

PLPOA E-NEWSLETTER  
August 2016



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

## **E-Newsletter August 2016**

This E-Newsletter will provide updates on events, projects and issues important to PLPOA Members.

- Greetings From the President
- 2016 PLPOA Calendar of Events
- 2016 Annual PLYC Regatta
- PLPOA Member Breakfast/Annual Meeting
- PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Free Cabin Trust Webinar
- Marquart Family Celebrates 50 Years on Fish Lake
- Muskie Review
- Support State-Wide Common Sense Sport Fishing
- Aquatic Invaders Summit II
- Arsenic Testing Available
- Look Out For Divers
- Power Loading Damaging to Boat Landings
- PGOLID Updates

### **Greetings From The President**

The appreciation dinner was quite nice due to weather, good attendance, good lasagna and wonderful beach captains. Chuck (retiring) and Gertrude Solum received an award for years of volunteer service to the community.

In the earlier board meeting we decided to revise the Bylaws to allow for electronic voting. We also discussed the need to encourage those members who cannot attend the meetings to assign a Proxy for voting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Keep nurturing those Gen X and Millenials to become active in lake mgmt.
- Please turn in your beach captain folders to Mary Lystad with membership info if you have not already done so.

- Test your water for arsenic thru RMB labs or other places
- Sign up for the AIS training aboard the Big Pelican on September 15

In addition to the 50+ Beach Captains, please be sure to express your appreciation and communicate with the following people who volunteer to keep the lake and our community in good shape for future generations:

Past Presidents: Karen Hart, Dave Majkrzak, Jim Prondzinski, Jim Sugihara, Rocky Swanson  
 Secretary: Patti Cosgriff  
 Parliamentarian: Millie MacLeod  
 Treasurer: Don Meidinger, alternates Fred Manuel and Mitch Olson  
 Clean Up Trash Day: Bert McDonough  
 Communications: John Kruse  
 Directory: Aldie Kelsven  
 July 4th Parade: Paul Horstman, Dave Selvig, Lance Johnson  
 Fireworks: Nick Valentine, John and Patti Cosgriff, Skip Duemeland, Janet Hustad, Millie MacCleod  
 Fireworks Clean Up: Rocky Swanson  
 Fundraising: Jim Prondzinski  
 Beach Captains and Membership Drive: Mary Lystad  
 Nominating Committee: Julie Friederichs  
 Photographer: Susan Furr  
 By Laws: Gary Lawrence, Rocky Swanson, Helen Friend  
 Sport Fishing: Tom Sherman  
 Township Liaisons: Bert McDonough and Janet Hustad  
 Awards: Helen Friend  
 Natural Resources: Dave Majkrzak  
 Sailing School: Jeff Peltier  
 Event Planner: Karen Hart  
 PGOLID Liaison: Paul Horstmann

Thanks for your readership, think of ways we can better protect the lake, stay in touch and have a safe and healthy fall season.

[Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

## 2016 Calendar

09/03/16		Executive Committee Meeting
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## 2016 ANNUAL PLYC REGATTA



The 52nd annual PLYC Regatta (formerly known as the Wallwork Regatta) was held July 30th & 31st on Pelican Lake. There were 26 boats split up into 5 fleets competing in the 2-day event. The winds were ideal on Saturday, but Sunday's heavy winds brought on a number of capsized sailboats which kept the rescue boats busy. There were about 120 people at the Saturday night banquet which had live music and plenty of discussion. The winners of each fleet were as follows: Kent Deardorff in the Centerboard Fleet, Stan Furr in the Multi Hull/Planing Fleet, Jeff & Anne Peltier in the Mono Hull Fleet as well as the overall Open Fleet, Jeff Solum in the C Fleet, and Ben Burgum in the E Fleet. For more details and all the scoring, Click Here,

[plyc.info/PLYC-regatta.html](http://plyc.info/PLYC-regatta.html)

**PLPOA ANNUAL MEETING JULY 23**



Member breakfast before the Annual Meeting

The PLPOA Annual Meeting was held at Fair Hills Resort on August 23, 2016, following the annual Member's breakfast. Special guests included Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County Commissioner and Greg Palmer, President of Greater Minnesota Gas. Numerous speakers presented updates on current issues including the County 9 road project, natural gas deployment and aquatic invasive species (AIS). Directors elected/re-elected for a 3-year term were Helen Friend, Aldie Kelsven, Mary Lystad, Bert McDonough, David Majkrzak, Jeff Peltier and Thomas Sherman.

## **PLPOA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER AUGUST 19**



Volunteers enjoy good food and fellowship

The annual PLPOA Volunteers Appreciation Dinner was held on August 19 at at Fair Hills Resort. In attendance were Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Majors and Beach Captains. Special guest Bill Ingebrightsen, MN State Senator was present and addressed the volunteers.



Bill Ingebrightsen, MN State Senator and Sherry Trepp, PLPOA President at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

## ***FREE "CABIN TRUST" WEBINAR*** **September 7th, 1:00 P.M. CST**

Learn How to Put Your Cabin or Lake Home in a TRUST or LLC for Your Family! If your lake place is the center of your family, the gathering place, the spot where friends and extended family gather to create life-long memories, then you cannot afford to miss this seminar. Our places are heirlooms, not assets. But moving a place from one generation to the next can be difficult. Recent changes to the Minnesota gift tax will require further planning. Now you and your heirs can establish a future for the family place that has been so important.

At this live, interactive webinar you can ask questions and interact with presenter Frank Heers. Frank is a long time MLR member, and has 25 years experience in creating Trusts and LLC to preserve family legacies. His webinars are fun, engaging and informative. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

## **Marquart Family Celebrates 50 Years on Fish Lake**

The Marquart family celebrated their 50th summer on Fish Lake over the July 4th weekend.

About 100 family members attended the celebration which started with the raising of the flag and the singing of "America the Beautiful," and included a chicken dinner, a track meet, whiffleball, karaoke and a bonfire. There was also a historical tour of Marquart Villa and a museum of items dating back 50 years.

The Marquart family donated \$340.00 to the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association fireworks display from a quilt raffle held during the event. The hand made T-shirt quilt commemorated the Marquarts 50 years on Fish Lake and honored the family founders at Fish Lake - Eugene and Leone Marquart.

The Marquart family has grown from 20 family members at Fish Lake the first summer in 1967 to about 100 family members who attended the celebration in July. The Marquart family is looking forward to enjoying the next 50 years at Fish Lake.

### **Muskie Review**

The following numbers reflect the efforts of the DNR fisheries to stock Pelican Lake. Based on walleyes being the #1 preference for fishing, the investment of tax dollars (license fees) being used to stock muskies is incredibly inappropriate.

#### **BY THE NUMBERS-**

##### **Fish Stocking Costs for Pelican Lake**

(at current yearly stocking rates):

MNDNR -yearly cost to stock: Walleye Fry= \$ 3,250

MNDNR -yearly cost to stock: Muskie Fingerlings= \$ 28,455 ( 8.8 times more than walleye)

<b>Total Stocking Costs for past 20 years (today's dollars):</b>		
MNDNR	Walleye Fry:	\$ 65,000
MNDNR	Muskie Fingerlings:	\$ 446,355
Pelican Lake Association	Walleye Fingerlings:	\$ 78,313

Walleye is the top rated fish in MN for fishing preference, muskie is the 13th rated fish (2015 Schroeder Study, MNDNR).

Click [HERE](#) for a current Muskie Review.

Pelican Lake Sport Fishing Sub-Committee

## **Support State-Wide Common Sense Sport Fishing**

While OTC received good news regarding no additional muskie stocking in new lakes, our friends in other areas of the state were not as fortunate.

Please support other lakes in the state, and our efforts to limit the spread of this non-native fish into new lake ecosystems. By standing together our voices can be heard.

Click [HERE](#) to sign the Gull Lake Petition.

Click [HERE](#) to join the statewide Minnesotans for Family Fishing database.

## **Aquatic Invaders Summit II**

The Aquatic Invaders Summit II will be October 5-6 at the River's Edge Convention Center, St Cloud, MN.

Click [HERE](#) for Information.

## **Arsenic Testing Available**

A number of Pelican Lake residents have tested their water supply and have found disturbing levels of arsenic. If you are concerned about the possibility of arsenic contamination RMB Labs will test and evaluate any arsenic risk for you. To see the tests, prices, sampling instructions and data sheet see these links:

**Test descriptions:** <http://rmbel.info/lab/drinking-water/tests/>

**Pricing:** <http://rmbel.info/pricing/>

**Instructions:** <http://rmbel.info/lab/drinking-water/instructions/>

**Forms:** <http://rmbel.info/lab/drinking-water/forms/>

# Lookout for Divers



Diving flags look like this

The Little McDonald and Kerbs Lake Association (LMKLA) Board has been asked by some of those who dive on our lakes to do some education, making our residents aware that areas flagged by divers need to be avoided, for the safety of the divers. There have been several incidents lately of fast-moving jet skis and speed boats getting much too near to divers.

All operators of any watercraft (except those involved in the dive operation) must stay 150 ft (half a football field) away from any diving flag. If there is more than one flag on the water, that means that a perimeter is being marked, and boaters must stay 150 feet outside of that entire perimeter.

Also, we continue to remind residents that within 150' of the shoreline is a No Wake Zone. Please be sensitive to the fact that erosion is ongoing around the lake, and wakes exacerbate the problem.

## **Power Loading Damaging to Boat Landings**

We have become aware of an issue of boat launch area damage due to boat loading, when the boat's power is used to load/push the boat onto a trailer. This practice is called power loading, and with many of the bigger/ higher horsepower boats, can cause considerable damage to the boat launch area



(MNDNR boat access areas). The power of the water coming off the propeller of the boat can wash away sand, rocks and gravel, as well as even concrete "planks", ruining the access for the next user. The gravel and sand that is pushed back can also create a berm or shallow area right behind the typical loading area, making it difficult for the next boat to even enter the usual boat loading area.

Power loading has seriously damaged many MNDNR boat access ramps, and is causing major concerns for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of these public water launch areas. Please encourage all property owners and lake users to limit the use of boat power to load their trailers. The problem is aggravated by lower lake water elevations, and hopefully the recent rains will raise the lake levels and help the issue. However certain lake accesses are shallower and not as steep, so the power loading damage can be an issue all the time on some MNDNR lake access locations. Please do your part to help keep the accesses open and usable for all the public.

[Dave Majkrzak](#)

## **PGOLID Updates**

**Fish Lake Dam-** PGOLID plans to apply for a DNR grant in September to retro-fit the Fish Lake Dam with boulders. A dam like this would still hold water levels to their current levels, and would not need future repairs or maintenance. It is a long-term solution to a dam that has been problematic to maintain over the years. Natural rock rapids also enhances fish and wildlife habitat and fish passage downstream.

PGOLID applied for this grant last year and narrowly missed getting funded. The two main concerns with the project were the cost and the urgency. This year, we have asked some organizations to pledge their support for this project and help to fund it so our overall grant ask is lower. We have already received monetary pledges of support from 4 different organizations and we are very grateful.

Another way to keep our cost down is to have donations and/or discounts on materials. Much of the cost of this project is the rock and gravel. If you are able to donate or discount on materials, please contact [Moriya Rufer](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info) (moriya.rufer@rmbel.info). Please see the materials list and more description of the project on our [WEB PAGE](#):  
<http://pgolid.org/programs/dam>

**Annual Meeting:** The Pelican Group Of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) held their Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 13 at the Cormorant Community Center. Peggy Severson from Little Pelican Lake and John Kruse from Pelican Lake were elected to the Board of Directors. Jay Elshaug, from Pelican Lake was reelected to a second 3-year Director

term.

PGOLID is a lake improvement district funded by taxes collected through Otter Tail County. PGOLID's purpose is to identify, quantify, study and manage water resources and to preserve water quality. [PGOLID website](#)

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman