

Opening Remarks:

Like last year, as I write this letter, snow covers the ground. We have set a record here in the Twin Cities for the amount of snow accumulated in February. And it's supposed to snow tonight. (March 9th)

Still, I hold on to the imagination of a sun filled sky over the most beautiful lake on the planet. In this image, it is 75 degrees outside and the water is just five degrees lower. A loon calls in the background and I see an eagle overhead. Furthermore, my fishing pole is bent in half and the elusive small mouth on my hook has just broken water a mere five feet away.

...God, I can't wait till Summer on Deer!

-- Bill

President's Message

Hope you're having a great spring and are looking forward to summer at Deer Lake!

Deer Lake water quality serves as a foundation for family life and lakeshore property values. All property owners can unite around a goal to maintain and improve water quality. Is Deer Lake water quality important to you and your family?

If so, I invite you to **join DLA or renew your membership for 2019**. It's only \$25. Please join DLA even if only to support our water quality work. DLA is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer non-profit. We're not political. We have no employees and no member gets paid to work. That means your \$25 membership fee goes to our water quality and other Initiatives. Please print and complete the attached membership form and mail it along with your check to the address listed at the bottom of the form.

Please join DLA or renew by May 1 to take full advantage of our summer activities, initiatives, communications, and to be listed in our 2019 DLA Member Directory.

Deer Lake Handbook

DLA sent each property one copy of the 2019 Deer Lake Handbook concurrent with this Newsletter. The Handbook is meant to serve as a resource for new and existing Deer Lake property owners. The 2019 edition includes critical information necessary for your family's long-term enjoyment of Deer Lake and to preserve your property value. Please take time to read it thoroughly. We hope you find it useful, keep it on hand, and refer to it often.

Many who allow family to use their property or who rent their property mail a copy of this Handbook to their guests. If you're interested in additional copies, please send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com

Beautiful Deer Lake

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.

Property owners can help:

- Prevent aquatic invasive animals and plants (AIS) from infesting Deer Lake
- Reduce the amount of phosphorus dumped into Deer Lake
 - Septics
 - Rainwater runoff
 - Shoreline erosion
 - Streams

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*.

Your individual action could make the difference to Deer Lake.

Learn more about what you and your guests can do at the DLA web-site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=221974>

Thank you for your support and membership!

– John

FiveStar Initiative

Lake service providers are businesses that install/remove docks and lifts seasonally.

FiveStar Lake Service Providers:

- **Grand Rapids Marine** 218-326-0351
- **Thousand Lakes Dock & Lift** 218-398-7553
- **JJ's Barge Service** 218-244-5194
- **Chad Schumacher** 218-256-9691
- **Matt Almquist/Outpost 38** 218-327-0214

Our FiveStar Initiative asks local lake service providers to implement common-sense AIS safeguards, then encourages DLA members and Deer Lake property owners to patronize those firms. **If you hire a lake service provider to install/remove your dock or lift, please patronize DLA FiveStar lake service providers.** They are working hard to keep AIS out, Deer Lake water quality high, and to earn your business. More

about **FiveStar** info on our web-site. We are adding new providers to the list as they sign up. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

2019 DLA Events

June 15, *Saturday*

DLA Membership Meeting

10AM at Camp Hiawatha, Baldwin Commons
Agenda includes

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 info about FiveStar, septic, storm-water run-off, and shoreline erosion property owner incentives and initiatives.

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 FiveStar 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 for 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 7, *Saturday*

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!!!

May 21st – Tuesday – 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course – Dinner after Golf @ Pokegama Grill (approximately 5:30 PM) – RSVP by May 14th

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 13th - Tuesday - 1 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille -- RSVP by August 6th

September 10th -Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner after Golf @ Forest Lake (approximately 6:15 PM) -- RSVP by September 3rd.

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

“Deer Readers” Book Club

- **May 28, Tues:** Amor Towles, A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW at Landwers (dinner afterwards at Cedar Creek). Leader: Alice Stark
- **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 Lieftring’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:

May 18, **Sat** 9-11am Tom Nelson’s home

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

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

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

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Key DLA Links:

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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:

"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world."

George H.W. Bush

