

LAKE WAVES

Newsletter for the Hand/Hay Lakes Association

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Receive DNR News Releases

The MN Department of Natural Resources frequently sends out news releases chronicling important events happening around the state. You can sign up to receive news releases in your email.

In early August a release reported Zebra Mussels were found in Gilbert and Long Lakes in Crow Wing County. Those two lakes are now listed as infested. Later in August a news release reported the mussels found in Christmas Lake, a lake near Lake Minnetonka in Hennepin County. The mussels turned up in Christmas Lake despite stepped up measures to keep them out.

Zebra mussels are not the only invasive species reported. A July report explained the discovery Eurasian Water Milfoil in some Sterns County lakes and another August release reported milfoil in some southern lakes. The latest release for September reports spiny waterflea in a lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe area.

When one reads through all the AIS reports, one gets a sense of just how serious the AIS problem really is. But not all reports are bad news. The DNR also reports educational events, changes to hunting and fishing rules and reports on a whole host of other subjects.

You can subscribe to the news reports yourself. Just go to this site and enter your email address.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/emailupdates/index.html>

You will be taken to a page where you can check off the news reports that are of interest to you. There are a lot of them. There are subjects like AIS, Hunting, Fishing, Trails, etc. After you have made your selection and clicked on *submit*, you will be taken to a

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second page where you can subscribe to other government agency reports as well. Some other agencies are Pollution control, Conservation, Mosquito Control, etc.

This is an easy way to keep up with all that is going on in the state and also what might be important to our lakes area. One could easily collect up all the reports on a particular subject and write an article to be published in our newsletter.

America Recycles Day Nov 15

America Recycles Day is a national program of Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and is a nationally recognized program to help Americans become better informed about the importance of recycling and buying products made from recycled materials. Learn more about ARD at :

<http://americarecyclesday.org/>



From the Editor

Here it is fall already and it seems to me we never did get much of a summer. However, on a recent radio program about weather, prognosticators were suggesting we will have a mild winter. We will see!

The front page article in this newsletter edition explains how one can keep up with news pertinent to our lakes area simply by subscribing to news releases from the various government agencies. It would not be a giant step for members to volunteer to monitor a subject of their choice, condense the information and each quarter write a brief paragraph for this newsletter. It is just a suggestion.

Cynthia McCray, the last of the original Minesociates, has written an absolutely delightful story of their history. Be sure to read her well written story in this issue. I am hoping we can collect up all these histories and publish them on our website.

Barbara Hansen (Shadywood Shores) continues to maintain our website at <http://handhaylakesassoc.org>. Be sure to check it out and book mark the site. The website calendar is our most up-to-date information on association events. If you have photos, stories or anything else to be published on the site, send your information directly to the webmaster: handhaywebmaster@yahoo.com

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Submissions to be considered for publication in the winter newsletter must reach the editor before December 15th. Email photos, articles, and suggestions to:

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Sightings

There were not many sightings reported this summer. The wild turkeys have almost become a common presence. There is one female turkey that has taken up residence in Barbara Courneya's (Shadywood Shores) back yard. She also reports spotting a gray partridge along Highway 49. The gray partridge is also known as Hungarian partridge.



It is with great sadness that I announce the recent loss of two of our long serving association members. Our treasurer for many years and permanent Shadywood Shores resident, Joyce Arvidson, and our long time director and seasonal resident of Indian Point, Robert (Bob) Theisen. We are among those who will remember them fondly and miss them.

Sandi Theisen

A Quick History of Minnesociates Associating with friends in Minnesota

by Cynthia McCray

Fifty years ago in the summer of 1963, Barton and Dorothy Hunter of Indianapolis, Indiana found on the shores of Hand Lake the very thing they had been seeking: a fishing camp for sale where they could bring their four sons on vacation. Vi and Oscar Johnson were ready to retire and move on. And wow, the price was right!

The Hunters and a few of their Indianapolis friends gathered to look at the four cabins and their lovely surroundings. Yes, we would like to purchase it! And so Minnesociates was born.

Soon decisions had to be made – including which family would get which cabin. Dorothy Hunter and Winnie Smith put their heads together to come up with a plan. They showed great wisdom by suggesting that the cabin to be shared by the Miller family of Des Moines, Iowa (with 6 children under 15 years of age) and the McCrae family of Indianapolis (with 5 children under 11) would be the yellow cabin to the south, preserving hopefully a bit quieter atmosphere for the other cabins to the north.

Despite their hopes, it was not always quiet. One summer Minnesociates got a complaint about our noise pollution. It was true that some of our members would dash down the dock and cannonball into the water, all the time shrieking at the top of their lungs. We were guilty as charged. As an effort at reconciliation with our neighbors, we wrote an apology and resolved to be more considerate.

Leo and Louise Waters from Estherville, Iowa sometimes provided a lot of fun for Minnesociates with their evenings of square dancing. Some of you will recall the delightful little pavilion that Leo built on the shore of their property, appropriately named . . . of course . . . Dancing Waters. Leo was an excellent square dance caller. Louise always

baked a cake and served us refreshments. What fun we had!

The Hand Lake property was shared in a kind of informal partnership arrangement among the five families. Early on we called on the services of a lawyer to shape up our shaky ownership details into a legal document. After examining the situation, the poor man slapped his forehead and said, “This is the strangest property case I have ever seen. It will never last!” He was wrong. Here we are 50 years later, changed in many ways, but the community arrangement still works for us.

Our children (and others, too, I’m sure) have never forgotten the generosity of Gloria Taylor when she took them waterskiing on Hand Lake. This was a rare and very exciting opportunity for kids whose boating consisted of canoes and row boats!

In our retirement, there were many summers when my husband Ian and I spent part or all of the season at Hand Lake. We would enjoy the chilly June days through the warmth of August.

Over the course of time, each of the original Minnesociates families gave their cabin to one of their children, or sold to another family’s children. Dale and Betty Miller, one of the original couples, do not travel up anymore. Every other founding member of Minnesociates has passed away except for me.

Now Fred Smith and Mary Martin are the glue that holds Minnesociates together, staying most of the summer while the rest of us come and go. In 2013, I got to be at Hand Lake for the entire month of July as family members came and traveled to and from their homes in Colorado, Vermont, Michigan and Indiana.

For our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Hand Lake is their favorite place in the world to be!

Cynthia McCrae
Foxwood Springs Community
Raymore, Missouri

Results of the 2014 Hand Lake Boat Parade Competition

The Popular Hand Lake boat parade enjoyed another successful year in 2014. There were six pontoon entries and two boat entries. The winning entries are listed here.

The first place winner in the pontoon category is McPosts Hand Lake Barnyard by Kevin and



Karen Chell. Second place went to the Theisen's Gilligans Island theme. Finally, third place went to Clint and Cheryl Lindberg's Hand Lake Medical theme.

In the boat category Samuelson's had the hockey theme.

And, of course, those watching the parade are just as important those marching in the parade.



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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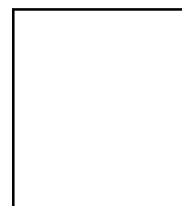
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