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# President's Corner

As we round the corner and prepare to head into winter, only a few docks remain on the shoreline and the lake toys have been put away. Even as we go through this change of seasons, our Horseshoe Lake is a beautiful place to be. As the new president of the HLPOA, I want to extend a sincere thank you to departing president, Rob Saunders for 10 years of service to the board. I also want to thank past president, Dave Baker, who filled in for Rob during the past year while we advocated for lakeshore development consistent with the existing properties. Other board members also performed important roles during the year, many who have held their positions for several years.

My family has been on Horseshoe Lake since the early 1970's when as a youth, we would spend two weeks every summer at the former Horseshoe Haven Resort. Our family was fortunate to be able to purchase the resort in 2001. We use our cabins on the northwest shore of the west basin for friends and family and seem to have more friends in the summer than in the spring and fall. In the time I have been on Horseshoe Lake, every year has been different. In the 70's and 80's, people had some luck catching walleyes. Then, there was a period in the early 2000's when most of what was caught were northern pike. Now it seems that our fishery is coming back with a good population of crappie, bass and sunfish. Our shoreline levels have increased and diminished depending on rainfall. We have seen years when we needed an extra 60 feet of dock and weed patches appeared on the surface.

Other years there was loads of lakeweed on the shore every few days, requiring raking the

To date, we have been fortunate to have avoided the most dreaded invasive species. Even though zebra mussels were found in the lake last year, they do not seem to have taken over as they have in other lakes. Check out page 3 of the newsletter to see new research being piloted by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC). At a recent meeting of the Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance, other lakeshore association board members shared their experiences of fighting aquatic invasive species (AIS) including some necessitating to spend \$7,000 - \$70,000 per year trying to manage AIS.

This newsletter features good news. Read about the results of our Hideaway Bay litigation on page 3. We are also encouraged by the increase in membership dues within our Committee Reports. The sale of mugs and tumblers are assisting to rebuild our Lake Shore Protection Fund.

We are hopeful that next year will be one to focus on developing more community relations within our membership as well as other lake associations. With your support the board is ready to help our community work through any new experiences that come our way. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the other board members to make suggestions on ways we can help serve the lake.

Enjoy the Fall and Winter Seasons and see you in the Spring.

Michael



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-4th of July Boat Parade Sue Peterson 763-551-0945 jimsuepeterson@comcast.net

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-Memorabilia Open position

-Website-Horseshoe Lake Dave Baker Chad Boeckmann www.horseshoelakemn.com



# Committee Reports, Etc.

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife, Membership, Coffee Mugs and Wine

**COFFEE AND WINE!** 

HLPOA fiscal year runs August 1 to July 31, so moving forward, payments to be made in August. This process hours for the board member's tracking payments membership.

The community contact database is getting updated, so thank you for providing information. Please know that we keep all this information confidential. We have email addresses for 92% of the families. We understand some families do not have computers or an email address, and we will continue to deliver paper communications as necessary.

This fall/winter, an updated membership directory is being planned for delivery in spring 2023. Please let us know if any of your contact information changes or if you plan to sell your property or if you see new neighbors moving near your property. Maintaining the database is an important function for our Association and we appreciate everyone's help.

Please contact at mdeis@comcast.net with any new information. Thank vou!

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

First of all, a special thanks to all those who paid membership dues and an extra thank you to those who generously gave an extra donation to the lake protection fund. Your support is greatly appreciated! We understand the confusion of the fiscal year schedule and hope this clarifies these dates. The we strongly encourage dues reduce fiscal year questions and help minimize the volunteer



purchased wine tumblers and/or coffee mugs. We sold out two large orders with requests for more. We will again place an order in the spring so if you missed out on placing an order, we will readvertise in the Spring Newsletter. Remember, this fundraising effort goes toward the Lake Protection Fund. Your support has been much appreciated by our Board members.

Enjoy your coffee, tea or favorite wine and know that you contributing to keep Horseshoe in great shape for all current and future generations to enjoy.

If you have a suggestion for other Horseshoe Lake memorabilia, please e-mail any of our board members for future suggestions.

# WATER QUALITY

Secchi readings were the following:

As of October 1: 12.5 feet - West Basin 18.5 - East Basin

The buoys were removed from the channel and the board advises that one needs to be replaced.

#### WILDLIFE REPORT

One lone loon was out on the lake on October 5th so it looks like our summer birds are heading south. The loon was being harassed by two eagles and wisely dove down into the depths of the lake. The eagles finally gave up and flew away. Long live our loon population! Bears are still out and about so please remember to contain your garbage from these hungry creatures. A capful of bleach on top of your refuse will deter their rooting into the containers.





# ANNUAL LABOR DAY FISHING CONTEST

The Annual Labor Day Kids Fishing Contest (16-year-olds and younger) and Potluck Picnic took place on Saturday Sept 3, 2022. Families on both basins participated that morning. Following the contest, a

Potluck took place at Mission Park. Monetary awards were handed out to the winners.

Congratulations to all the participants and winners for this year's fishing contest. Next year's contest will again be held on Labor Day weekend. Thanks to Diane Weiner and Kevin Max for coordinating this year's event.



#### HIDEAWAY BAY MATTER IS CONCLUDED

As advised in the summer 2022 HLPOA newsletter, all parties to the appeal petitioned the Crow Wing County District Court to vacate the Hideaway plat. Accordingly, the District Court on October 10, 2022, granted vacation of the Plat Hideaway Bay and ordered the associated Declaration for the plat void and of no effect. The Order also directed the Court's Order to be recorded with the Crow Wing County Recorder's Office to eliminate the Hideaway Plat from the underlying chain of title. Consequently, HLPOA's objective of pursuing its appeal is to stop high density development as reflected in the Hideaway Bay project was successful. The properties by virtue of vacating the plat reverts to the original two lots which are currently for sale.

The Board thanks those of you who generously supported this appeal to stop the development of two lots in the East basin. We also appreciate your patience as we pursued the lengthy legal process.

#### **NUTS ON HORSESHOE!**

As property owners, you are sweeping, clearing, and blowing off all these acorns on sidewalks. driveways, and patios this autumn. There is a profusion of these irritating, tough and leathery shells raining down on our grounds. If you have not been hit on the head by one, consider yourself lucky. Acorns are one of the most important wildlife foods in our area. Although bitter with tannins, it doesn't seem to bother the wildlife. Jays and squirrels can scatter acorns and effectively plant acorns where it possible for the acorn to germinate and thrive into an oak tree. There are many legends about the mighty acorn such as the Norse legend of Thor, God of Lightening, taking shelter from a thunderstorm under an oak tree. This led to the belief that having an acorn on a windowsill will prevent a house from being struck by lightning. Other legends promote keeping acorns around will bring wisdom, strength and power and even eternal youth. Acorn abundance, however, does not predict a snowy and cold winter as some believe. So, as you are sweeping and clearing off these pesky nuts, observe the good they are doing for the wildlife and environment. Just watch out for falling nuts!



## **EYE ON IT**

Management of zebra mussels is complicated. There are not ready bio-solutions like introducing a predator that feeds on zebra mussels, and these strategies often create other problems. There is no way to mechanically remove them at scale. Any chemical treatment would have to be safe for all native mussels and creatures. But the biggest challenge is that when chemicals are put into a waterbody to kill mussels, the "clam up." Zebra mussels can stay closed for hours, so it is nearly impossible to keep chemical concentrations at high enough levels to kill zebra mussels for hours in an open water setting.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, governmental units. lake associations and others involved in invasive species management can use information from this project to assess the feasibility of low-dose copper treatments for zebra managing mussel populations. A strategy that targets the veliger life stage has economic and ecological advantages over treatments that target adult mussels and may be feasible for bays and small lakes. This project will also inform management decisions on the frequency of copper treatments for managing zebra mussel populations while minimizing the risk to nontarget organisms. An evaluation of the biotic ligand model will determine whether it can be used to refine copper applications specific to individual waterbodies.

Researchers currently have a manuscript in review that details the study of the low dose copper work to control these invasive species. Stay tuned for more outcomes on these invasive species.



#### **GAME ON!**

Fall temperatures call for more hearty fare. Here is an entrée for you hunters and (non-hunters) that is easy, elegant, and ready in under an hour.

#### Spiced Rubbed Duck Breasts with Plum Sauce

For the Sauce: (Mix all ingredients and simmer on the stove).

1 cup plum jam

2 tbsp cider vinegar

1 tbsp soy sauce

1 tbsp fresh ginger

1/8 tsp sesame oil

#### For the duck:

Prepare a rub of one tsp thyme, garlic powder, dash of salt, pepper, and mace. Coat the rub and let sit for 30 minutes Grill the duck on low heat for 11-13 min. Let rest for 3-4 minutes

Slice the duck on the bias and pour the warm sauce over the duck. Add crispy white sweet potatoes and fresh green beans for a Hunter's Feast.



MISSION - To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To ensure the continued health of the lake's ecosystem, safe and healthy family living, high quality fish and wildlife habitat and the survival of these natural gifts for future generations.



"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

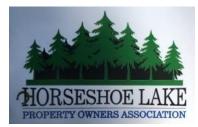
- Lauren Destefano

#### **HLPOA Dates to Remember**

May 6	Board Meeting	
June 3	Board Meeting	
June 24	Board Meeting	
July 4	Horseshoe Lake Boat Parade -	
	Noon	
August 5	HLPOA Annual Meeting	
August 12	Board Meeting	
September 2	eptember 2 Kid's Fishing Contest	
September 9	Board Meeting	

#### **MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK**

The Mission Township Board meets the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at the Townhall. The meetings can also be accessed via Zoom. Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments. <a href="https://missiontownship.org/">https://missiontownship.org/</a>.



HLPOA Membership Signs – contact Pam Heller Pamheller24@gmail.com

If you are in the Brainerd Lakes Area this Fall, check out all the activities at the website: business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept – Oct 30	9-5:00 pm	Fall Festival Days	Copper Creek Nursery
		Classes, workshops,	24735 Highway 371, Nisswa
		hayrides, pumpkin	
		carving	
October 25 -	7-9:00 pm	Neil Simon's Brighton	Central Lakes College Chalberg Theatre
continuous		Beach Memoires	591 College Drive, Brainerd
October 28	9-4:00 pm	Resort, Campground &	Cragun's Resort, 11000 Cragun's Drive
		Cabin Show	Brainerd
October 29	7-9:00 pm	Haunted Hidden Hollows	Paul Bunyon Land
			17553 State Highway 210
November 25	TBD	Nisswa City of Lights	Nisswa Main Street
November 26 –	5:30-	Sertoma Winter	142nConservation Drive, Baxter
December	8:30p.m.	Wonderland	
December 14-18	TBD	"Annie" – Stage North	Franklin Arts Theatre
		Production	1001 Kingswood St, Brainerd

As always, check before you plan to attend as events can be cancelled.



### The Horseshoe Men's Breakfast/Coffee Group

Meet at Valerie Ann's, Ossipee at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

## The HLPOA Newsletter goes out three times a year:

Spring (May/June)
Summer (10 days before the Annual Meeting)
Fall (October/November) to keep you informed of lake happenings

Horseshoe Lake information is available when you join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (\$60.00)

- Check out the Website: <a href="https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/">https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/</a>
- Horseshoe Lake Facebook page HLPOA Members Only

Emergency Numbers to Remember
Crosslake Police
218-692-2222
Mission Lake Fire Department
218-765-3259
CALL 9-1-1
If you have an emergency

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your the candidates on the ballot you believe are the are residing in, please do your part to uphold one of



calendar to vote thoughtfully, carefully, and sincerely for most qualified to do the job. Whatever county or state you our most treasured privileges.

Crow Wing County has several positions on the allot including County Commissioner for District 2. Go to <a href="https://crowwing.us.Elections">https://crowwing.us.Elections</a> to review all candidates and where they stand on issues.

Embrace the beautiful fall /winter seasons, stay safe and be well!