

# Tulaby Lake Association Newsletter

SPRING 2021

TULABY LAKE

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## Greetings from the Tulaby Lake Association

For those who enjoy a little winter at the end of April you've been lucky this year. However, **spring must be around the corner.**

Spring ignites an excitement and anticipation for seeing our lake neighbors and enjoying the lake and summer fun. Hopefully each of you have plans set for family and friends to be together at Tulaby. This year we've received notes with our membership registration commenting on how special Tulaby has been to their families. One long-time resident shared how blessed her family has been for the many years at Tulaby with their family and lake neighbors. The note included news that health concerns now prevent them from being here as often as in the past, yet included were wishes for those all those at Tulaby to truly treasure time at the lake. Wise words.



We are planning on holding the **Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 8th**, at the landing. No shared meal will be part of the event; it will be only to share the meeting minutes from last August and collect comments or concerns from attending members. At this time, we are planning on holding the **August Annual Meeting** and election of directors at the landing without a shared meal. At both meetings we ask that those attending practice social distancing. You may want to bring your own chair to sit on. Watch your email from any changes in plans.

We have also been informed that the **Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department has cancelled their Sunday Memorial weekend pancake breakfast.** However, they **are planning** on hosting their **Pig and Corn Roast on Saturday, August 14**, and the **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Sept 5, Labor Day weekend.**

Although we had all hoped the pandemic would be over by this time, it is still with us. We sincerely hope that COVID has not profoundly affected you or anyone you care about. Again, we understand everyone has different views on their responses to avoiding the transmission of the virus and this will be reflected in differing personal behaviors and expectations within interactions. Many returning to the lake will have been vaccinated; others will not. We ask that everyone has an awareness of this. Hopefully this summer will not be as challenging as last summer and that you will have more opportunity to be with others, host events, and experience less worry allowing you to have a wonderful summer. **We hope that this summer allows for as much enjoyment as possible.**

We want to **thank those who have sent in their membership dues** for 2021. We currently have about 80 paid memberships. If you know anyone who would like to become a member, please invite them to look at our website or contact any of the association directors. Please consider being a director on the board. Many individuals currently serving have been on the board many years and have commented that new faces would be great!

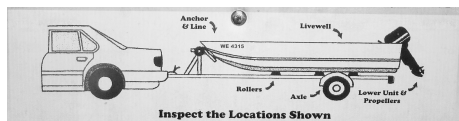
Don't forget to **like us on Facebook!** Your participation with our Facebook page is greatly appreciated.

You can visit the association website at **[www.tulabylakeassociation.org](http://www.tulabylakeassociation.org)**.



*Tulaby Lake Landing*

HELP  
STOP  
AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW YOUR LAKE  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

## Calendar of Events 2021

**Sat. May 8, 2021**

### Ditch Clean Up

9AM Meet at the Fire Hall  
Please consider helping for about an hour. Vests will be provided. Wear protective gloves.

**Sat. May 8, 2021**

### Membership Meeting

11:00AM at Tulaby Lake landing  
Social Distancing will be practiced

**Sat. May 15th**

### Season Openers

Walleye and Northern  
Large & Smallmouth Bass

**Mon. May 31 - Memorial Day**

**Saturday, July 4, 2021**

### Boat Parade

10:00AM Outlet Area (boats will travel from the outlet to the landing and around the lake) Decorate the left (port) side of your pontoon/boat.

**Sat, Aug 7, 2021**

### Membership Meeting

### Election of Directors

12:00PM Tulaby Lake Landing  
Social Distancing will be practiced

**Mon. Sept. 6 - Labor Day**

**Sat. Sept. 11, 2021**

### Ditch Clean Up

9:00AM meet at the Fire Hall

## Calendar of Events Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department

### Pig Roast

Saturday, August 14, 2021  
11:00AM - 2:00PM  
Watch for signs!  
Fire Hall

### Pancake Breakfast

Labor Day Weekend  
Sunday, Sept. 5, 2020  
8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Fire Hall

## March 2021 Ice Fishing Tournament

If you were at Tulaby in March you might have observed a unusually large number of people ice fishing on Tulaby Lake.

This event was the **2020 North American Ice Fishing Championship** (NAIFC). This is a two-day total weight tournament for eight crappies and eight blue gills. The tournament is usually held in December, but because of COVID it was delayed until March. NAIFC contracts with Pinehurst Resort to host the event. This is the fourth year of the event in our area. Each year two lakes are fished during this championship. Past lakes include South and North Twin Lakes, Bass, and Synder Lakes. This past tournament Tulaby and Roy Lakes were fished.

Normally about sixty two-person teams participate, however, because of the date change there were many that could not attend this March. This year there were 27 teams participating. Individuals came from Wisconsin, Montana, Illinois, Idaho, Nebraska, Michigan, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. Many came to the area prior to the tournament to drop their cameras below the ice and scout for fish. Pre-fishing is very limited, as the participants want there to be plenty of fish available on the tournament fishing day. Ben Baumann, Pinehurst Resort, guessed that 300 - 400 holes were drilled on Tulaby prior to the tournament.

Starting at 7AM on the day of the tournament the teams' equipment is inspected. At 7:30AM the teams are released unto the lake and fishing is allowed from 8AM to 2PM. Teams are allowed to drill as many holes in search of fish but the holes cannot be over 6" in diameter. During the day fishing is monitored to ensure the integrity of the results. Day 1 of this tournament was held on Roy Lake; day 2 on Tulaby. The winning team results - Day 1 5.61 pounds (biggest fish at .53#); Day 2 11.36 pounds (biggest fish at 1.36#).

More details about this annual event are on the NAIFC website. The next tournament is scheduled December 2021. The cost to participate is \$300. NAIFC rotates the lakes fished during this event. Baumann estimates it will be three years before this tournament could again be held on Tulaby Lake.



March 2021  
Photos from North American  
Ice Fishing Circuit Facebook Timeline

## Board of Directors

Association Board Member Roster  
The following is a list of Tulaby Lake  
Association Board members and their  
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### Board member Terms Ending in 2021:

Danny Pinske  
John Oncken  
Cathy Wambach

### Board member Terms Ending in 2022:

Karen Ahmann  
Lauri Pfeiffer  
Brian Ciak

### Board member Terms Ending in 2023:

Heather Arends  
Pat Adams  
Bryan Vidden

*Lake association members are always  
welcome to serve as a director. Each  
year actively look for new members.  
Please consider a three-year term. It's  
a great way to meet others.*

## Day Trip: Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

*Something for all ages*

Consider a day trip to the nearby Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, which is south of Tulaby Lake about 40 minutes. The 43,000-acre refuge offers access to over 250 species of birds and a variety of wildlife. The wildlife drive and visitor center area offer spectacular vistas of marshes, trees, and wildlife. There are activities available for children left for access even if the visitor center is closed. Plan to enjoy the many miles of hiking trails and historical sites. The 2.4 mile Old Indian Hiking Trail follows the footsteps of the Ojibwe people. A portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail crosses through the refuge. A landing on Tamarac Lake provides a great place to launch a boat, canoe or kayak. It is also a great place for picnic. Visit the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge website and then go visit the actual refuge! It is a treasure.



Fall colors at the  
refuge are breath taking.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION

*Your membership dues are used to continue lake water testing  
and monitoring, support and promote lake quality,  
lake stewardship, maintain partnerships  
with local and state organizations, fund fish stocking,  
and provide information to our membership and lake residents!*

Please send your annual 2020 membership **dues of \$25** to:

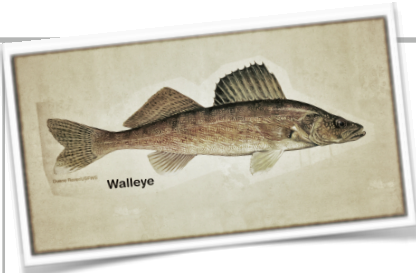
Tulaby Lake Association, Danny Pinske Treasurer  
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**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

**Pull all the plugs. Clean off aquatic plants.  
Drain water from bilge, live-wells, bait  
containers. Dry for 7 days or decontaminate.**  
-Mahnom County Soil & Water Conservation District



## STOCKING WALLEYE

Our lake association has a history of supporting walleye stocking in partnership with the Minnesota DNR and the Waubun Wildlife Club. The donations are used to support the costs of harvesting eggs, the rearing ponds, and the actual stocking.

The Waubun Wildlife Club stocks Tulaby Lake with six-inch fingerlings, which cost about a dollar each. Typically we have donated \$300 - \$500 annually to the Waubun Wildlife Club for annual fingerling stocking.

Over the years we have typically donated \$300 annually to the DNR for bi-annual fry stocking. In August 2019 the DNR made rearing pond changes, which meant fry for Tulaby Lake would need to come from Morris, which was too far a distance for the fry to survive. The DNR contracted with the White Earth Fisheries to stock walleye fry in Tulaby. This change was viewed as positive for Tulaby Lake.

The MN DNR stocks walleye in roughly 900 lakes in Minnesota. Stocking levels are adjusted up and down as necessary. The DNR works to find a level in each lake to increase or maintain healthy walleye populations.

According to the MN DNR website the last fish survey on Tulaby Lake was in 2016. Specific to walleye, the historical gill net catch for Walleye in Tulaby Lake has seen peaks in catch rates. The 2016 gill net catch of 25.1 fish per net was higher than those reported on all but the first (1959) survey, and above the long-term mean of 15.3 Walleyes per net. Captured Walleyes ranged from one to 12 years of age. Similar to the 2009 survey, age-3 Walleyes dominated the age frequency of sampled Walleye in 2016. These age-3 Walleyes correspond to a year when fingerling Walleye were stocked and averaged 14.8 inches in length at the time of capture in early August. The mean length of all sampled Walleyes was 15.4 inches and they ranged from 7.4 to 24.5 inches.

## Tulaby Lake Sustainable Lake Management Plan

### *Preliminary Planning*

Tulaby Lake Association will be facilitating the development of a sustainable Lake Management Plan in response to Tulaby Lake being identified as an impaired water.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, states are required to monitor and assess their waters to determine if they meet water quality standards and thereby support the beneficial uses they are intended to provide. Waters that do not meet their designated uses because of water quality standard violations are impaired.

As a resource, the MPCA has developed a process that lake associations can use to develop this plan. See the phases of the process below.

Several members and directors of the Tulaby Lake Association have indicated they are interested in helping with this process.

#### **Phase one:** Data collection

Much of this work has been done. The data needs to be pulled together from RMB Labs, MPCA, Counties, U of MN, DNR, and Tribal resources.

Data to be included

- Water shed data
- Shore land data (development, erosion, septic, lawn management, buffer strips, etc)
- Lake Basin information (water quality, vegetation, depth contours, high water levels)
- Lake use data (property owner survey)

#### **Phase Two:** Analysis of the data

#### **Phase Three:** Discussion of the findings

**Phase Four:** Create a sustainable lake management plan covering shore land development, lake uses, water management and quality.

#### **Resources:**

- Examples of lake management plans
- Outside consultants



If you have been out early spring on the trails or romping off-trail looking for mushrooms, you have seen these adorable delicate violet flowers called the **Rounded-lobed Hepatica**. They are one of first flowers to bloom in the spring. There are usually 6 petal-like sepals with numerous white stamens surrounding a green center. Leaves are up to 3 inches long and wide on a slender hairy stem. The leaves do not open until the flowers bloom.

As of April 22nd they have been sited in our area...already blooming. In the snow.

Herbal lore holds that American Indians used the leaves for a variety of ailments including cough, fevers and liver complaints. It was also used for treating convulsions, ringworm, breathing problems, and bruises. The Iroquois may have used the flower for fortune-telling. The Cherokee supposedly used it to induce vomiting to eliminate "bad snake dreams."