



Deer Lake Watershed News

DEER LAKE — POPLAR LAKE — PICKEREL LAKE — BATTLE LAKE —
FIVE ISLAND LAKE — MIRROR LAKE— AND MANY OTHERS

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President's Corner by Dennis Carlson

We are rapidly approaching the end of what has been a busy 2015 year. The old cliché that says "Time flies when you're having fun" or "The older you get, the faster time flies" both hold true! It seems, weather-wise, we had very few extremes. Not too hot, or cold, or wet, or dry. We were a little low on snow and rain, but it was good to see the lakes hold at a fairly consistent level this summer. It gave us a better wild rice crop and kept the clarity of our lakes improved. There was a stretch for most of June where I recorded 13' - 14' water clarity on the Secchi disk, the best I've recorded in many years. I also recorded 17' in Popple Lake in July. The Deer Lake Watershed had two large projects, one to fruition and the other a strong start. In February, the Rock Arch Rapids Dam was completed on Deer Creek and seems to be functioning well. The other project that had been delayed for three years due to waiting for the site to be logged was the clearing and identification of the historic CCC Camp 1722 on Deer Lake. There is much work to be done, but many foundations and sites have been identified and old roads and trails cleared. Look for the article in this newsletter that summarizes what had been accomplished so far. Look for many of our other annual events that are summarized with photos and articles.

In addition to the completion of the dam, I would like to mention that in August, three members of the DNR Fisheries staff spent a long day removing some large old stop-logs in a dam that was constructed probably in the late 1800's or early 1900's as a third logging dam, and the one closest to the Bigfork River, where the dam would build up the water level on Deer Creek and when opened, would shoot the logs coming from Deer Lake

the last half mile into the Bigfork River and eventually into Rainy Lake and to Lake of the Woods to the large lumber mill. It is estimated millions of board feet were driven down Deer Creek each year, the last log drive being in around 1927. The importance of removing these large oak stop logs is that this should help level out the sharp several foot drop that existed there, that would have prevented Walleyes and other fish to migrate upstream and spawn. It is hoped that we can organize some volunteer help to clear and clean that last half mile portion of Deer Creek so that fish migration becomes a reality. Those individuals who live and fish on that part of Deer Creek remember catching Walleyes there down stream from that old log dam in the spring.

We also know that we, as an association, must make a concerted effort to work on keeping the beaver and their dams under control on Deer Creek as well as all our feeder creeks. One thing that might help get more people to access Deer Creek is to start in mid-June dragging our weed cutters down Deer Creek to keep a weed-free boat width path to be able to operate motors. No one wants to try to row through weeds and rice 3 1/2 miles to work on dams. Again, we are proud of our watershed and I want to thank all for your interest and involvement, and also our dedicated board members. Let's have a successful 2016 and all work together and keep in touch! Happy Holidays!! Denny

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Newsletter Editors

We are greatly saddened to report that Sue Carlson, Co-Editor of this newsletter and wife of our President, Dennis, died on December 5th, 2015.

Deer Lake Fun Run 2015 by Jim Kush

Back in the summer of 2011, a new idea was born, and it happened in the lodge cabin at Hideaway, with Tom and Kaydell Super and their family. What if, in the summer, we held a 5K race? (or as our DLWA president, Denny Carlson, dubbed it "a Run, Walk, Crawl"!) Which choice you would make would depend on your age, physical condition, etc. However, after 4 summers of having fun, when you really think about it, to crawl 3.1 miles would be a tremendous physical accomplishment. No one has ever done it, nor do I think anyone ever will. Anyway, Den said the DLWA could do it and we were off and running. (No pun intended!) The first year, 2012, was quite a challenge as we had never done this before but we pulled it off. DLWA member, Tom Super, has donated 100 brats and chips for the last four years, and he's cooked them to boot. His wife, Kaydell, has also helped serve the brats and worked at a water station for the last 3 years or so. Numerous members of Tom's family have participated in the race as well, making it a more successful event.

Loey Master stepped in the driver's seat as DLWA treasurer just in time, and kept track of all the entries, money, and in procuring the shirts and made sure all the volunteer staffing was covered. Libby Gearey, I can't say enough about her, borrowed a timer from her school (we finally bought one this year) and she became the official timer. Then there were the medallions. Larry Blackmer and then Denny cut them, I drilled them, and then Lib made them with the help of other people along the way. This year Libby created a fabulous DLC commemorative medallion in color, no less! It was quite fitting, with the past year we have all experienced. Then there is Denny Carlson and his son-in-law Greg Gearey who are always in the process of loading up, setting up, and taking down something somewhere. I, myself, get two or three cans of upside down spray paint and mark the course out, put up 11 signs on race day, instruct the runners at the start line, fire the shotgun, and bring up the rear of the Fun Run, pulling signs as I go. When I arrive at the finish line, everyone knows the race is over. Then it's on to brats, chips, and some good social time together. After the run, the "Braintrust" sorts out all the times and the individual medallion winners in each gender and age bracket are announced.

The DLWA had intended from the start to have this as a social event and that is how it has stayed. The fact that we have made some money on it has been due to the generous time and donations made by the volunteers named previously. And mentioning volunteers, we could not pull it off without all the peripheral help

in registration at the start line, patrolling the run as it unfolds, the 3 water stations, the photography, and all the help needed at the finish line to wind it up. We are looking forward to sponsoring the 5th Annual Fun run in 2016, and if you are called upon to help, say yes! a final thank you to all the participants each year who make this event what it is, a fun time for all. Let's make 2016 the best ever!

2015 DEER LAKE FUN RUN WINNERS

Overall: 1st: Hali Peterson - 21:12
2nd: Greg Gearey - 23:01
3rd: Krissi Super Popp - 24:18

	MEN	WOMEN
0 - 9	Mitchell Carlson 32:31	Annika Gearey 32:38
10 - 14	Max Carlson 26:59	Katie Senchea 24:48
15 - 19	Ian Gregorich 38:45	Hali Peterson 21:12
20 - 29	-----	-----
30 - 39	T. J. Super 47:02	Krissi Super Popp 24:18
40 - 49	Greg Gearey 23:01	Lisa Bengston 27:40
50 - 59	Tim Peterson 26:1	Angie Carlson 29:52
60 - 69	Marc Duitsman 56:47	Val Crommel 50:06
70 - 79	-----	Irene Gearey 43:22



◀ The Starting Gun!

Photo by Jim Kodluboy

First Place winner

Halli Peterson ▶

Photo by Jim Kodluboy



◀ Brats at Deer Lake Charlies

Photo by Jim Kodluboy

The Winners! ▶

Photo by Audrey Johnson



Katina's Lodge by Sophie Guinn

I worked for Katina's Lodge for two seasons. I went in May so I could help Mrs. Katina clean the kitchen, which was the hardest job. We had to wash all of those dishes by hand, clean the shelves, and put all the dishes back. She made pancakes for breakfast every morning. When the season started, we worked long hours. Most of their guests were from Chicago. If people came in at midnight and wanted something to eat, we had to be there to help Mrs. Katina.

We only made 90 cents an hour until the second year when the MacQuillan girls came to help. (Helen was Mrs. Connie Scheer). Louise was the oldest and she was a teacher so she told Mrs. Katina we wanted a meeting. Louise was the spokesperson, of course, and she got us \$1.00 per hour. Mrs. Katina was a good person to work with.

When the guests came, Ed Katina would put on a big bear suit (it looked just like a real bear) to scare them. He was lucky somebody did not shoot him! Ed was great unless he ran out of drugs and then he was really mean. An unmarked package would come in the mail and then he was fine again. One time when he was hollering at his wife, I got so scared that I burned a hole in the silk blouse I was ironing! The employees tried to stay out of his way.

The CCC's were across the lake and we used their doctor when needed. One day I had to take Buddy Katina, their son, to the doctor. It was a long way to row across the lake and naturally I got sunburned. It was hard to work because it hurt so badly. Mrs. Katina put vinegar on my back and I got better.

They had a sauna at the lodge and when we worked from early morning to late in the evening, we could take a sauna and shower and that would revive us. Mrs. Katina was first married to Ed Katina's brother, Frank. When he died, she married Ed. She had one daughter, Delores, with her first husband. She and her first husband owned a store at Craig. Ed and she owned the resort.

When the World's Fair was in Chicago one year, one of his log cabins was taken apart and put up at the fair. I really never heard if they won anything for it.

I met a young man, Marion (Pete) Guinn from the CCC Camp and married him July 22, 1937. I quit my job at Katina's and Viv (Skallman) Grove took my place working at Katina's.

Katina's Lodge later became known as "Deer Acres Resort".

Watershed Fish and Game Report By Dennis Carlson

Based on personal, eye witness, and anecdotal reports, our watershed fishing and hunting results seemed to hold up pretty well over the last year. Our early Walleye fishing in late May through most of June produced some great fishing for larger, "in the slot" fish. It was common in early to mid-June for some fishermen to literally catch Walleyes as quickly as they'd catch panfish. The caveat was almost all were in the "throw back" size range. This usually happens in the spring a few weeks after the large female Walleyes spawn and they go into a feeding frenzy on spawning shiners. It's fun, but doesn't always put fillets on the table.

Bluegills had their ups and downs throughout the summer, with some good action early but it seemed difficult to find consistency. Crappies seemed to be a bright spot for numbers on Deer Lake last summer. Anglers were bringing them in on a fairly consistent basis. Northern Pike continued to bite, but it's getting more difficult to catch any over 22", and the number

I've seen over 30" can be counted on one hand. I would suggest you read the article in this newsletter by DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, Dave Weitzel, who explains the new statewide Northern Pike Regulation Proposal. Most people agree that Pike are a good eating fish and it's not hard to get the pesky y-bones removed. A 22" Northern can give you a decent good eating fillet with no bones. I've heard reports that many guides in the Grand Rapids area prefer Northerns for shore lunches.

Largemouth Bass continue to bite for those that fish them and Smallmouth also show up, but in fewer numbers, but a high percent in trophy size. Even more large Perch have shown up this summer, but not in the numbers we saw in the 70's and 80's.

Hunting success continues spotty at best from my

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Season to season, everyone has a story. Home is where your story begins. Tell me a story. Although I didn't file in my memory the deadline for this newsletter, there are stories I could tell you, memories to make you laugh, to make you cry, to amaze you -- oh, for Pete's sake, no one wants to hear them! Why let that stop us? If you have a story to tell, write it down, type it up, put it on your tablet or laptop or make a video. It's your story, your life, and wouldn't you like to have some of it remembered by family, friends and the Smithsonian? (Okay, now we're pushing it.)

It's winter-ish and you know you'll have time to sit down now and then and write "I remember..." about some of the seasons of your life, in no particular order, by the way. One simple and portable method is to buy a spiral notebook, put your name on it and start. Some would begin with date and place of birth (skip Mother's descriptions of that day, please) and enter everything that happened each year from then to now. At our age, whatever it is, do we really have time to write out a whole life? For a better way, use the same notebook, your name on the cover, open it up when an event or situation comes to mind and write today's date, then when and where a memory took place, for example, "When I was nine (or fifty-nine) in the year ____ and we lived in such-and-such..." Good, you get an A. That's the beauty of this pursuit -- no one to grade it. I hope.

Seasons are wonderful memory-joggers. When garden season came, were you the daily weeder? Did you live/work on a farm? Sketch out a floor plan of your home/homes. What was your family's idea of vacation? That summer you went to camp (Scout? Church? CCC? Basic training?), where did you sleep? Was the food good? How did you spend your days? Describe the camp and surroundings. Did the water in the old canteen taste musty? Were you homesick? Did you hear from and keep in touch with home? Were you ever sick, injured, wounded? What happened then?

We know you walked two miles to school when you were six, three miles back and uphill both ways, but write it down for the next generation or two. (Why should they be spared?) Tell about your first day, the classroom, other students and teachers, what you loved and hated, later going away to school perhaps. How did your household do cooking, laundry and ironing? When did you get electricity? How did that make a difference? Did you help with canning at harvest-time? When did you first go hunting and with whom? List all the cars you ever owned. What was the price of gas? Did you service and repair your own vehicles?

Winter brings its own memories, the deep snowdrift up the road during your childhood and then your children's, skating, sledding, snowmen, snow forts. How was your house heated? What jacket and boots did you wear? Was anyone careless on the ice? Was ice-fishing good then? Many evenings were spent indoors, so how did you entertain yourself? Spring finally came, with a whole list of things to do inside and out. What kind of a day was it when you graduated? when you were married? the day you came home from being gone so far and so long? How did home look to you then?

You can tell stories to make people laugh and cry. Write them, using your senses, telling your feelings. Tape an envelope in the back of your notebook and put pictures in it. Write on the backs of them -- when, who and where. If family members say, "It wasn't like that at all!", tell them, politely of course, "Write your own story -- this one is mine!" Cliches to live by for this enterprise: Everyone has a story. Home is where your story begins. Tell me a story about what happened in your neck of the woods.

Helen A. Stensrud, November 2015

Deer Lake Charlie Blackmer with a fair-sized timber wolf



This photo was probably taken in the early to mid 1940s, when he was still operating Hideaway. I still have the 300 Savage he is holding.

The picture was reprinted in the "Northlight" a publication of Station KAXE in June 1979

DNR Considers Changes by Dave Weitzel, MN DNR

Northern Pike are among the most wide-spread gamefish in Minnesota and are a popular species for anglers across the state. Unfortunately, small fish are often landed – what anglers often call hammer-handles – and these fish may be causing problems in much of Minnesota, especially in the north-central part of the state where numbers of small pike appear to be increasing. High numbers of fish less than 22 inches long are thought to reduce perch numbers to unhealthy levels, tip the balance toward smaller panfish and may reduce the effectiveness of Walleye stocking.

Like many lakes in north-central Minnesota, the Northern Pike population on Deer Lake has large numbers of small pike. The most recent assessment was conducted in 2013 and this assessment captured nearly seven Northern Pike per gill net. Pike were the most common fish in the gill net and the catch was above average for Deer Lake. Yellow Perch, an important prey species for pike and Walleye, were captured near the all-time low for Deer Lake.

When Northern Pike occur at high density, size and age structures are typically poor. Research has shown that angler harvest is often a driving force in Northern Pike population dynamics. As large fish are removed from the system, they are often replaced by an increasing number of smaller, slower growing fish.

Because pike populations vary across the State, there is no single regulation option that would likely work universally. Instead, the DNR is exploring the idea of implementing a zone concept for Northern Pike. Such an approach could protect large pike in the northeast, increase pike populations in the south and eventually help solve the problem of an over-abundance of small pike in north-central Minnesota lakes, such as Deer Lake.

The current proposal for the north-central zone is to protect pike from 22 to 26 inches, and allow the harvest of up to 10 Northern Pike, of which only two can exceed 26 inches. This regulation is expected to increase the number of desirable-size pike for anglers, while allowing expanded harvest opportunities for overly abundant small pike. The protection of medium-sized pike is needed to improve size quality, which will be accomplished with the 22 to 26 inch protected slot. Allowing high harvest of small pike is unlikely to regulate fish size by itself, but will provide additional harvest opportunities for an abundant and renewable resource. Although most anglers are unlikely to utilize the expanded

bag limit, there is no good biological reason to protect small pike. In reality, most pike populations are producing very high numbers of small pike, and many of those small pike live a short life and die naturally. Because pike reproduction is typically very good, there is little benefit to protecting small pike that are unlikely to grow to a desirable size.

The DNR is currently accepting comments on the Northern Pike proposals. To leave comments or learn more about Northern Pike management, please visit the DNR Website

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/pike/index.html> or contact the Grand Rapids Area Fisheries Office at 218-327-4430.

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solve pike problem

DNR Northern Pike Regulation Proposals

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has proposed breaking the state into three zones and implementing different regulations for each zone to best benefit each area's specific needs.

Here's a look at all three zones and the proposed regulations.

NORTHEAST

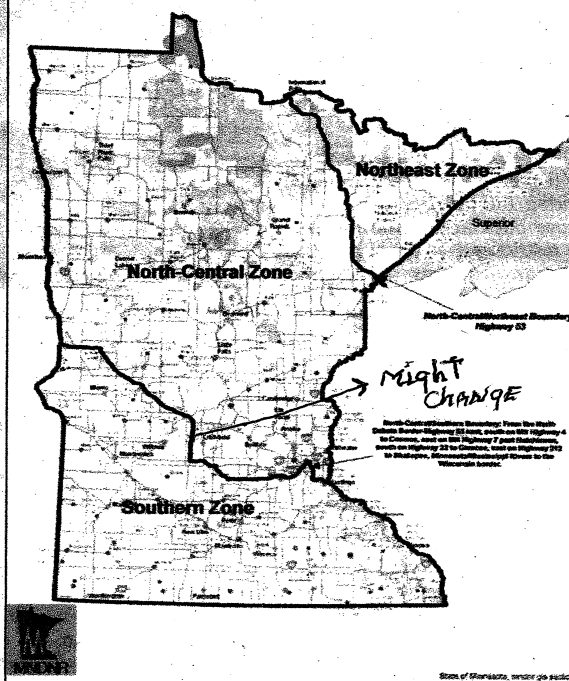
Pike are present in relatively low numbers and at large sizes and reproduce naturally. **REGULATION PROPOSAL:** High maximum size limit of 30 inches. Two-pike limit for fish less than 30 inches.

DESIRED EFFECT: Continue to provide harvest opportunity and maintain the existing quality pike fisheries. The outcome of this would be to see little or no change in existing pike populations.

NORTH-CENTRAL

Area plagued by high, small pike populations, high recruitment, high density, and slow growth. Selective harvest of medium to larger-sized fish results in few pike reaching large sizes. Small pike, 22 inches and shorter, reduce walleye fingerling-stocking effectiveness and perch populations, leading to a shift in the whole biological community of a fishery. **REGULATION PROPOSAL:** Protected slot limit from 22 to 26 inches with a daily bag limit of 10 fish, including up to two fish more than 26 inches. **DESIRED EFFECT:** Increase the number of medium (22 to 30 inches) and large (30 to 40 inches) size pike and eventually reduce the number of small pike, as well as allowing more harvest of small pike and improving the

Minnesota Northern Pike Management Zones



opportunity to harvest more preferred-sized pike.

SOUTH

Pike are less abundant and don't reproduce as well as in the north but grow very fast. Area has high fishing pressure and high harvest rate relative to the number of pike. **REGULATION PROPOSAL:** Minimum size limit of 24 inches. Daily bag limit of two fish more than 24 inches. **DESIRED EFFECT:** Increase pike abundance and improve the size of fish harvested.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.mndnr.gov/pike for more information

4th of July Flotilla 2015



Photo by Jill Johnson



Photo by Jill Johnson

Mother Nature contributed to a calm, clear, sunny day on Deer Lake as the many different boats and floats left Hideaway Bay for the 9th Annual 4th of July Journey around Deer Lake. Dozens of brightly decorated creations were displayed from power boats and pontoons to sailboats and canoes. The time, effort and creativity of each float is a testament to the espre de corps of our watershed membership! The float chosen as First Place overall was the Super Popp/Peterson float entitled "From the North Pole to the South Pole there is no place cooler that Deer Lake". We urge all who can to start planning for our next year's 10th Annual 4th of July Flotilla.



Photo by Audrey Johnson



Photo by Jill Johnson



Photo by Jill Johnson

Logging Reveals Fascinating History By Audrey Johnson

The year was 1933, the country was chest deep in the depression. FDR initiated the Civilian Conservation Corp, a federal and state effort to address the dilemma of the thousands of unemployed men, and eventually women. Based on a military model, Civilian Conservation Corps camps sprang up all over the nation. One of those was on the shore of Deer Lake in northeast Itasca County. This was a state administered camp, S-95. Construction began in June 1933 and was ready for housing members of Company 766 by October 1933. It was located on the corner of Itasca County 533 and the East Deer Lake Access Rd., 15 miles east of Effie. It was one of the first completed camps in the country. Over almost 9 year existence it housed men from companies 1763, 3711 and 1722.

Led by Army officers and DNR officials, those men were taught the skills needed to build roads, dams, buildings, bridges, fire towers and many other public works that improved the living conditions in the north woods. Their teachers were LEMs, or local experienced men. Many of those young men stayed in the area and put down roots. One was Myron Carlson from the Red River Valley, builder and owner of the popular Deer Lake Charlie's on the corner of Hwy. 1 and 533 and the Evergreen Resort. Their efforts encouraged migration into the area.

Camp S-95 was one of the longest running camps in the country. As with all CCC camps, the outbreak of World

War II caused the camp to be closed in the spring of 1942. Camp S-95 suddenly stood empty, some of the buildings were disassembled and moved to be used as cabins and homes in the area. The area was used as a designated dumpsite for a while, within a short time the

entire camp was overgrown, a playground for wildlife, local folk and "seasonals". Cement foundations remained hidden in the brush, markers of a bygone era.

Last summer and fall, the area was logged off. Suddenly foundations were visible again. The discovery of a map drawn up by early cabin dweller, Col. William P. Moffet, helped identify those foundations. Cement remains are now identifiable buildings; bar-

racks, infirmary, library and education hall, flammable liquids storage, a fish pond, water tower footings, they are all visible once more. Seems many camps also included baseball fields, S-95 had one as well.

The Deer Lake Watershed is currently working to preserve what remains of the old camp, it is a vital part of local, state and national history. The work of those men really helped to shape the area today. Watershed members worked to stake out the foundations on Sept. 21 and 22. More work is planned for 2016, and Northern Community Radio is planning to do a radio documentary on Camp S-95 in the spring. Eventually it is hoped that remains and trails will be identified with small signs so self-guided tours could be an insightful, enjoyable and rewarding experience promoting understanding of the camp's legacy.

Most of the inhabitants of the camp have passed away, but a few old timers or their children remain out there. If you know of anyone with ties to the old Deer Lake CCC Camp S-95, has pictures or artifacts from the old camp, we would love to hear from you. If you have any information or would like to come out and help with staking of the foundations, please contact Denny Carlson at hideaway@bigfork.net, phone 218-743-3060 or Audrey Johnson at doodle@mninter.net. If you would like to look at some interesting pictures, maps, blueprints, and more, check out <https://www.pinterest.com/mrstimothyolson/civilian-conservation-corps-camps-of-northern-minn/>. You can also check out Deer Lake Charlie's on facebook.



Photo by Audrey Johnson

What a year! With no away summer vacations this year, I was able to be at the cabin for 21 weekends so far since ice out (as of 10/5/15). The Association's efforts have achieved a major milestone this year with the replacement of the old CCC Dam (installed in 1933) with the new Rock Arch Dam on Deer Creek. Further, with persistence and assistance from Denny Carlson, the MN DNR removed the last remnants of a loggers sluice dam on Deer Creek near the Big Fork River. Fish migration from the Bigfork River through Deer Creek should now be possible. Water levels remained on the low side of normal but sufficient enough for cautious boat traffic even on my side of the lake. Concerns that the dam was causing low water were unfounded. With stable water level the wild rice flourished this year creating sufficient harvestable rice and duck habitat to provide for a decent fall hunt. The selective cutting in 2014 of the old CCC Camp site along County Road 533 and Public Access Road left a mess. With several volunteers this year, the mess was cleaned up, 500 pine trees were planted, the foundations were marked off, and a new committee (Audrey Johnson-Moffit, Patti Olson, Loey Master and others) have provided exciting energy to the project.

Fishing slot size and limits have been fuel for many discussions this year as it seemed difficult to find a fish between 12" and 17" for a meal of walleye, except on rare occasions and some have said the sunfish were hard to find in August and September. Others reported catching a limit of nice crappies this fall which doesn't seem to happen that often. Although I have been a supporter of the slot size restrictions, I am beginning to have some doubts as I hear reports of lake after lake that keeper size fish are few and far between as has been reported on Milacs, Winnebigoosh, Kabatogama and others. It makes sense that if everyone who fishes walleye on Deer Lake and the others, can only keep those select fish, sooner or later there are very few left. Hopefully the 8" – 11" walleyes people have been catching this season will not be eaten by the bigger fish this winter and will be 12 – 14" next summer. With all of the complaining I have done above, we could always have a meal of fish but may have been a mixed bag of Northern Pike, Sunfish, Crappie, Perch, or occasional Walleye.

Next season there will be a special limit of 10 each for Northern Pike less than 22". This 10 fish limit can include 2 over 26". The intent is to reduce the overabundance of small Pike and increase the 22" –

26" size range thereby improving the fishery.

The Deer Lake Watershed Association was formed during the summer of '2002 through efforts initiated by Denny Carlson, forming an organizing committee, and formally incorporated on November 6, 2002. The original board members were Denny, Jim Brewer, Art Lind, Margaret McCoy, and Bert Robertson. Our current board of directors consists of: Denny Carlson (Pres.); Jerry Blair (VP); Loey Master (Treasurer); Art Lind (Secretary); Chad Lovdahl; and Jim Kush. The point of this paragraph is that we are elected representatives of this association and not a secret society planning covert projects against lake property owners. We are lake property owners with well-intentioned projects that fit the Articles of Incorporation of the Watershed. Project ideas are submitted or recommended by members, government agencies, or other Associations. We invite nominees at each Annual Meeting and we NEED new people to continue the life of this organization. If you are a DLWA Member, please consider running for the Board of Directors. If you are reading this DLWA Newsletter please join the organization, membership cost is only \$20.00 per year.

As I finish this article, now November 23, 2015, Deer Hunting is over, it was -4 F yesterday morning at 06:30, the swamps were almost solid, and I suspect the lakes will soon freeze over. Thanksgiving is fast approaching. May you all enjoy the wonders of winter, even if you are in Arizona or Florida.

Art

PLEASE NOTE!

We need your email address to better keep you informed in a timely manner about recent events, ongoing events, decisions or discussions that will keep everyone up to date.

Please send your email address to:

jplmast@gmail.com



Deer Lake Watershed Association Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your 2016 membership! Members receive a subscription to the association semi-annual newsletter, but best of all, it feels good to know that you are doing your part to support & improve our watershed. Thank you for your support!

Deer Lake Watershed Association (DLWA) Membership Form

PO Box 23 - Effie, Minnesota 56639 / DLWA dues year extends from January 1 to December 31, 2016

Please Print or Type

Name: _____

Complete mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues: (please check one)

☐ Regular (\$20/year) ☐ Lifetime (\$500 paid for life) ☐ Contributor (\$100) ☐ Donor (\$50) ☐ Other

We need volunteers to make our DLWA grow and grow!

Would you like to be an officer or member of the Board? ____ Yes ____ No

Or you can volunteer to be a Committee Member in a Committee of your choice.

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reports. Grouse remained about the same as last year, with maybe a few more sightings, but the birds seem to have become a more skittish breed, with few shots available. Some of our guests went to over to the Northome area and did very well.

Duck hunting remains poor in our area. There can be spotty good shooting on opening weekend but very poor after that. The great northern flights don't seem to materialize on our area lakes anymore. Even with our better than average wild rice crop this year, we had no big numbers of Mallards. Deer hunting was slightly better this year in our "Bucks Only" zone. Many more

does were seen and a few more bucks were seen and harvested. We had five deer shot by our 29 cabin guests this season and two by our hunting gang of six. So 7 deer for 35 hunters is not too good. I personally saw 10 does and 3 bucks, shooting one buck. So with the increase in does and a gentle winter, we should be on the road to better deer numbers and recovery.

All in all, our fish and game seem to be holding their own. Most things cycle, so with good management and being good stewards of our watershed, we can look forward to good times on our lakes and in the woods.



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WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

DNR Region II Office:	<u>218-327-4455</u>
DNR Division of Waters: (alteration of the bed of public waters):	<u>218-327-4416</u>
DNR Division of Fisheries: (removal or addition of aquatic plants, fish management:	<u>218-327-4430</u>
Itasca County:	
(zoning, landscape alterations or construction in shoreland within 1,000 feet of lakes or 300 feet from a river):	<u>218-327-2857</u>
Itasca SWCD: (wetland alterations, erosion control, shoreland restorations):	<u>218-326-0017</u>
Conservation Officer Jason Hansen:	<u>218-832-7808</u>
T.I.P Hotline	<u>1-800-652-9093</u>
County Highway Engineer	<u>218-327-2853</u>
On-site wastewater treatment and well testing	
Itasca Zoning Office:	<u>218-327-2857</u>
or MN Extension Service:	<u>218-327-7486</u>
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