

Sentinel Fall/Winter 2006

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Merilee Meyers

Fall colors appeared early this summer due to continuing drought conditions. Contrary to expectations, the colors thus far have been beautiful, providing a lovely ending to a glorious summer!

The board was busy this spring developing a "Welcome to Long Lake" newcomers packet. Included in the packet is a welcome letter, a directory, past issues of the newsletter plus a gift certificate for one Norway pine transplant, available in the spring during the SWCD tree and shrub sale. We are trying to reach all new property owners by Halloween. If you have not heard from one of us, please call either myself at 586-3259 or Jay Johnson at 586-2605.

Recognizing that this year's annual meeting went too long, the board has had some discussion on possibly slightly changing the format of the meeting. We have not yet come up with any strong recommendations; we look forward to discussing possibilities next summer.

Our water quality continues to be one of the best in the county. It remains incumbent on all of us to maintain as much natural shoreline as possible to keep the soil onshore, pollutants out of the water and a healthy shoreline habitat for our frogs, birds, dragonflies, raccoons and other wildlife who struggle to co-exist with the human intruders.

The Holiday Kick-Off Party has been planned as a Progressive Dinner this year. This promises to be a delightful evening . . . much more fun to be "at home"! Details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please travel safely to wherever you may go and arrive back to "The Lake" next year refreshed in spirit and ready for another summer on Long Lake. My best wishes to you and yours for a Blessed and Joyful New Year. May 2007 bring peace to the world.

TID-BITS BY SANDY:

Weekly men's golf games at Blackduck were up and running this summer. If interested for next spring just call Denny Kaatz or Will Johnson. "Happy Hour" with the wives....in the pontoons.....tied together.....middle of the lake.....follows golf!!

Itzie and Becky Chakov spent two weeks in September visiting Itzie's two children and his grandchildren. One is in California and one in Utah. Becky said they had a "marvelous" time.

The night was chilly, just perfect for the Long Lake Annual Wiener Roast held at our firepit this year. Only about 35 people attended but there were two "new" families on the lake there. It was nice to get acquainted with them.

Funny sounds came out my kitchen window on September 11th. I wondered what the hell Will was doing. Finally I decided to go out and have a look. Here was a baby fox with his leg caught in our side deck. He was so little and so scared. Will threw a sheet over him to calm him down and tried to get his leg out. It didn't work. So, he then got the crow bar and pried up the boards and out came his leg. Diane Winter took some cute pictures of him as he hopped off into the woods. He stopped and looked back once as if to thank us!!!

Judge (Tom) Dawson is now retired from Lincoln, Nebraska so we'll get to see more of him and Jinx. In fact, we had a noisy "GO BIG RED" football party at their house when Nebraska got beat by USC.

A couple HUGE homes are going up on our lake and we are hoping all newcomers will follow the shoreline rules and keep our lake beautiful and clear. The lake is turning over and more and more young couples are moving in. Guess that means us "old folks" are dying off!!!!

Cranberry Court had their 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner on October 15th. We started with appetizers and drinks at Lynne Holt's this year and then proceeded to Will & Sandy Johnson's for salad and bread sticks. Becky and Itzie Chakov served the main course and then dessert was served at George and Diane Winter's. What a great time-----others should try it.

The Solheims bought a new speed boat this year and it has really had a good workout this year. Don't know who has more fun with it, the kids or Mike.

Dennis and Pat Grimes are building a new home at the south end of the lake. Their son will take over the old homestead.

And, last, but not least, Sonny Braaten was seen sporting a bandaged hand.....seems he didn't retire soon enough from his teaching "shop".

Have a great winter and I'll "talk" to you in the spring.

!!!LAKE DIRECTORY ALERT!!!

Hey, Long Lakers! Grab your Long Lake Association Directory 2005.

Our supply of directories is getting low and it will soon be time to update the directory.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! Please check your personal information in the directory. Are any corrections needed?! Is your lake address correct?! Additional information correct?!

For the new directory, I would like to add email addresses. I would also like you to note which address is the best for mailings from the Long Lake Association, for instance, the newsletter, special events, etc.

IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE CURRENT DIRECTORY, please send or email me the following info: name (& spouse), lake address, lake phone, home address (street, city, state, zip), home phone, email address. Also, let me know which address you prefer for mailings.

Please email to dplath@paulbunyan.net your corrections and/or additions, your PREFERRED mailing address, and your email address. Or send to: Diane Plath, 9843 Long Lake Dr NE, Bemidji, MN 56601-7616.

Thanks for taking time to help...your input is appreciated!

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P.S. I presently have emails for the following people: Awsumb, Beck, Braaten Jr, Carlson, Chakov, Dawson, Flann, Forte, Grimes, Holt, Hoyem, Hunt, Johnson (Jay), Johnson (Will), Kaatz, Larson (Wendy), Lee, Meyers, Olson (Myrle), Pick, Prevey (Paul), Riley, Roholt, Schwegman, Winter