

LAKE WAVES

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Let's Stop Poisoning our Loons Get the Lead Out



Lead is a toxic heavy metal and when ingested even in small quantities has adverse effects on the liver, kidneys, and nervous system. With continued exposure the lead will build up in the body over time and eventually result in painful death.

The harmful effects of lead have been known for a long time and for the past 70 years there has been an effort to remove lead contamination from the environment. That effort has resulted in the removal of tetra ethyl lead from gasoline, removal of lead from paint, removal of lead from jewelry, and the discontinued use of lead solder for soldering water pipes.

But, there is one place where we have not put much effort into removing lead from the environment and that is in the continued use of lead in fishing tackle. Lost lead sinkers and jig heads fall to the bottom of the lake and become mixed with the lake-bottom gravel. Loons routinely dive to the bottom to pick up gravel to help them digest their food. Not being able to distinguish between the small stones and the lead, they pick up and ingest the sinkers. The result is sure death. A study conducted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency concluded that lead poisoning accounted for 12 percent of the dead adult loons with known causes of death.

Loons are not the only animals affected by lead; eagles, ducks, and trumpeter swans have also been found to have lead poisoning. It seems somewhat contrary to endeavor to bring back the trumpeter swans and the eagles, and build loon nests, only to expose them to lead poisoning.

There have been attempts by the MNDNR to regulate the use of lead in fishing tackle and ammunition but bills introduced in the legislature have put a stop to that. Several other states have enacted laws banning lead tackle.

So do the right thing. Clean out your tackle box of lead, take them to a hazardous waste site for disposal, and replace with non-lead tackle. Such tackle is readily available and is not expensive.

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day
This year's focus is on ending plastic pollution

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Tree Planting Initiative

The association tree/bush planting initiative is an unqualified success. Fourteen members signed up to receive free trees/bushes and most of those members bought additional trees/bushes. The association ordered over 250 trees/bushes. Because the plants have to be ordered in lots of 25 each, there will be some plants left over. If you did not place an order but now want to take advantage of this offer. You can still get five free trees and \$1.00 for each additional tree until the remaining stock is depleted. First come, first served!

Plants can be picked up on Saturday May 5th from 9am-5pm and on Sunday May 6 from 9am-12noon at address below. If you are not able to pick up at the times posted, let me know.

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Annual Hand/Hay Lakes General Meeting

The annual Association Meeting will be held on **Saturday May 26th, 2017 at the Ponto Lake Town Hall**. The meeting starts at 9:00 am.

We will elect officers and directors. The President, vice president and the Treasurer positions are open and five directors positions need to be filled. There are three from Hand Lake and two from Hay Lake that are open.

As always there will be coffee and treats and various hand outs. And, of course, there will be drawings for door prizes.



From the Editor

It is the last week of March as I write this piece for the spring newsletter. There is still four to eight inches of snow on the ground in the wooded areas and

right now it is snowing like crazy adding another six inches of snow. It just doesn't seem like spring.

I thought I would have to publish an abbreviated version of this newsletter as I did not have any member contributions. But, our president, Jean Schatz, provided a delightful and interesting story about Indian Point just in time to be included in this newsletter.

I added some updated information about the replacement Line #3 pipeline. I suspect the pipeline will take up space in the association newsletter for several more cycles. I also included a brief piece about removing lead from the environment or more specifically removing lead from our lakes. It is a subject that comes up with almost every legislative cycle.

Several people ordered trees from our tree planting initiative and the trees can be picked up from me on Saturday May 5th from 9am-5pm and on Sunday May 6 from 9am-12noon. The trees were priced at 50% higher than originally indicated and because there will quite a few trees left over, the cost to the association will be more than originally anticipated.

I am sorry to say, we lost several of our long time members at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018. Jerry Konrad (Haley's Haven), Marvin Chell (Haley's Haven), Gloria Taylor (Haley's Haven), and Barbara Zemple (Shady Shores Trail) were all long time property owners on Hand Lake.

Our Spring road clean up is Saturday, April 28th. We would like to see more participation in this important event. It only takes half an hour of your time.

And let's not forget the yearly general meeting on Saturday May 26th, 2017 at the Ponto Lake Town Hall.

Keep up the fine work supplying information for our news letter. Submissions to be considered for publication in the Summer 2018 newsletter must reach the editor before June 15th.

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Road Clean-up

Let's not forget **our Spring Road Clean-Up. At 9:00 am on Saturday, April 28th**, meet at the junction of Hwy 49 and Shadywood Shores NW (per 2012 general meeting rules). Dress for the weather, wear good shoes or boots if it the ground is wet, wear gloves and bring a garbage bag to hold your collected debris.

After the road clean up, there will be a board meeting at a location yet to be determined. All members are welcome and if there is something specific you want discussed please contact your director or president Jean Theisen Schatz.

Update on Line 3 Pipeline



A decision on the fate of Enbridge's replacement Line 3 project continues to move ahead although slowly and with delays. In December of 2017, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) deemed the Environmental impact Statement (EIS) inadequate and sent it back to the Department of Commerce (DOC) for modifications. The DOC had 60 days to comply. On Thursday, March 15th the PUC did make its determination of the updated EIS and ruled that it was adequate in its current form. That means no further analysis needs to be done and the PUC can begin reviewing all of the information collected to make its final ruling on permitting of Line 3.

Several stakeholders insist the EIS is still inadequate. It does not include the Native American cultural impact study and does not adequately address how to deal with a major oil spill. In other words, the impact part of the impact statement has missing parts. Law suits could be forthcoming.

In the meantime, Administrative Law Judge, Ann O'Reilly, had been hearing testimony from environmental groups, Indian tribes and other stakeholders opposed to the pipeline. Those stakeholders have asked for more time to make their final arguments and O'Reilly essentially agreed. But the PUC rejected the delay and required

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Indian Point

By Jean Theisen Schatz
March 23, 2018

I thought this would be a good time to tell our story. It is the story of *Indian Point*. We've been told that Sam Daugherty and his wife, Clara Daugherty (my Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma) obtained the property in 1918. They would ride the train from Minneapolis to Backus and then take a horse and buggy out to the property.



Sam & Clara Daugherty

In 1920, Sam and Clara built a one-room log cabin. There were a couple resorts on Hand Lake, but theirs was the first single cabin on Lake. The Deed for the property states a filing date of 1924. There was no electricity or plumbing. They used kerosene lanterns to illuminate the room at night and a hand pump to draw water. Eventually, affectionately, they named the property *Indian Point*. They were referring to their grandchildren: Jack Theisen, Bea (Theisen) Springob, Bob Theisen, and Norma (Theisen) Swanson, as the little Indians.



Log Cabin

Sam and Clara enjoyed their little nook in the woods. They liked to hunt and fish, and they liked to entertain. So they added on a front porch to make room for more beds and guests. The picture of the cabin shows the front add-on, but not the back add-on. Eventually they added the back porch to have a nice kitchen. There was still no electricity or plumbing. The hand pump was now in the kitchen. I do not know when the electricity came out to the cabin.

Then after both Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma Daugherty passed away, Grandpa and Grandma Theisen (John and Marion Theisen) had the property. John would bring up the boys (Jack and Bob), and later on his grandkids to fish and hunt. I'm sure he invited friends as well. They had the first pontoon boat on the lake. It was during that time that electricity was added. John had *Indian Point* properly surveyed at some point during this time and found that more than just the "Point" was considered the property. It was all of the land on the west side of Sand Lake and reached over to Hand Lake.

After John passed away, Marion started to stay at *Indian Point* for weeks at a time. Dad and his siblings were concerned about her being up there alone. "What if something happened?!" So with a lot of resistance from Grandma, a telephone was hooked up.

It was during those years (around 1980) my Aunt Norma and my Dad each made a campground in the woods for their own families. It was a wonderful time swimming and frolicking with my cousins. Jack and Barb Theisen had property on Hand Lake as well, so that was even more cousins that got together. It was a great time.

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Indian Point, was then left in trust to the Little Indians, Jack, Bea, Norma and Bob. After a few years, my Dad and Mom (Bob and Fran Theisen) owned *Indian Point*. My husband and I (Doug and Jean Schatz) settled into Norma's campground and my brothers, Mike (and his wife Pam), Bob (and his wife Janet) and sisters Diane (and husband Craig) Hershberger and Mary Nielsen settled down in Dad's campground. I believe it was 1992 when we made another campground between those two campgrounds for my sister, Patty (and husband Richard) to have their space.

When Bob and Fran retired, they spent the whole summer, from April until October, on *Indian Point*. Because they were making it their "summer home," they put in a septic system for toilet and shower. My siblings and I were able to enjoy the place with our families. That is when Sam and Clara's great-great-grandkids were growing up, swimming and frolicking with their cousins. Now the great-great-grandkids are raising families, and they can all come up and swim and frolic with their second cousins. That would be Sam and Clara's great-great-great grandkids. Now there was room for the six of us and our kids as well to be at *Indian Point* at the same time and have our own space too.

Now Dad passed away in August of 2014. Mom still stays in the cabin when she can get to *Indian Point*. We use the cabin and the point as a communal area for swimming and boating and fishing, and we have a large screen house on the hill to share dinner together. Six generations! How wonderful!

SIDE NOTE: Dad (Bob Theisen) said that dead tree on the point across from *Indian Point* looked like that when he was a young boy. Dad always said he wanted to see the view the eagles had up on the top of that tree. Then, the summer Dad passed away, the tree tipped over. Coincident?

E-version of the association newsletter

While a mailed printed paper copy of the association newsletter will always be available as an option, it is important to know that it costs approximately \$2.00 per copy to print, fold, stuff, address, and mail each copy. If you print it yourself from our website or from your emailed copy, it costs the association nothing and you will still have your hard copy. The links in the e-version of the newsletter are active and what you print will be in color. The newsletter is a six page newsletter printed four times per year. We mail about 100 copies each quarter. That adds up to \$800.00 per year. If you want to opt out of the mailed, printed version and receive only the e-version, send an email to pcourneya@gmail.com with the words "email newsletter" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name and email address in the body of the email.

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In Memory of

Gerald (Jerry) Konrad (Haley's Haven) Passed away December 15th 2017. Born in South Dakota, Jerry joined the Air force immediately after High School. Returning from the service he married and began farming in Pierz, MN and worked full time as a welder at Dairy Craft Inc. in St. Cloud. Jerry enjoyed fishing and camping and in 1987 he and his wife purchased a cabin on Hand Lake. Jerry served on the Board of Directors for the Hand-Hay Lake Association. Residents on the Point always called Jerry their Point Mayor. He was always a good neighbor.

Marvin Chell (Haley's Haven) passed away January 7, 2018. Before making Pine River his home, Marvin was a WWII navy veteran and had founded companies Viking Pallet and Viking Engineering and Development. He was also active in Prison Ministries. He had a great sense of humor and loved to garden, travel, play piano, and most importantly visit with family. He left a legacy of "northern Minnesota" memories at the cabin on North Long Lake and the Shady Resort on Hand Lake. His legacy will continue as his children and their children continue to experience all the joys of fishing, swimming and campfires. He will be missed.

Gloria Taylor (Haley's Haven) of Dayton, Ohio passed away on Wednesday December 20th at 7:15 PM. Gloria began coming to the Fin and Feathers resort on Hand Lake as a child and later, as an adult, bought property on the lake. She had been coming to Hand Lake for over 50 years.

The souls in heaven are in for a big surprise. "Here comes Gloria." Imagine here arms full of athletic equipment (basketball, volleyball, field hockey stick, tennis racket, golf clubs, water skis, fishing pole, and probably arrived with her boat and snowmobile) and she says to everyone "Hey look what I've brought." "Who wants to play?" That was Gloria, always willing to share. Yes, always thinking of others. She was always showing kindness, caring and sharing. These were priorities in Gloria's life. What a warrior! Gloria fought the good fight against this dreadful disease called cancer over a span of 20 years. This last year was the most challenging. At age 86, her body and mind had simply said enough. Gloria touched so many lives having been a teacher, coach and just a downright wonderful person to her many friends. We all will miss our neighbor, Gloria, on Haley's Haven.

Barbara Zemple (Shady Shores Trail) Passed away in mid-January 2018.

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the judge to issue her report on April 23, 2018. That report will weigh heavily on the PUC's final decision. That decision should arrive sometime in June.

Enbridge lobbies republican legislators to craft legislation to circumvent the permitting process

There appears to be overwhelming opposition to the pipeline and a real possibility that the PUC will not permit the line to move for-

ward as Enbridge had envisioned. To counter that possibility, Enbridge has lobbied lawmakers to craft legislation to permit the Line 3 and circumvent the whole permitting process.

Bill [HF3759](#), sponsored by [Rep. Dan Fabian](#) (R-Roseau) now moving through the House would allow Enbridge to build the pipeline "at its sole discretion" along the route that it proposed in its application. Its companion Senate bill [,SF3510](#), sponsored by [Sen. David Osmek](#) (R-Mound), is awaiting action by the Senate Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee. Presumably, Governor Dayton would not sign any such bill arriving at his desk.

Our current treasurer is moving and will not be able to accept membership dues. In the interim please send membership dues to Paul Courneya (newsletter editor) who will be accepting dues until a new treasurer is elected at May general meeting. Address is in the cut out below.

**Hand/Hay Lakes Property Owners Association
Membership Form**

Yearly dues for membership in the Hand/Hay Lakes Association are collected in the spring of each year. Fill out this form and mail it along with dues of \$15.00 or more to **Paul Courneya, 1388 Shadywood Shores Dr. NW, Pine River, MN 56474** or bring it to the annual meeting in May. If you wish to contribute to any of the association's special projects you can indicate your choices below.
You can also use this form to update any portion of your address or Phone #, or to provide us with your email address at any time.

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Lake Address _____
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Dues for the year of

Sunfish Level: \$15.00..... _____
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Donation for lake association special projects:

Fish Stocking Hay Lake _ \$ _____
Fish Stocking Hand Lake _ \$ _____
Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

The Hand/Hay Lakes Property Owners Association was formed in the spring of 1987. Its primary function is to preserve the health, safety, welfare, and prosperity of Hand and Hay Lakes and the adjoining properties. The association has one general meeting on Saturday at 9:00 am during the Memorial Day weekend at the Ponto Lake Town Hall. All are welcome. Yearly membership dues are \$15.00 per household and payable at the general meeting. Or, send your check to the office of the treasurer with your name, address, phone number, and email. The Treasurer's address is: Cheryl Lindberg, Treasurer, 1437 Shadywood Shores Drive NW, Pine River, MN 56474. Make check payable to Hand Hay Lake Association

All Hand/Hay Lakes property owners are entitled to receive the Lake Waves, the official organ of the association. The Lake Waves is also available on the association's website, <http://HandHayLakesAssoc.org>. The Lake Waves is published four times per year in March, June, September, and December. Material for the newsletter should be sent directly to the editor. Material must be received before the 15th of the month for consideration to be published in that month's newsletter. Editor's address is: Paul Courneya, 1388 Shadywood Shores Drive NW, Pine River, MN 56474

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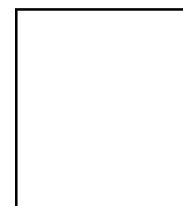
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