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Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

## **E-Newsletter April 2017**

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

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## **Greetings From the President**

The season transition is in full swing. Today a flock of red wing blackbirds is covering our yard. Most of the swans that winter on the river have returned to Tamarac National Wild Life Refuge. The loons were back Apr 3, the cormorants are back, a pair of sandhill cranes is back, pelicans were riding the wind streams earlier this week, the white snow geese are migrating through the area, the regular geese are pairing up and the Tom Turkeys are fanning their feathers. That's a lot of action.

I look forward to seeing you on May 19 at the spring social. We are lining up speakers for topics that will interest you. And we have a lot to discuss. We have got to create a plan to protect the lake. I hate to be so doomsdayISH, but there is one AIS after another coming our way. They change the ecosystem and some impact recreational use of the lake. The US population is migrating to water and that brings more development around the lake. We can use your energy and talents to represent our concerns to governing boards.

Thank you to those who sent in extra donations this year along with your annual dues.

See you May 19 at Fair Hills: 4:30 board meeting, 5:30 social, 6pm meeting.

[Sherry](#)

## 2017 Calendar

05/19/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
05/19/17	5:30 p.m.	Member Spring Social - Fair Hills Pavilion
05/19/17	6:00 p.m.	Member Spring Meeting
05/30/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
06/03/17	8:30 a.m.	Majors & Captains Meeting - Fair Hills Blue/Green Room
06/14/17		Clean up Day
06/17/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
07/04/17		Independence Day Parade and Fireworks
07/10/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
07/22/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
07/22/17	9:30 a.m.	Member Annual Breakfast - Fair Hills Dining Room
07/22/17	10:00 a.m.	Member Annual Association Meeting - Fair Hills Dining Room
08/18/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
08/18/17	5:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social - Fair Hills (by invitation)
08/18/17	6:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Fair Hills (by invitation)
09/11/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
11/15/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

## **PLPOA Spring Meeting/Social**

Please mark your calendars - the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association Spring Membership Meeting will be held Friday, May 19th at Fair Hills Resort. There will be a social for all paid members at 5:30 pm with appetizers and a cash bar. This will be followed by the Spring Member Meeting at 6:00 pm.

[Patti Cosgriff](#), PLPOA Secretary



### **2017 Mosquito Control**

PGOLID will again be treating the Pelican Lakes for the control of mosquitos. Clarke Control has annually provided mosquito control services to the lake between Memorial Day and Labor Day each Thursday evening. They are actively monitoring the warm Spring conditions for a possible early treatment start. However, evening temperatures must consistently meet minimum requirements in order for the treatments to be effective. At present, the first treatment is scheduled to be applied May 25th. Clarke also can be hired by individual property owners for yard treatments. Please contact PGOLID Board Member, Suzanne Lervick at 612-750-1853, if you have any questions related to the program.

[Susan Lervick](#)

### **2017 Ice-out Contest**

#### **THE ICE IS OFF THE LAKE!**

The contest is now over. There were 54 entries and all were qualified. Surprisingly, none of the entries picked the official day as determined by the judge(s). Seven of the entries picked either the day before or the day after. The winner will be determined at the PLPOA Spring Social on May 19. by a

drawing from these seven entries. The winner will receive a gift certificate for the Pub restaurant. Thank you to everybody who participated in this annual, fun PLPOA event!

[John Kruse](#)

## **Information on County 9 Road Construction**

(Reprints of earlier notices)

[April 6, 2017 Overall review of project](#)

[April 1, 2017 Clarification of mail boxes](#)

[March 31, 2017 Mail deliveries and private utilities](#)

Please direct questions to [Jim Beckstrom](#) or [Gary Lawrence](#)



### **PGOLID 2017 Tree Program**

There are still some trees left to order for the tree program. The cost is \$15/tree and that includes delivery and planting! Please visit our Tree Program Web Page to learn more about the program and use our online web order form: <http://pgolid.org/programs/trees>. Orders are due by April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Moriya Rufer, [moriya.rufer@rmbel.info](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info), 218-846-1465.

### **PGOLID Water Quality Monitoring Program**

PGOLID and their Lake Coordinator are keeping an eye on the PGOLID Lakes. They monitor lake water quality, stream inlet and outlet water quality, zebra mussel densities, and invasive species every year.

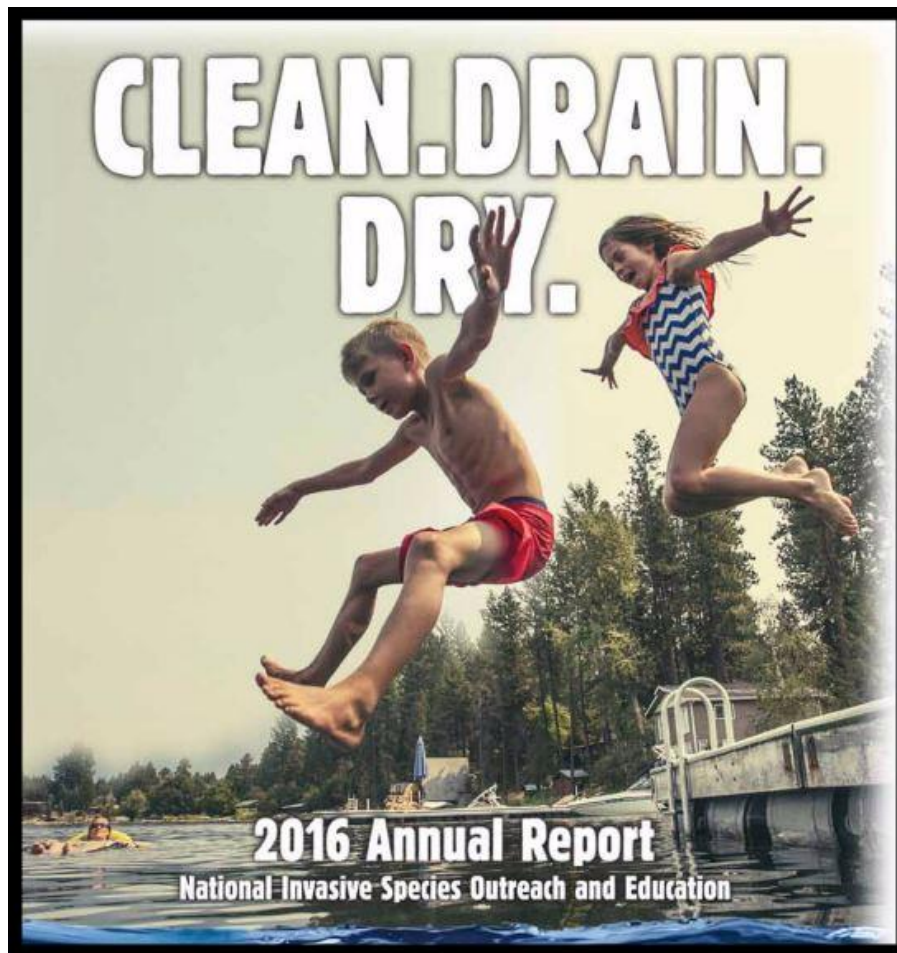
- Specifically, the lakes and streams are monitored monthly throughout the summer. To see more details about this program visit <http://pgolid.org/programs/wq>.
- Zebra mussel veligers (the microscopic larvae) are monitored every month to track their densities and learn when the risk is highest for spread.
- Curly-leaf pondweed is documented annually in May and treated with herbicide toward the end of May to keep the population in check.
- Flowering rush is hand-pulled from the Pelican River near Buck's Mill

and Buck Lake, upstream from Little Pelican Lake, every summer to prevent it's spread down into PGOLID lakes.

- Starry stonewort is checked for monthly at the two Pelican Lake accesses. This invasive algae is not present in PGOLID Lakes currently, but we are continually on the lookout for it.
- To see the reports on our AIS programs, visit <http://pgolid.org/programs/ais>
- Algae blooms are monitored and identified to make sure they are not harmful.

If you have any questions about the PGOLID Monitoring Program, please contact their Lake Coordinator, Moriya Rufer, 218-846-1465, [moriya.rufer@rmbel.info](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info).

For more information on the Pelican Group Of Lakes Improvement District visit the PGOLID [WEBSITE](#).



## **New Report Spotlights National Invasive Species Campaign**

Brooklyn Center, MN - Wildlife Forever is proud to announce the release of the Clean Drain Dry Initiative™ annual accomplishment report. Working in tandem with state and federal agencies, local governments, universities,

lake associations and the outdoor industry, national invasive species prevention messaging generated over 130 million outreach impressions.

"This report showcases the benefit of partnerships in tackling our nation's conservation challenges. From access to boating and fishing to providing safe drinking water, invasive species threaten our natural resources, the cornerstone of our economy," said Pat Conzemius, Conservation Director for Wildlife Forever.

Through a variety of media outlets, including television, radio, print, highway billboards and others, the Initiative empowers consistent messaging through proven and nationally adopted Clean Drain Dry best management practices. Cutting edge graphics, award winning videos and numerous marketing resources, allow partners from across the country to benefit from coordinated campaign.

In America, over 140 billion dollars are lost each year due to the impacts of invasive species. Prevention remains the most cost effective means for management generating an estimated \$34 in savings per \$1 invested. The spread of invasive species is preventable and with new and emerging technologies being developed, now is the time to partner and defend our critical natural resources.

Since 2006, Wildlife Forever and partners have worked together educating the outdoor public to change their behavior to stop the spread of invasive species. Effective marketing of Clean Drain Dry instills a conservation ethic all outdoor enthusiasts can follow. View the report [HERE](#)

The [Clean Drain Dry Initiative](#) is a national campaign to educate outdoor recreational users on how to prevent the spread of invasive species. Coordinated invasive species messaging focuses on strategic content, marketing communications and outreach tools on how to prevent. To learn how you can participate or sponsor, contact: Pat Conzemius: [PConzemius@WildlifeForever.org](mailto:PConzemius@WildlifeForever.org) or visit [www.CleanDrainDry.org](http://www.CleanDrainDry.org)

Wildlife Forever (WF): Wildlife Forever's mission is to conserve America's wildlife heritage through conservation education, preservation of habitat and management of fish and wildlife. For 30 years, WF members have helped to conduct thousands of fish, game and habitat conservation projects across the country. To join and learn more about the award-winning programs, including work to engage America's youth, visit [www.WildlifeForever.org](http://www.WildlifeForever.org).

## Join the PLPOA Team

The PLPOA Nominations Committee is seeking out PLPOA Members to join the Board of Directors. The Pelican group of lakes association is

highly respected not only in Otter Tail County but also across all of Minnesota for its dedicated participation of its members and responsible stewardship of lakes. If you are interested in helping PLPOA run effectively and efficiently please contact [Julie Freiderichs](#), Nominations Chairperson. 218-532-2911



## 2017 Pelican Lake Sailing School schedule

Hope you're all having a good winter. Progress is happening behind the scenes lining up equipment and training of instructors. Signups have already begun, so if you want a specific time slot for your child or grandchild, let us know as some sessions fill up early. For more questions or information go to our website <http://plyc.info/school.html> or contact Jeff Peltier [peltier@plyc.info](mailto:peltier@plyc.info) or 701-238-6270.

Below is the schedule. Once you have confirmed there is room in a session, you can go online to pay at <http://plyc.info/school.html>

The Schedule for the 2017 season: (conditional of participation and weather).

Cost of all sessions is \$150/ Person:

1. June 26-29 (Mon-Thu), July 3,5,6,7 (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri) 9:00am to 11:30am
2. July 3,5,6,7 (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri), July 10-13 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm
3. July 10-13 (Mon-Thu), July 17-20(Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am

Thanks,

[Jeff Peltier](#)

PLSS Chairman



**April 22nd, Koronis/Greater Lake Sylvania**

## **Starry Stonewort Summit- St Cloud, MN**

Lake Koronis and Greater Lake Sylvia are both infested with starry stonewort, a new micro alga that can have profound negative impacts on both lake health and lake utility. They are holding this Summit, with Guest Speaker Dr. John Rogers, Clemson University, to provide other lake associations with the best information on starry stonewort, how to prevent it from entering a lake, how to identify it, and what might be done after the fact IF it becomes established.

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[\*\*Jeff Forester MLR\*\*](#)

## **Zebra Mussels Are Still Harming Lake Erie**

Great Outdoors register writer John Hageman 04/02/17

Over the past several years, I have frequently heard fishermen express relief about how well Zebra mussels cleaned up the lake - and happiness that the problem with them has gone away.

Unfortunately, both observations are inaccurate.

While it is true that protective coatings and chemical treatments have diminished their impacts to water intake pipes, boat bottoms and outdrives, the Great Lakes ecosystem has been permanently changed.

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## **Missed a past issue of the PLPOA E-Newsletter?**

Find past issues of the PLPOA E-Newsletter on the [\*\*PLPOA Website\*\*](#)

They are located on the [\*\*NEWS\*\*](#) page.

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COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS**





## Living on the Edge Workshop



**Key Speaker: Steve Woods,**  
Executive Director of the  
Freshwater Society

"Woods has an engineering and  
water policy background and  
worked at the Minnesota Board

of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) since 1999,  
most recently as its assistant director. He has  
been involved with water conservation and  
pollution prevention, and is familiar with the  
condition of Minnesota's groundwater,  
wetlands, lakes, and rivers" - Star Tribune

OTC COLA is one of the sponsors for the Living on the Edge Workshop Saturday, May 6th at Thumper Pond Resort in Ottertail, MN. The workshop will focus on the nature around and on your lakeshore property. Featured speakers include Steve Woods, Executive Director of the Fresh Water Society and Babe Winkelman, outdoors expert.

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PLPOA is a Member of OTC COLA. PLPOA Members serve on the OTC COLA Board of Directors and provide administrative support for the organization.

To learn more about OTC COLA visit the [OTC COLA](#) website There you can sign up for the monthly E-Newsletter and get more information about OTC COLA. You are also welcome to attend monthly Member meetings held during the summer months.

[John Kruse](#)



*"I once thought I had a pretty firm involvement in the outdoors but it soon became apparent that I had been more of a user than a contributor to the outdoor experience"*

**Babe Winkelman, Outdoors Expert**

As the host of "Good Fishing" and "Outdoor Secrets," Babe has succeeded in fulfilling his dream of being self-employed in the outdoors industry through a combination of hard work, good business instincts, and a gift for communicating his love of hunting and fishing.

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman