



PLPOA E-NEWSLETTER  
July 2016

Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

## **E-Newsletter July 2016**

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

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## **PELICAN 4th of July Celebrations**



Thank you Lynn Hendricks for the picture

## **Greetings From The President**

The lake is perfect swimming temperature right now. The trees, gardens and lawns are rejuvenated by 6.5" of rain after a long dry spell. The wind has been more manageable after the big storms. I expect the basswood to bloom soon giving us that sweet aroma all over the lake.

As a reminder, please remind your kids and guests to avoid congregating on the lake in front of anyone's cabin. Tell them, for example, that the neighbors to the Barry residence feel restricted from using their own docks and boats when there is a lot of noise and a traffic jam in front of their dock.

The Board recently passed another large increase to the proposed Rolling Hills RV Park litigation budget (16 to 2). Keep those donations and support coming.

We were so fortunate with the weather for the July 4th parade and fireworks.

Thanks to all who serve volunteer positions for the PLPOA community. Join us this Saturday for an informative annual PLPOA meeting. Board meeting at 8:30, full member meeting at 9:30 at Fair Hills. There are lots of stories to share.

[Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

## 2016 Calendar

07/23/16	8:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting
07/23/16	9:30 am	Member Breakfast
07/23/16	10:00 am	Member Annual Meeting
08/19/16	5:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Social
08/19/16	4:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
08/19/16	6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
09/03/16		Executive Committee Meeting

### PLPOA ANNUAL MEETING JULY 23

The PLPOA Membership's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, July 23rd at Fair Hills Resort. The breakfast for paid members begins at 9:30 am followed by a 10:00 am Annual Meeting. Greg Palmer, Greater Minnesota Gas, will provide an update on the natural gas service installation. Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County Commissioner, will provide a County 9 highway update. Please email your RVSP to [gdkihart@loretel.net](mailto:gdkihart@loretel.net) or call 218-532-3613/218-329-9163. A Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the Annual Meeting with an 8:30 am start time.

[Patti Cosgriff](#)

### Another GREAT PLPOA Fireworks Display

It's really hard to say whether we were lucky or unlucky with the 4th of July fireworks show this year:

-- On the fortunate side, the major storm that threatened the lake on the evening of the 4th seemed to stay north and the fireworks went off on time, and viewers in the right spot got to watch a fireworks show that had a flashing thunderhead as a backdrop.

-- From the less fortunate perspective, the uncertainty surrounding the storm kept a lot of boats off the lake (I've heard that only about 50 were viewing from the lake near Pelican Point) and also kept the number of cars in the

pasture/parking lot down, and the dedicated volunteers helping there were thoroughly soaked in the rain that did precede the fireworks.

As always, the fireworks were memorable, and the crashing conclusion equalled or bettered that of prior years.

Thanks to all who made the show possible -- the pasture parking crew (Millie Mcleod, Janet Hustad, Skip Duemeland, Patti & John Cosgriff and Sherry Trepp), Doug Burgum and his staff for the use of the property for launching fireworks and parking space for hundreds of cars, Pelican Rapids Fire Department and Rigdahl ambulance for emergency readiness and Wave 104.1 and RES Specialty Pyrotechnics for musical broadcast and the show itself, plus the cleanup crew helping Rocky Swanson the morning of the 5th. Please remember to send in your donations to help offset the cost of the fireworks.

Also please consider how you might help out in future years -- this special event can only continue with volunteers to keep the project going. to create memories for others in future years!

[Nick Valentine](#)

## **2016 Pelican Lake 4th of July Boat Parade**





The weather was cloudy, and breezy for this year's parade. Dave Selvig led the parade in his beautiful wooden boat with patriotic music. Ken Promersberger and Lance Johnson participated with their classic wooden boats. The shore observers were also treated to patriotic songs sung by John Kruse. Decorated pontoons urged us to "Save the Monarchs", contained revelers dressed in colonial costumes, and celebrated Senn's Beach. Dennis Eliason's pontoon with the siren horn alerted all that the parade was coming! Many other boats participated with balloons and flags. Parade participants were welcomed by all the shore observers with their flags and patriotic dress. Thanks to all for providing a great patriotic spectacle to start our Fourth of July celebration.

[Paul Horstman](#)

## **NEW MNDNR STUDY SHOWS MUSKIE FISHING DROPS TO 13TH PLACE**

A new MNDNR study now shows muskie fishing has dropped from 6th place to 13th place in fisherman's preference in Minnesota. This is an interesting fact for the fish they claim to be the "fastest growing fishing segment in MN".

This recent study, completed in June 2015 and published under the title of "2015 Schroeder Study" is the most recent and largest survey done by the MNDNR on trying to gauge resident fisherman's input.

Other details in this study have also been miss-interpreted by some in the MNDNR, and promoted as reasons for continued muskie stocking. The MNDNR has now admitted they were miss-interpreting this study in regards to the percent of people who prefer muskie fishing, and have corrected this information on their web-site.

This new 2015 Schroeder Survey has plenty of information and data, much of it that is not positive regarding the MNDNR fisheries. No wonder this 2015 survey is not being widely promoted or distributed by the MNDNR fisheries.

See full study, and new ranking table where muskie has now dropped to 13th place.

[Muskie Schroeder 2015 ranking table](#)

[Muskie Schroeder 2015 full study](#)

Recently the MNDNR has claimed up to 32 % of fisherman "prefer" to fish muskie. When we questioned where this data came from we eventually found a new study completed in June 2015. This "2015 Schroeder Study" for some reason has not been very well publicized, and if you can find it and read it you can understand why.

The 32 % muskie preference number is a miss-interpretation of their own data. Proper review of the data shows the number to be about 16 %. The MNDNR now admits their error, and is changing it on their website. We believe the 16% number is still a greatly exaggerated and inflated number, because of the use of the word "prefer", and the bias of the survey participants toward muskie, which becomes obvious when you read the whole survey.

It is significant that this 2015 survey also reveals that muskie is the 13th ranked fish in MN. For years we have been told that muskie fishing was in 6th place, and was the "fastest growing segment", that more lakes are needed because of this "exponential" growth is muskie fishing. Apparently

muskie fishing must now be the "fastest falling, most over- exaggerated fish segment".

**For anyone who thinks Musky don't threaten Walleye populations:  
Click [HERE](#)**

[PLPOA Sport Fishing Committee](#)

## **PLYC Regatta July 30**



The annual Pelican Lake Yacht Club (PLYC) Regatta is the weekend of July 30th. About 25-30 boats are expected for two days of racing and a Saturday night banquet. It should be an exciting time! For more information, go here.

<http://plyc.info/PLYC-regatta.html>

[Jeff Peltier](#)

### **Greater Minnesota Gas Update on Natural Gas Service**

Greater Minnesota Gas (GMG) is currently installing main along Highway 5 on the west side of Big Cormorant Lake. Main installation on the North side is complete and services are being installed for those customers. We expect to be installing main along Lake Ida in mid-August.

With the news last week announcing the delay of the County 9 Road Project



until 2017, we are no longer able to proceed as originally intended to provide service along the west and northwest corner of Pelican Lake during this construction season. As a result, we have shifted our focus to begin working with property owners to obtain necessary easements to provide service to the north side of Pelican Lake beginning with the east side of Gosslee Beach. We will have a representative present at the PLPOA Meeting on July 23, 2016 to answer any questions and to set-up appointments for property owners along the natural gas main.

For customers along main on the east side of Pelican Lake, we encourage you to sign up for service and complete your conversion as soon as possible. As more services are installed the backlog for conversion work is expanding.

Please remember that GMG has rebates available to assist with conversion costs or new efficient appliances and furnaces.

We look forward to seeing you at the PLPOA meeting on Saturday, July 23, 2016.

[Jessica Steinke](#), GMG

## **County 9 Road Construction Delayed to Next Year**

News has just been received from Charles Grotte of the Otter Tail County Engineer's office that the County 9 road project has been delayed until next year. Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County Commissioner, will be speaking at the July 23, 2016 PLPOA Annual Member's meeting at 10:00 a.m., following the Board Meeting and Member breakfast. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of Wayne Johnson regarding the County 9 delay at that time.

## **PGOLID Updates**

**PGOLID BOARD-** The Pelican Group Of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) is in need of two Board candidates to be elected at our meeting on August 13th, 9:00 am at the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Village. Member terms are three years, with five monthly meetings and one annual meeting. Those interested in serving should contact Jay Elshaug, Chairman @ 701.388.8056. Additional information about PGOLID can be found at [www.PGOLID.org](http://www.PGOLID.org)

**PGOLID "Let's Plant Trees"-** PGOLID started a new tree planting program this year with the goal of planting young trees within the shore impact zone (0-15 feet from the lake). Many of the trees in these areas are mature and when they die there would be no trees left on the shoreline if



they aren't replaced. This project hopes to start a seed that promotes tree growth within PGOLID providing shoreline stabilization and fish and wildlife habitat.

Seventy (70) trees were purchased in May and are currently being delivered and planted for those property owners who placed orders for this program. If you have any questions, please contact Moriya Rufer, [moriya.rufer@rmbel.info](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info), 218-846-1465.

**Curly-leaf pondweed-** PGOLID has been treating Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) in the PGOLID lakes for the past 10 years. This treatment costs up to \$26,000 per year. The treatment process usually starts with a plant survey in early May to detect the locations of the CLP for treatment that year. At this time of year, the CLP is usually very small. Treatment needs to occur before the water is 60 degrees, so it usually occurs in late May. This year, upon the advice of experts in the Twin Cities, PGOLID decided to re-evaluate their CLP program and conduct a thorough plant survey in June, when the CLP is taller and easier to detect. The goal of this later survey was to better document the CLP areas in the lake so that a more effective herbicide treatment can be completed next year. Taking this year off of the CLP treatment will not cause it to spread more from its current locations. CLP areas and thickness has decreased drastically since 2005. See the map from the 2016 survey, past treatment reports and before and after photos on the PGOLID website here:

<http://pgolid.org/programs/ais/2016clp> . If you have any questions, please contact Moriya Rufer, [moriya.rufer@rmbel.info](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info), 218-846-1465

**Becky Wood Family in the Pelican 4th of July parade.**



Another example of the fun on Pelican Lake.

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman