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It is always difficult to say "goodbye" to summer. We all have great memories of families enjoying such activities as the beach, swimming, boating, and fishing. We had a fun boat parade, fishing contest and potluck with many turning out to support our lake's programs. The Board met several times over the summer and revised and voted on a new, updated by-laws for the Association. We welcomed some new Board Members at the Annual Meeting, and they are eager to move forward the Association's agendas. We have had two successful "Happy Hours" where lake residences have come together to meet others and raise a glass or two. The next Happy Hour is scheduled for Saturday, November 18. Watch you e-mail for a reminder with the location and time.

The Women's Coffee Group has been meeting at Valerie Ann's on the first Tuesday of the month and attendance is growing. Plan to join them on Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. They will continue to meet each month through the winter season. The Men's Group meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the same restaurant.

Our Garden Flag sale was a success and has contributed to the increase of our Lake Protection Fund. We continue to ask members to pay their dues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. If you are not sure if you are current, contact our Treasurer for an update. The Board will resume meeting in the Spring.

Horseshoe Lake Membership signs for new property owners continue to be available for \$25.00 and can be obtained by contacting Pam Heller.

There is something about Fall that brings a peace and descending quiet to our lake. Nature has put on quite a show with a rich palate of color in our trees and foliage. If you have not been out to see the fall colors, take some time to experience. As the boats and docks come in off the lake, and we see cooler temperatures, we can consider other indoor activities. Who does not like to curl up with a delightful book and roaring fire? It is time to embrace fall, fireplaces, and football! And don't forget a steaming cup of hot cider!

For those of you planning to leave the region for the winter, it is time to close-up the property and head south. Be sure to review your fall close-up check list to prevent spring mishaps! Safe travels wherever your destination takes you. For those of you staying, check out the Brainerd Lakes area Calendar for events and activities for the remainder of the year. There is always something to participate in this region.

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant Fall and Winter. See you on the lake this Spring.
President Michael



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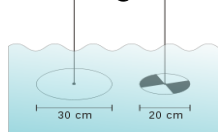
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WATER QUALITY



Secchi disc reading in September:

West Bay – 10.5 feet

East Bay – 14 feet

Many of you have expressed a concern about all the lakeweed coming in on shorelines. This is a normal process that we experience each year.

WILDLIFE REPORT

The loons have departed for warmer climates and the bears appear to be ready to hibernate. It is now safe to bring out the bird feeders and enjoy our feathered friends indulging at our feeders. Besides commercial seeds, the birds also enjoy peanut butter on pinecones, suet balls, sunflower seeds and oranges.



Committee Reports, Etc.

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife,
Membership, Lake Items

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you all who have paid '23/24 fiscal year dues. Also, a special thank you to those who added an optional donation to the lake fund. If you have not paid, you will soon receive a friendly reminder. We would like to continue to request dues payments in August, since that is the start of the HLPOA fiscal year. This will help with confusion to make sure your payment is applied to the current fiscal year as well as a more efficient process for board members. Please reach out to Judy if you have any questions or concerns at mdeis@comcast.net.

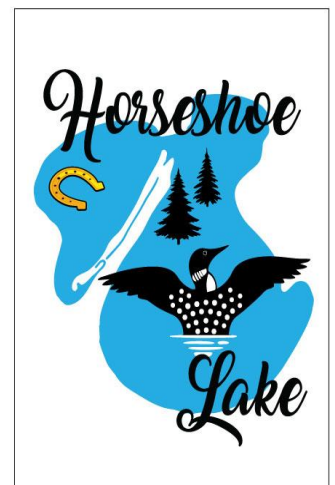


HORSESHOE LAKE ITEMS

The Lake Protection Fund is again increasing thanks to your generous support in purchasing Horseshoe Lake Flags.

We still have a few flags that are available. If you are interested, please e-mail nancysayresjones@gmail.com.

Cost of the flags is \$40.00. All proceeds go to the Lake Protection Fund. The flags are 12 X 18 inches with a pocket that can slip onto a garden flag holder (sold on Amazon or another vendor).



We have had requests for more sweatshirts, tees, and keyrings so we will be looking into the availability of additional merchandise this spring. Stay tuned.

AIS

AIS inspections have now concluded for the season.



This year Forty-eight kids participated in the Annual Horseshoe Lake Fishing Contest (25 on the West Basin and 23 on the East Basin). A total of eighteen boats were out early on September 1. A Potluck lunch was held at Mission Park following the contest with over 90 in attendance.

The following were awarded prizes in the respective categories:

SUNNIES:

- 1st Place (9") – Scarlet Morrisette
 2nd Place (8-1/2") – Bryce Heustis
 3rd Place -8-1/4")
 Avery Magnuson
 Eli Maenner
 Jack Haugstad

Kids Fishing Contest

CRAPPIES:

- 1st Place – (11-1/4") – Reyna Moyer
 2nd Place – (10-1/2") – Landon Moyer
 3rd Place – (10") – Frances Rudnitzki

BASS:

- 1st Place – (16-1/2") -Frances Rudnitzki
 2nd Place – (16-1/4") – Landen Moyer
 3rd Place – (16") – Henry Williamsen

NORTHERN COUNTS:

A new category was added this year to keep the Northern population in check.

- 1 – Carlson Boat
 2 – 17 – Senst Boat
 3 – 12 – Holescher Boat

 24-1/2" – Chase Carlson and Theo Haugstad
 23-3/4" – Conner Boeckman and Roman Rudnitzki
 22-1/2" – Parker Sesnt

GRAND PRIZE:

25" Northern – Connor Boeckman



Congratulations to all the kids and their families for entering and participating in this family event. \$265.00 was paid out in prize money this year to 20 children.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **September 1, 2024** for the next Fishing Contest



When there's a chill in the air, there's nothing better than Chili in crockpot! Grab your favorite recipe, throw the ingredients together and relax with a good book until it's ready! Serve with these simple cheese biscuits:

- 1 (7.25 oz) package biscuit mix
 1 (6 oz) package cornbread mix
 1 (8 oz) container sour cream
 1/3 cup buttermilk
 4 oz shredded cheddar cheese
 1 teaspoon fajita seasoning
 Stir first 5 ingredients together and add fajita seasoning (if desired). Pat or roll onto a lightly floured surface to a 1/2 inch thickness.
 Cut dough with a 2 inch round cutter. Place rounds on a lightly greased baking sheet.
 Bake for 10-12 minutes.



EYE ON IT

From the Minnesota DNR:

Most people in Minnesota have put away their boats for the season, but others will squeeze out every moment they can of the open-water-season, whether they're after game, targeting fish, or paddling lakes and rivers.

To anyone on the water this fall, the Minnesota DNR offers this reminder: Your safety is your responsibility. With water temperatures dropping, unexpected falls into the water are likely to end in tragedy because even strong swimmers can become weakened quickly in chilly water. Coupled with fewer people on the water to potentially help in an emergency, it's vital that people take steps to ensure their safety. Most boating-related accidents happen during the busy summer, a higher percentage of cold-water incidents are fatal and survival rates drop drastically. "The water this time of year is unforgiving," said Capt. Adam Block, DNR boating law administrator. "Taking safety precautions is the best way to ensure a day on the water doesn't turn tragic." The easiest way to stay safe and survive a fall into the water is to wear a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water season). People can reduce the likelihood of falling overboard by distributing weight evenly in the boat and abiding by the manufacturer's weight limits. Communication is important, too, as is making sure other people are aware where you're going and when you plan to return. Changes in weather that result in shifting winds and storms can also lead to a treacherous situation, so it's vital for anglers and hunters to keep an eye to the sky. For more information, visit the Minnesota DNR's cold water safety webpage.



MISSION STATEMENT

- 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.



“As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.” – Vincent Van Gogh

UPCOMING HLPOA DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 14 (8:30-10:00 am)	Board Meeting
Saturday, June 1 (8:30-10:00 am)	Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27 (7:00-8:30 pm)	Board Meeting
Thursday, July 18 (7:00-8:30 pm)	Board Meeting
Saturday, August 3 (8:00-11:00 am)	ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, August 8 (7:00-8:30 pm)	Board Meeting
Saturday, September 14 (8:30-10:00 am)	Board Meeting

MISSION TOWNSHIP NEWS

Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments. <https://missiontownship.org/>.

HLPOA FACEBOOK PAGE

HLPOA Facebook group is a private page for Horseshoe Lake Merrifield MN. The Facebook page is for currently paid HLPOA members and their family members. If you do not have access, go to the Facebook page, and request access. Dave Baker will respond as soon as possible.



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

UPCOMING LAKES AREA EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday 11/24	All Day	Nisswa City of Lights Festival	Nisswa
Saturday, 11/25	1:30 pm	Bingo at Crosslake Legion	Crosslake
Saturday, 11/25	All Day	Shop Small Saturday	Crosslake, Pequot Lakes
Saturday, 11/26	5:00-6:00 pm	Family Skate Night	Breezy Point Ice Rink
Saturday, 12/3	Noon-3:00 pm	Holiday at the Dam	Crosslake
Tuesday, 12/5	4:00-7:00 pm	Business After Hours Holiday Extravaganza	Madden's Resort, Nisswa
2/1-3	9:00 am-midnight	2024 Winterfest	Crosslake
Saturday 2/10	9:00-5:00 pm	2024 Bobber Bocce on Ice	Sibly Lake, Pequot Lakes
Saturday 3/16	All	50 th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration	Crosslake

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

BUILDING CAMARADERIE

Want to get to know more of your Horseshoe Lake neighbors? The HLPOA Board cordially invites you to “Happy Hour” at various local restaurants. The last Happy Hour was held at the Crosslake Legion Club and had a great turnout!

All Happy Hours begin at 4:30 pm and will be at the following locations:

Saturday, November 18, Mission Tavern

Saturday, April 20, Maucieri's, Crosslake

Saturday, May 18, Riverside, Crosslake

No RSVP is needed, just show up! Please join us for a fun, casual late afternoon outing. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones!



The Horseshoe Men's Breakfast/Coffee Group



Meet at Valerie Ann's, County Road 3, Ossipee at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

The Horseshoe Women's Get-Together



Meet at Valerie Ann's the first Tuesday of the Month at 9:00 a.m.

KEEP HORSESHOE LAKE CLEAN

A Friendly Reminder:

Please make sure if you are on your boat or on the lake ice fishing that you take care of your garbage. Some homeowners are experiencing trash washing up on their beach.



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: <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>
- 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

Take pleasure in Autumn



Welcome the Bold North Winds



Be Well, Be Safe this Autumn and Winter Season