of Hwys 62 and 177 on the east side of Deer

Lake. <https://goo.gl/maps/7fd9J5frn5o>

Cleanup takes about an hour. Afterward, you're invited to Barb and Kerry's cabin for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb if you're able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195).

DLA Golf Scramble

We play once each month at a different course. This is a fun day 9-hole scramble with some light competition. *If spouse/significant others do not play golf, they are welcome to join us for dinner.* - Fees will be negotiated in the Spring and will include 9 holes and 1/2 a cart, all players ride to keep the game moving-- we will collect \$2 per

player to go towards prizes -- see schedule as follows: **Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel, as it makes team assignments extremely difficult -- Thank you -- we look forward to seeing you!**

tjbogie@paulbunyan.net 218-326-3824
or joanandger@aol.com 218-246-9652

NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST GIVE US A CALL!!!

June 18th – Tuesday – 1 PM @ Blueberry Golf Course – Dinner after Golf at Cedar Creek Grille (6 PM) – RSVP by June 11th

July 16th --Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at The Pickled Loon (approximately 6:15 PM) -- RSVP by July 11th

August 10th - Tuesday - 1 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille -- RSVP by August 14th

September 13th -Thursday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner after Golf @ Forest Lake (approximately 6:15 PM) -- RSVP by September 6th

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“Deer Readers” Book Club

- **June 25, Tues:** Fredrik Backman, BEARTOWN at Bogenriefs (pot luck dinner). Leader: Trish Bogenrief
- **July 23, Tues:** Tara Westover, EDUCATED at Marier's (appetizers both before & after discussion). Leaders: Joyce & Dick Erickson
- **August 20, Tues:** Joseph Heller, Catch 22 at Jan Hill's (pot luck dinner). Leader: Don Ardery
- **September 11, Wed at 3pm:** Terri-Lynne DeFino, The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (And Their Muses) at Grimsruds on Amen Lake. (dinner afterwards at Cedar Creek) Leader: Ellen Ardery

Sessions begin at 4pm, except the September session, which starts at 3pm. Following May and September meetings we adjourn about 6pm to go out for dinner at Cedar Creek Grille. For June, July, and August, instead of going out for dinner, we have either a pot luck (June and August) or extended appetizers (July). Please RSVP to Alice Stark for each meeting so our hosts know how many to expect and so we can make dinner reservations (May and Sept) for those planning to attend. adstark@goldengate.net Please contact Alice with questions.

Creative Endeavors

Planning meeting will be 9am Tue June 11 at Diana Lieffring's home, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Anyone interested welcome. For questions call, Lovelle Meester [612-240-2175](tel:612-240-2175) or Elise Widen [218-246-2708](tel:218-246-2708).

DLA Board Meetings Calendar:

June 15, **Sat** 8-9:30am Camp Hiawatha

July 19, **Fri** 2:30pm-4pm Camp Hiawatha

Aug 15, **Thur** 3pm set-up DLA **Frollic**.

DLA Membership Request:

We invite you to join or renew your DLA Membership. [Join the DLA](#)

Key DLA Links:

DLA Website: <http://deerlakeassociation.org>

Beautiful Deer Lake Water Quality

Initiative <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=221974>

DLA FiveStar Service Providers

<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

Facebook: “Deer Lake Association”

Simply request to become a member of the ‘Closed Group’ or have someone invite you directly. It is a fun way to share information as well as pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>

Twitter: [@BeautifulDeerLK](#)

Quote:

“The Way Get Started Is To Quit Talking And Begin Doing.” – Walt Disney

