



PELICAN LAKE
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Dave Majkzrak & Rocky Swanson
At the spring meeting May 30th, outgoing PLPOA President Dave Majkzrak (Midland Beach) was presented a unique plaque along with many thanks for his two years of service as PLPOA president.



THE PELICAN BRIEF

A summer newsletter for the residents of Pelican Lake, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes • July 2008



Join Your Neighbors!

We're going for a record this year. Membership in the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association has never topped 834. But according to longtime membership chair Helen DeHollander, 2008 could be the record breaker.

As of June 1, more than 800 property owners had sent in their \$45 annual dues, and beach captains were just beginning to make their rounds encouraging those who haven't yet joined to pay up. With approximately a thousand homes on our member lakes

(Pelican, Little Pelican, Bass and Fish lakes) the potential is there to set a new record this year. Membership checks should be made to PLPOA and mailed to P.O. Box 1782, Detroit Lakes MN 56502.

As the saying goes, membership has its privileges. In addition to the newsletters, phone directories, 4th of July activities, and oversight by the board to keep our lakes clean and safe, one of the privileges is attendance at the PLPOA Annual Meeting and Breakfast, this year to be held August 2nd at Fair

Hills Resort. The fabulous breakfast beginning at 9:30AM is free to PLPOA members and precedes the 10:30 meeting. You will receive a postcard a few weeks prior to the breakfast meeting asking you to RSVP.

By the way, every Tuesday evening Fair Hills has dinner and a Hootenanny for anyone on the lake who'd like to come. Call 532-2222 for details and reservations. And Fair Hills is offering weekend carry out food service this summer. Call 532-5031 to place an order.

Independence Day July 4th

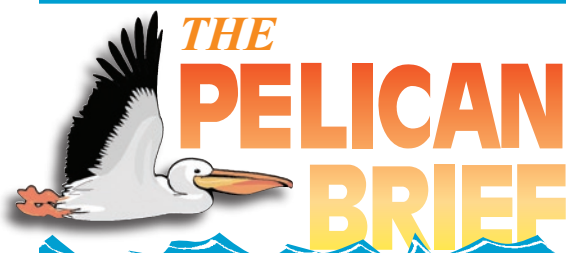
The annual boat parade, led this year by Pelican's classic speedboats, will kick off at the Yacht Club dock on Pelican Lake at 10AM on Friday, July 4th, moving clockwise around the lake.

The theme for this year's parade is *My Favorite TV Show*. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated pontoon. All boats competing must pre-register and have a number affixed to their craft. (Call Skip Duemeland, 532-5601 or Lance Johnson, 532-2339 for further information.) Parade participants will be treated to a picnic lunch at the Yacht Club at the conclusion of the parade.

And don't forget:

- 10:30 PM Fireworks near Fair Hills Resort. Come by boat or car.
- Turn your radios to 104.1 FM for music that coordinates with the fireworks

- No littering and no fireworks of your own on the water or in the parking area



The Pelican Brief is published during the summer months by a team of volunteers including: Editor Claudia Danovic (Liberty Beach), Doris Clyne (Broadwater Beach), Jeff Peltier (Broadwater Beach), and Sandy Ostbye (Broadwater Beach). If you have comments or would like to submit a story idea or photo, please contact the editor at danovic1@aol.com or call 218.532.7209.

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MIDSUMMER 2008 • Calendar of Events

June 28	10:30 am	Water Safety Class (Cormorant Hall)
June 30	9:00 am	PLSS Sailing Session 1 (peltier@plyc.info)
July 4	10:00 am	Boat Parade
	1:00 pm	Sailboat Race
	dusk	Fireworks Show
July 14	9:00 am	PLSS Sailing Session 2 (peltier@plyc.info)
July 24	7:30 pm	Cormorant Talent Show (Cormorant Hall)
July 26-27	9:00 am	PLYC Wallwork Regatta
Aug 2	8:00 am	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills)
	9:30 am	PLPOA Member Breakfast
	10:30 am	PLPOA Annual Meeting
Aug 16	8:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)
Aug 22	4:00 pm	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills)
	5:30 pm	Social for PLPOA Lake Volunteers
	6:30 pm	Appreciation for PLPOA Lake Volunteers
Sept 27	8:00 am	PGOLID meeting (Cormorant Hall)



Helen DeHollander
PLPOA Membership Chair

Membership has its privileges!
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President's Pen



by Rocky Swanson
PLPOA President

Happy 75th birthday to the PLPOA! Our original articles of incorporation are dated March 24, 1933. Just think of the changes that have taken place to the four lakes in the past 75 years. In just the last 10 years the lakes scene has changed dramatically. I wonder what the lakes will look like 75 years from now?

Hopefully, mosquito swatting and avoidance has not been too much of a problem so far this spring. With the wet, cold weather and lack of sunshine May and early June, the little pests have been under control so far. Thank you to the PGOLID for funding mosquito spraying. As a result, none of your PLPOA dues need to be spent for this purpose.

The current issue of the Pelican directory should be in your hands by now. If you haven't received your copy and your dues are paid for the current year, please contact your beach captain. Thank you to Aldie Kelsven

(Cha Rosa Beach) who has worked tirelessly to make this year's directory a reality--looks great and contains a lot of useful information! Thank you also to the beach majors and captains who contact all the property owners to get the correct listings each year.

Enjoy the July 4th festivities with your family and friends.

Lost & Found

If you lose something on the lake this summer or if an item floats up to your dock that you think the owner would like returned, please go to the Pelican Lake website to post the item.

www.pelicanlakemn.org
(If you don't have web access, call Jeff Peltier 532-3388.)

Together we can help each other have an enjoyable summer.

Water Quality Concerns

The water quality of Pelican Lake is being negatively affected by cattle waste runoff after heavy rains. Discussion of the problem was one of the topics of the PLPOA Spring Meeting May 30th.

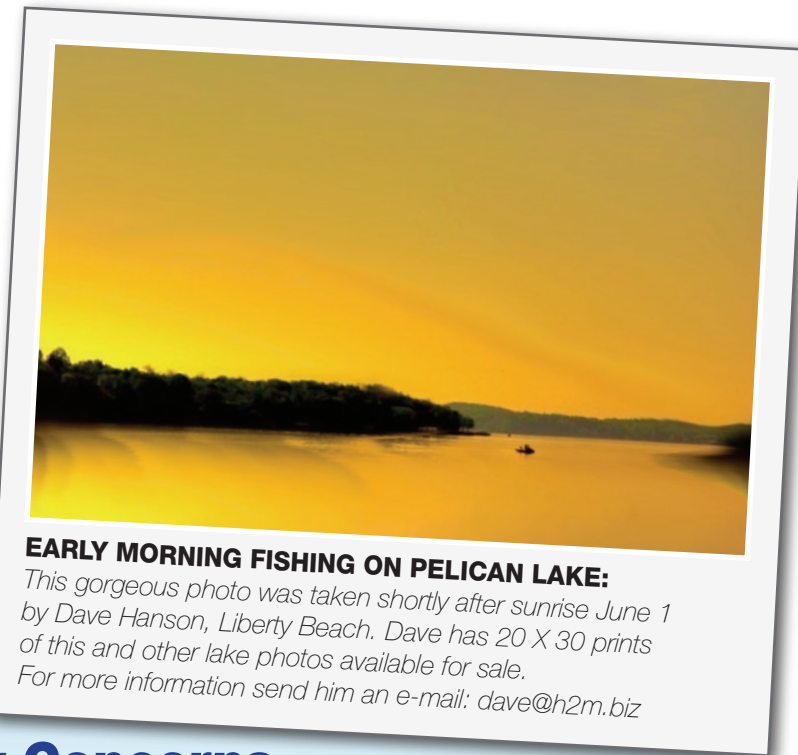
The PLPOA and PGOLID have been concerned for a number of years about the water quality in Bob Creek which flows from Burton Lake to Pelican Lake, passing through a large animal feeding operation where up to 800 cow/calf pairs have immediate access to the wetlands and a portion of Bob Creek.

Water quality testing found elevated levels of fecal coliform bacteria concentrations where Bob Creek empties into Pelican Lake. The fecal coliform levels have reached the EPA standards on at least four reported samplings and exceeded the standards at least once. Typically the bacteria colonies are more evident within a day or two after significant rainfall. Until the problem is resolved, PLPOA members near the Bob Creek inlet on the west end of Pelican Lake are advised not to swim near the Bob Creek outlet within a few days after a heavy rain.

PLPOA legal counsel, Tami Norgard with the Vogel Law Firm, has been in contact with Mike Lewis and his brothers, who own the cattle operation. PLPOA is interested in working with the landowner to, among other things, implement better animal management operations, such as increased vegetation in the well-traveled pasture areas near the water resources. The trampled areas do not perform as natural filters and buffers from manure products entering Bob Creek after heavy rain. Despite PLPOA efforts to date, the Lewis farm owners have provided very little interest in PLPOA's offers. The PLPOA board intends to continue to push forward on this issue.

They're Here! The new phonebooks and maps are here.

The new Pelican Lake telephone directory is out. Eleven hundred directories have been printed and are being distributed. All lake residents who have paid their PLPOA dues will receive a book, as will the 90 businesses which have purchased advertising in it.



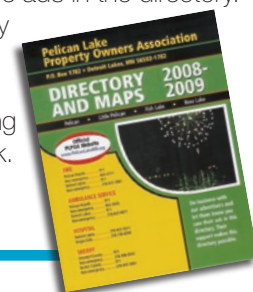
EARLY MORNING FISHING ON PELICAN LAKE:

This gorgeous photo was taken shortly after sunrise June 1 by Dave Hanson, Liberty Beach. Dave has 20 X 30 prints of this and other lake photos available for sale. For more information send him an e-mail: dave@h2m.biz

Lots of teamwork is required to get this annual book of updated phone numbers and maps to residents. The PLPOA counts on its 56 beach majors and captains to distribute them. If you have not received your book yet, call your beach captain. If you don't know who that is, ask a neighbor

or check the web site at www.pelicanlakemn.org.

The PLPOA encourages you to do business with those who have ads in the directory. They pay most of the cost of printing the book.



Ships Ahoy!

When you're sitting out on the dock enjoying the sailboat races Sunday mornings this summer, you may notice something new. Sailboats belonging to Pelican Lake Yacht Club members are sporting a new burgee (known as a flag to non-sailors!)

Flying the new burgee for the first time, fourteen Pelican Lake Yacht Club members went sailing this winter in the Virgin Islands. The group chartered three boats the first week of February and sailed around the islands.

All three boats proudly flew the Pelican Lake Yacht Club burgee.



The new design uses colors and shapes important to burgee criteria while incorporating the map of Pelican Lake, making for a handsome and practical design.



The biggest sailboat race of the season on Pelican Lake is the Wallwork Regatta, scheduled for July 26th and 27th this year. Even if you don't know much about the races, it's fun to watch from the shoreline with a cup of coffee and a plate of donuts. Most Sunday sailboat races start at 11:00 am, but the Wallwork Regatta begins at 9:00 am.

America's Got Talent!

So Does Cormorant Village

Put this on your summer calendar: The Cormorant Community Center presents its 4th Annual Hidden Talent Show on Thursday, July 24th at 7:30. This is fun event, organized by a committee which includes lake residents Gerry and Doris Haukebo (Liberty Beach)

and Les and Jan Wahl (Pelican Point), and emceed by Doris Clyne (Broadwater Beach). The Community Center was packed for last year's show. For ticket reservations call Kelly at 532-2958.

The Community Center has two more programs scheduled:

- August 23rd at 7:30 Folk and dance music by a Norwegian group from Duluth called *Nordic Angst*.
- September 12th at 7:00 Red Johnson and the Midwest Country Band will entertain.

For more info call the Haukebos at 532-2859.

Fighting Fires

The Pelican Rapids Fire Department moved into its new building a few months ago. Located across the street from the old location on South Broadway, the new building was a necessity, according to Fire Chief Trevor Steeves.

The new space, nearly triple the size of the old one, houses eight fire trucks, a rescue snowmobile sled and other fire-fighting equipment. It also has training areas and space that could be used for emergency services with special telephone lines, a radio system and internet service.

The Pelican Rapids fire department is a volunteer crew of five men and serves not only our lakes but the towns of Pelican Rapids, Erhard and nine area townships.



photo courtesy of Pelican Press

TOP SIX summer reads

Here is a sample of books guaranteed to grab and keep your attention while you enjoy your time at the lake this summer.

1 Bad Luck & Trouble by Lee Childs. (Fiction) Part of a series featuring Jack Reacher, a West Point graduate who goes off on his own after serving in the army. Childs specializes in brilliantly constructed plots with lots of surprises.

2 The Debutante Divorcee by Plum Sykes. (Fiction) Definitive "Beach Read" of the summer. This is the follow-up book to *Bergdorf Blondes*. Meet Sylvie Morimer whose world is filled with fashion, friends and fabulousness. This promises to be just plain fun.

3 No Good Deeds by Laura Lippman. (Fiction) The author was a newspaper reporter for 20 years and has created character Tess Monaghan who has been the heroine of many of her books and is a reporter as well. In this novel, Tess gets involved in the unsolved murder of a young federal prosecutor.

4 Heat by Bill Buford. (Nonfiction) Part memoir, part biography, and part tutorial, this book includes high-end restaurant gossip and kitchen secrets. Chef Mario Batali is the inspiration for this book's concept.

5 Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee by Charles J. Shields. (Nonfiction) Fascinating story about the colorful life of Harper Lee, a remarkable woman who gave us two of American Literature's most unforgettable creatures—Atticus Finch and his daughter, Scout.

6 Manhunt by James L. Swanson. (Nonfiction) The most thrilling true crime story never before told: the breathtaking 12-day hunt and capture of President Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Cormorant Town Hall April 19, 2008

Directors present: Ostbye, Manuel, Peltier, Stueness, Uglem, Duemeland by telephone
Directors absent: Tollefson, Jenkins, Wheeler
Also present: Moriya McGovern-Rufer, Lake Coordinator and Rocky Swenson, PLPOA President

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Stueness moved, Peltier seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Peltier moved, Duemeland seconded the approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Manuel presented the most recent financial information. The 2007 financial report was reviewed. Duemeland moved, Stueness seconded the approval of the report. Motion carried unanimously. Manuel also reported the submission of the 2006 report to the state auditor. The 2008 budget as approved by the membership at the annual meeting was also reviewed briefly.

McGovern-Rufer reported on the following:

- *There are no major changes with respect to the Lake Management Plan and it is posted on our Website.
- *2008 water quality monitoring plan reviewed
- *Explained a shoreline restoration program available with financial assistance from the DNR
- *Summer educational opportunities include programs on septic systems and shoreline management
- *Advised of the receipt of DNR monies to increase the landing inspection funding and provide Educational opportunities regarding invasive species. Uglem moved, Stueness seconded to Approve the receipt of the DNR grant.
- *Requested the approval of the Board to send a letter to the DNR regarding our concern with the Proliferation of flowering rush. Approval granted.

Peltier moved, Stueness seconded the acceptance of the lake coordinators report. Motion carried.

Board members whose terms expire include Brent Jenkins, Fred Manuel and Jeff Peltier. Peltier expressed his intent to run for re-election. Manuel has served for the maximum number of terms. Jenkins, being absent, will be contacted by Duemeland to determine his intentions. Duemeland informed the board of the possibility of his early resignation from the board. He will keep the board informed.

Duemeland moved, Stueness seconded the approval of the contract for the treatment of curly leaf pondweed. Motion carried.

Peltier reported working on the Fish Lake Dam issues with the DNR.

Tollefson's buoy report was accepted.

Ostbye reported contact from another Lake Improvement District and expressed a desire to increase communications with other LID's from across the state. He also will follow-up with Cormorant and Lake Ida regarding a possible agreement as to water levels.

The PGOLID meeting was recessed. The Mosquito Abatement meeting was convened. Stueness reported the receipt of a three year contract proposal limiting any cost increase to 5% during the 2009, 2010, and

2011 seasons. In view of the lack of bidders for the spraying contract and the volatility of the fuel and chemical markets, it appeared prudent to enter into the three year agreement with Clarke Mosquito Control. Peltier moved, Manuel seconded the approval of the contract. Duemeland abstained from voting. Peltier, Uglem, Stueness, Ostbye and Manuel voted yes. Motion carried.

Tent caterpillars will be sprayed for if necessary by Dean Solum. Stueness, McGovern-Rufer and Solum will determine when and how to spray as necessary. Meeting was adjourned.

PGOLID reconvened. Fireworks will be held July 4th and the area will be sprayed for mosquitoes at a cost of \$375. The cost will be covered by PGOLID.

The next meeting will be May 31, 2008 at 8:00am at the Cormorant Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonal Uglem, Acting Secretary