

TULABY LAKE TIMES

The Newsletter of the Tulaby Lake Association

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Tulaby's Loon Family!

Tulaby Trivia!

1. How many of our property owners come from other states?
2. Who travels the farthest?
3. Who are the new owners of Tulaby Lake Inn?
4. Who are the Grand Marshals of the 4th of July Parade?
5. How many members of the lake association did we have at the end of last year?
6. What is the crappie limit?
7. Who is the President of our association?
8. How much are our annual association dues?
9. Who puts out the loon nest each year?
10. When is the next meeting the Tulaby Lake Association?

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President's Corner

Spring Greetings from our President!

Boy, this winter sure seems to be dragging on and on. The weatherman is predicting some warmer temperatures for next week, so hopefully we will see some sunshine and now melt. Soon the song birds and the snowbirds will be returning. This is always a good sign....pretty birds and fond friends coming back. I hope you had a good winter and you are enjoying good health.

Betty and Duane Arens are the new owners of the Tulaby Lake Inn. Stop in and introduce yourselves. Let's all support them. Having a small store close at hand is pretty convenient.

We have had nice snow cover this winter so outside activities have been good, that is if you can take the cold temperatures. I don't know of any serious snowmobile incidents or accidents in the Tulaby Lake area this winter, so hopefully, people are being careful and enjoying our trails. Talking with a friend at Tulaby there seems to be less snowmobile activity; maybe the area cost of gasoline has something to do with that.

Summer is right around the corner. Let's all be careful and courteous with our outdoor activities. Offer a helping hand. You will make a lot of new friends.

With summer comes normal activities, membership meetings, potluck picnics, and roadside pickups. Come out and get involved. We are always looking for new ideas and enthusiasm. I saw some grandparents and grandchildren participating in the trash pickup. What a wonderful way to show and teach responsibility.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy God's given outdoor gifts. The first meeting of the Lake Association is May 17th. Please try to come.

Ron Wasfaret, Tulaby Lake Association President

Treasurer's Report from Wally Pfeiffer:

As of March 11, 2008, we have \$4,804.51 in our treasury. All bills are paid as of this date and we have three members who have not paid for their lights. Dues remain at \$20 and are trickling in slowly. I will have the final report for you at the May meeting. You can save your association money if you would send in your dues and light payments without me having to send duplicate and triplicate notices.

I signed a new rearing pond agreement in March. We will again donate \$300 to this project with the DNR.

Lastly, if your address or telephone number changes during the year, please contact our secretary, Virginia Cundiff or myself so we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you!



Walleye Stocking Report

On November 8, Wally Pfeiffer received the stocking report and a thank you from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for our participation in paying for three rearing ponds.

We received:

61 adult walleye (122 pounds)
2,075 fingerlings (323 pounds)
388 yearlings (117 pounds)

Total: 2,524 fish (562 pounds)

Ramblings From Your Secretary Virginia Cundiff

One evening while my husband Corky was patrolling his 'beat' he noticed a large group of cars parked in the driveway and on the highway (US 71 City Route) at the residence of C.N. and Juliana Calhoun. He wondered if something was wrong at their home and made a stop to inquire. Juli was entertaining her Eastern Star friends with an outdoor fish fry on their patio. Cory was invited to stay and for the first time he tasted the delicious walleye fish. He came home and couldn't quit talking about how wonderful that fish was. Several months later Corky and I and our children were invited for supper and we go to taste walleye. It was wonderful...even the kids relished it. Juli was a wonderful cook.

The following May...for fishing opening they invited Corky and me to come to Tulaby with them and we had a marvelous time staying at the Balsam Beach Resort catching and eating an abundance of fish and meeting a resort full of good people. This was in 1958. We came with them again in 1959 and then our children wanted to come, too, so we booked two weeks in August and this began our love affair with Tulaby Lake in northern Becker county, east of Waubun, Minnesota.

You had to book a year ahead of time to get into Balsam Beach. Hap and Mary Peterson were wonderful people who made you feel at home and the cabin was yours for \$35.00 a week. We got our water from the flowing well. Electricity was a bare light bulb hanging from the ceiling in each room and the biffie was, of course, outdoors. Between the double biffies was a woodpile and you gathered your own wood for the heating stove, which was a barrel. The cooking stove was a small four-burner propane and nothing was fancy by any means. Our cabin was #7 and had a balcony and the kids and their friends loved to put on shows or 'acts' and everyone has a great time.

Evenings were full of guys relating their fish stories of the day. Moms gathered at the tables for cards. Kids migrated to the porch for games and ghost stories. The lodge had a beer bar that was usually lined with the fisherman but the small bar was where Mary and Ethel Williamson served burgers and other sandwiches.

There were eight couples from St. Joseph that came year after year and August was like old home week. Hap was the first one up and made sure the boats were ready and the last one in bed to get those old heavy boats up on the big old wooden dock. My, he was a strong man. He and Corky became great friends and even after they sold the resort we were invited to stay in their basement as long as we wanted. The kids loved the beg old fireplace, Hoard's point, the trails, the Peterson grandsons and all the things kids think up to do to have fun in their own world of adventure.

Ever since 1958 we have come to Tulaby at least once a year, sometimes three times, us in the spring and the kids in August. When Corky retired in 1986 we knew we wanted to retire to for the summers. We found a place to rent on McCraney Lake and found our current property and moved into it in June 1990. The air is pure, the water clean and clear, and the people were so friendly what more could you ask?

Last year I heard a visitor to our lake say, "TULABY LAKE IS A DYING LAKE." I didn't like that statement. Why would a renter of a cabin make a derogatory remark? Who does he think he is? He blows in and out like the wind...catching our fish, brings his family and they catch our fish, brings in his paying customers and they catch and take our fish out...but Tulaby is a dying lake. I want to thank Danny Pinske for doing some research and sending me some information that made me 'simmer' down. I share this with you:

Lake aging is the natural process by which a lake fills in over geologic time with erosional materials carried in by tributary streams with materials deposited directly through the air, and with materials produced in the lake itself. Eutrophication is the process of increased nutrient input to a lake or the natural supply. This increased lake fertilization usually results in an increase in the biological production that occurs in the lake. Although the increase production may increase the rate of lake filling, it is incorrect to define this as lake aging. Rather, a lake dies when it no longer exists and is filled in. Lake filling results both from production that occurs in the lake, which may increase with eutrophication, and from organic and inorganic material deposited from outside the lake, which has no relationship with lake eutrophication. Things that can cause a lake to die include nutrient input, no activity in the watershed, land use, wrong fertilizers, faulty septic, washing in or near the lake, shore erosion, dumping, burning leaves in or near the lake and feeding ducks. I am hopeful that Tulaby will never die in my lifetime but we should practice good things for Tulaby so our children can enjoy it as much as we do.

Association Officers and Terms:

The following is a list of Tulaby Lake Association Officers and when their terms of service expire.

Expiring in 2008:

- Wally Pfeiffer – Treasurer (734-2219)
- Connie Soch – Board Member (734-2228)
soch@eot.com
- John Bowers—Vice President (734-2445)
jbowers@arvig.net; jbowers@sentco.net

Expiring in 2009:

- Barry Gunderson – Board Member (734-2452)
Bgundo24@aol.com
- Dan Pinske – Board Member (734-2542)
drgrain@arvig.net
- Les Trnka – Board Member (734-2393)
trnkarea@arvig.net

Expiring in 2010:

- Ron Wasfaret –President (734-2532)
- Virginia Cundiff – Secretary (734-2383)
ccundiff@arvig.net; ccundiff@stjoelive.com
- Mary Barsness – Board Member (734-2445)
mcbars@aol.com



Proposed 'Grant-in-Aid' ATV Trail

By John Bowers, Vice President,
Tulaby Lake Association

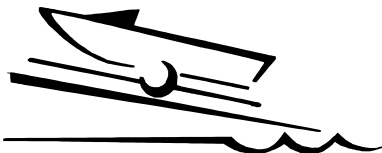
During the first part of March, the Chairperson of the Eagle View Township Board called me about a proposed ATV trail that would run through Eagle View Township as well as along Tulaby Lake Drive. This trail would be sponsored with funds from a DNR Grant in Aid. The proposed trail would be open to any and all ATV's.

The Township asked from the Tulaby Lake Association to review this proposal and reply to the board. The secretary of our Board, Virginia Cundiff, polled the members of the Board and there was an unanimous vote to oppose any such trail. We then prepared a letter stating our opposition to any ATV trail that would involve Tulaby Lake Trail and Tulaby Lake Drive.

Ron Wasfaret, the President of the Lake Association, sent these letters to the Eagle View Township board as well as the Northwest Office of the DNR.

Tulaby Trivia Answers:

1. 35
2. Dr. Jean Austin
3. Betty and Duane Arens
4. Jerry and Ilene
5. 100
6. 10
7. Ron Wasfaret
8. \$20
9. Denny Jobs
10. May 17



Identifying Ticks:

Information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Website

The Gunderson Medical Foundation supplies 3 ½ X 2 inch, deer and wood tick identification cards. Included are color photos of the two ticks, figures showing actual sizes of the larva, nymph, female, and male deer ticks and Lyme disease information (exposure, precautions, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment).

If you would like to get an identification card or want more details, write or call:

Gunderson Medical Foundation
1838 South Ave
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
608-775-2651

Tell Us About Tulaby

Hello,

My name is Harriet Albertson and I am the widow of Dr. Kenneth S. Albertson who passed away in June 1997. Until his death and the sale of our home on the northeast shore of the lake, I called Tulaby my home for many years.

The Albertson family first became acquainted with Tulaby Lake in the late 1920s or early 1930s when Ken's dad and our Pastor Shuette were invited to the lake for great fishing. Apparently the word was good because soon after my father-in-law and Pastor Shuette purchased a lot south of what was then the The Modern Woodman of America (Insurance Co.) Lodge. There was only one cabin south of the Lodge and we were next. I don't know who built the cabin but it was constructed from timber on the lot. The cabin was rough but homey and sturdily built. Mrs. Albertson and Mrs. Shuette would bring their children (each had one daughter and three sons) every summer for a week or so at a time. The roads were bad and when they were muddy and the cars got stuck, the kids had to push.

Apparently the Shuette family moved away and the cabin became Albertson property. The Woodman Lodge became the Balsam Beach Resort owned and operated by Hap and Mary Peterson, now the home of Ken and Susan Baumann. The cabin is now the guest cabin of Bernie and Therese Pavek.

My first visit to the cabin was in 1941. Ken's sister and I were good friends and Ken and I started dating and married in 1944 in St. Louis. Ken got out of the Submarine Service in 1945 and returned to Crookston to join his father in the chiropractic office. He decided to set up his own business in Twin Valley and we were glad to be closer to the lake.

The cabin had been improved gradually through the years though it was still pretty plain but we enjoyed it. We got our water from the flowing well at Balsam Beach. We had no electricity and used an outdoor "biffie." We had a wooden boat but no motor. I remember Eggers Resort, Tulaby Lake Inn (which was a store, gas station and resort) and Tall Pines. The road around the lake was only a trail until the Civilian Conservation Corps. (CCC) came and widened it and added the iron bridge. The creek was impassable except when the lake was low and lumber was put across it. It was when Vic Gustafson owned Tall Pines when the south side of the lake became more developed.

When Ken decided to limit his chiropractic practice to two days a week, we bought a quarter mile of property long the northeast part of the lake. We picked the spot for our home, moved into the basement, sold the cabin and went up with the main floor when we had the time. Our home is now the property of Mike and Jan Syverson.

The hunting of deer and grouse was excellent and fishing was the best. The air was pure, the water clean and great for swimming.—Tulaby was just a super place to live. I have wonderful memories and I'd like to share them all but...

I am now living in Detroit Lakes in the summer and Lake Havasu in the winter and life is good. Come see me.

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Memories at Tulaby Lake

Coleen and David Mickelson, Twin Valley, Minnesota

My first memories of Tulaby Lake were when my family rented cabins at Tall Pines Resort in the early 1950s. The resort at that time was owned by Vic Gustafson. We enjoyed Tall Pines Resort mainly for the beautiful beach. At that time there were no boats; just the swimming beach and a beautiful view. The lodge was very rustic with a big stone fireplace and the food was always good.

In 1955 my folks, Kenny and Mildred Saker, bought a lot on the northwest side of Tulaby from Walter Hauser. George Bueng and Son's Construction from Twin Valley helped my father build the cabin that is still standing today, owned by Fred and Connie Soch. At that time, we have very few neighbors—to the east Walter Hauser and a cabin and to the west there were three other cabins between us and the Tulaby Lake Inn. Carrol and Bernice Arvig owned the cabin now owned by George Marx. West of the Tulaby Lake Inn there was one more cabin owned by Bud Chris Syverson and it is still owned by their family today. Other than that the area was mostly wooded lots as far east as the log cabin next to Kelly Skaurud's.

In the 1960s, Gisle Fevig owned the Evergreen Resort with cabins and camping sites. For quite a few years our family and neighbors from the Twin Valley area packed up our families on the weekends and camped here. Most weekends we typically fed 28 kids and 12 adults; all three meals were cooked over an open fire. There were no conveniences like today's camping trips—just tents and the blankets and pillows from the bed at home. Our children had lots of fond memories of those camping trips and the old inner tubes off the tractors from the farm were our only source of water entertainment since we had no boats.

They say what goes around comes around and in 1996 we had an opportunity to purchase our current cabin from Anna Martinson though it was originally owned by Walter Hauser in 1946. We purchased it the year after the tornado and needless to say the lot and cabin needed a lot of TLC. However, we worked hard and have never regretted making our second home on Tulaby Lake. Lots of good memories are being made by our children and grandchildren when they visit and we are only two cabins away from where I did the same as a young girl.

Asian Beetles

Oh my! What did we do to deserve them?

These aphid eaters were released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1916 to control pecan aphids that were destroying the tree foliage and production of pecan in California. They were first seen in Minnesota in 1995 and, by 2000, had dispersed throughout the state.

They love cracks, pockets and any place they can hide and reproduce. Unless they find aphids or soft bodied insects to eat, they are our nemesis!



The Joy of Butterflies and Hummingbirds

Butterflies go wherever they please and please wherever they go. They are messengers of nature, not only adding brilliance to their surroundings but also pollinating flowers and revealing the healthiness of our communities. Historically, butterflies have been ignored. Today, however, we are beginning to realize the many benefits of these smaller wildlife forms.

The role of butterflies is important in our natural world. They are pollinators and if our plants are not pollinated they will not produce seeds and fruit. A healthy community usually has a large number and wide array of butterfly species; a contaminated or altered community doesn't. They are very sensitive to pesticides and toxins.

Butterfly watching ranks high among outdoor pleasures, right alongside enjoying birds and wildflowers. They neither sting, bite nor transmit disease. We are urged to plant nectar sources and one of the best is the Trumpet Vine. If you are interested in a "butterfly garden" I have plans for one (as taken from a book by David Tylka) and recommended flowers to plant in the "garden."

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is a pleasure to watch. We sit on our porch with feeders on all sides and they buzz us and we enjoy them. The average hummingbird:

- Is three inches in length
- Weighs 1/8 pounds
- Beats its wings 75 times per second
- Flies up to 60 miles per hour
- Can live up to nine years

The female begins choosing where she will make her nest and starts building as soon as she arrives, usually 15 to 20 feet above ground. The nest will be the size of a walnut, built with lichen, spider webs and plant fluff. She will typically lay two white eggs no bigger than peanuts that hatch 12 to 14 days after being laid. The chicks will fly 18 to 20 days after hatching.

There is no bonding between male and female hummingbirds. They are together only for courtship and mating. When the female enters a breeding male's territory, he will begin a "dive display"—a U-shaped flight starting as high as 12 to 15 feet above the female. While this might be true, we've seen them lower at our feeder!

2008 Events Calendar

Be sure to mark your calendar with these important dates!

- May 10 – Fishing Opener!
- May 17 – Lake Association Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Firehall
- May 24 – Highway trash pick-up at 10 AM at the Firehall
- May 25 – First pancake breakfast 8 AM to 12 PM at the Firehall
- July 4 – Independence Day Boat Parade
- July 13 – Pancake breakfast 8 AM to 12 PM at the Firehall
- August 9 – Fireman's Pig Roast 2 PM to 5 PM
- August 30 – Highway trash pick-up at 10 AM at the Firehall
- August 30 – Lake Association Meeting at 12:30 PM at the Firehall (hot dogs, drinks, condiments provided)
- August 31 – Pancake Breakfast 8 AM to 12 PM

Thanks for your participation!