



THE

PELICAN BRIEF

A summer newsletter for the residents of Pelican Lake, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes • August 2009



MissionSPACE

By Jim Prondzinski

Blue skies, warm temps, and a gentle breeze, made the perfect combination for this year's July 4th parade on beautiful Lake Pelican. There were more than 20 entries, beginning with the always popular classic boats followed by the parade entries each of which creatively exhibited the patriotic theme. Hundreds of spectators enthusiastically cheered as the participants circled the lake. It was evident that a lot of time and effort was spent decorating the entries so the competition was keen.

The Geston "Space Shuttle" float won top honors with the McDonough

"Statue of Liberty" entry placing second, and the Prondzinski/Tonsfeldt "Happy Birthday/America Takes the Cake" entry in third place. Special mention must be given to Tom Bastian. He decorated a small rowing shell with a statue of George Washington depicting Washington crossing the Delaware. Tom rowed about 14 miles of the parade and finished strong. An incredible feat!

The PLPOA is already planning next year's parade. We have put in an order for perfect weather for the parade and have assembled a great group of volunteers.

The Yacht Club has generously agreed to again host the picnic on their grounds. The theme for next year's parade will be **"Favorite Musical."**

We encourage all Pelican Lake residents to consider entering the parade either as a family, a group of friends, or making it a "beach" event. A wide range of creativity can be exhibited next year with many new and old musicals to choose from so begin thinking about participating!

If you have any comments or recommendations to improve the parade, contact Jim Prondzinski at 532-2066.

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THANKS ALL FOR A Holiday Success

from Nick Valentine,
Fireworks chairman

After a picture perfect day for the 4th, great for boating and outdoor barbeques and family gatherings, the sky remained clear as temperatures dropped into the 60s for the start of fireworks. The pre-show displays on shore and in the pasture turned parking lot across from Wildflower were numerous and impressive. The nearly full moon cooperated by staying low in the southeastern sky. Cars kept arriving at the parking lot even into the first few minutes of the display, perhaps encouraged by reports on radio station 104.1 that there was still plenty of room to park. All went off without a hitch thanks to the help of lake volunteers (and conscripted family members), the Pelican Rapids Fire Department, Otter Tail Sheriff's posse and others.



President's Pen



by **Rocky Swanson**
PLPOA President

It is now the end of July and we have had one good week of summer weather--hope you all enjoyed it! The Clean Up day on June 17th went well with Ballards picking up lots of "treasures" and other discarded items left by Association members.

The July 4th festivities around the Lake went very well and were also well attended. Thanks to all the boat parade participants who spent almost three hours on the lake, the parade organizers, the picnic cooking crew, the fireworks and parking lot members and the next morning's clean up crew. All of you who volunteered your time made this another successful year--THANK YOU.

Our membership is continuing to increase. For those of you that have not sent in your \$45.00 renewal, please do so today. Enjoy the remaining summer days at the lakes with family and friends.

**A very special
Thank You to
Vance Stueness
who has completed
six years of service
on the PGOLID
board.**

PELICAN LAKE YACHT ASSOCIATION

Come Sail Away With Me

By Jeff Peltier

PELICAN LAKE SAILING SCHOOL just completed its biggest year ever for youth sailing. The new boats, the "Open Bics," were a big hit with the students as they found them fun to sail and easy to right if tipped over. Instructors Medora Sletten and Reed Deardorff make sure it's both a fun and a learning experience with many planning to come back next year.



NEW INVASIVE SPECIES THREAT

Zebra Mussels

By Moriya Rufer, PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator

Zebra mussels are a newer threat to northwestern Minnesota. They used to only be established near Duluth; however, now they are now present in Lake Le Homme Dieu in Alexandria and Lake Mille Lacs. Zebra mussels are tricky to find when they are larvae, because they are not visible to the naked eye. The larvae can live in your live well if there is water there, and then spread into other lakes. Zebra mussels filter a quart of water each day, but they don't consume everything they take in. What they don't eat is combined with mucus as "pseudofeces" and discharged onto the lake bottom where it accumulates.



This substance is what clogs intakes and allows zebra mussels to attach themselves to nearly any surface, including live native mussels. Zebra mussels are ¼ to 1½ inches long and are D-shaped with alternating black and brown stripes.

Please be vigilant in the spread of aquatic invasive species. To limit the spread of these invasive animals, there are some precautions you can take. Inspect and remove all aquatic plants and animals from your boat, motor, and trailer each time you enter and leave a lake. Examine boat hulls, swimming platforms, docks, aquatic plants and other objects along shorelines of lakes, rivers, and streams for zebra mussels. Drain lake or river water from your livewell and bilge before leaving boat accesses. Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash – not the lake.



PGOLID has DNR interns posted at the lake accesses to randomly inspect boats entering and exiting the PGOLID lakes. To see the reports from these inspections from the past 2 years, visit: <http://www.pgolid.org/reports.html>.

For a full list of which lakes contain invasive species, visit the DNR infested waters list: <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infestedwaters.pdf>.

If you think you have found any invasive species in Pelican, Little Pelican, Bass or Fish lakes, please contact Moriya Rufer, PGOLID Water Resource Coordinator, 218-846-1465, lakes.rmbel@eot.com.

PELICAN LAKE WALLEYE FOUNDATION BOARD

Spring Classic Tournaments

By Barry Chouinard & Lisa Gibson

FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc held the 23rd annual Pelican Spring Classic Tournament on May 29th & 30th. FM Walleyes is a non-profit founded in 1977 to promote conservation, sportsmanship and education in respect to walleye fishing in the Fargo - Moorhead region. FMWU has made over \$150,000 in donations to DNR Fisheries for regional rearing pond leases and youth groups, installed public access docks and lighting. Currently we are over 300 members strong. Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND and are open to the public. Guest speakers often include professional and local experts from the walleye world. FMWU activities include monthly meetings, annual Dinner Dance, Pelican Spring Classic Walleye and Cormorant Fall Classic Tournaments, Devils Lake Angler Young Angler Youth Tournament, Kids Fishing University and monthly Club Outings held during the summer fishing season.

This year's Pelican Spring Classic Tournament was record setting. The combination of average size fish and the total number of fish caught resulted in 1405 lbs of fish crossing the scales, surpassing previous tournaments dating back to 1995. The average sized fish was 1.91 pounds which is the 5th overall average fish size. With 737 fish caught including 101 fish over 20" long, the 2009 Pelican Spring Classic felt like one for the record books.

On top of the leader board for the first day were teams; Ken Weiss/Brad Weiss 17.95 lbs, Dale Gnoinsky/Scott Rieber 17.28, Dave Tufte/Tony Stetz 17.01, Ron Wagner/Wayne Johnson 14.88, and Jamie Kinslow/Kim Kinslow 14.80.

Day two proved to be a bit more challenging to find the fish, however, the winning team of Dave Tufte and Tony Stetz prevailed with a 29.47 lbs combined weight, which is the 5th highest winning weight in tournament history. Closely following the team of Tufte/Stetz were

Jamie Kinslow/Kim Kinslow, 28.91lbs. and \$1,400; Ron Wagner/Wayne Johnson 28.04 lbs and \$1015. The top 28 teams won cash prizes, where it took 19.5 lbs to finish in the money.

Team 103 Jake Nelson/Josh Jensen started day 1 with tournament sponsor J&K Marine replacing their water pump, delaying their start by two hours. They brought in the second biggest basket on day two to finish in the money at 13th place. Thank you Tim Sweeney for being on site to keep the competitor's equipment up to the task!



One of the team partners, Ron Wagner said, "I have been participating in this tournament for 4 to 5 years now, and it's a well run tournament. I am looking forward to the Fall Classic in September on Big Cormorant Lake on September 26-27." Following the Fall Classic, FM Walleyes will award the season points champion a boat-motor-trailer combination.



WITH APPRECIATION:

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers that help make the event a success. FM Walleyes Classic Tournaments is sponsored by Scheels All Sports, Ray's Sport and Marine, Lund Boats, Berg Auto Supply, Bartness Fishing Rods, Shorelander Trailers, Crystal Pierz Marine, J&K Marine, Moorhead Marine, Hoot's Sports, Sportsman's Warehouse, Vision Bank and State Bank and Trust.

A special thank you goes out to the Pelican Spring Classic host site Fair Hills Resort.



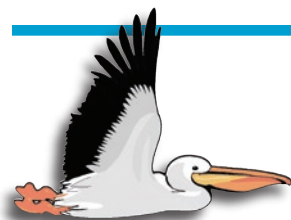


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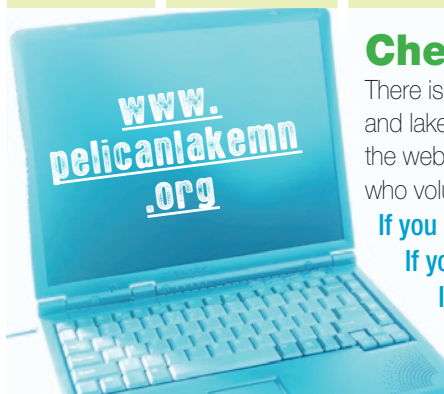
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If you have comments or would like to submit a story idea or photo, please contact the editor, khovey@loretel.net

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LATE SUMMER 2009 • Calendar of Events

August 1	8:00 am	PLPOA board meeting (Fair Hills)
	9:30 am	PLPOA member breakfast
	10:30 am	PLPOA annual meeting
August 15	8:00 am	PGOLID voter registration begins
	9:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)
August 21	4:00 pm	PLPOA board meeting (Fair Hills)
August 21	evening	Lobster Dinner (Cormorant) Limited tickets available, contact Nancy Sitz, 439-3309



Check the Web Site

There is lots of information about our lake, our governing bodies and lake events on our Pelican Lake web site. Like this newsletter, the web page is prepared and updated by PLPOA members who volunteer their time and talents.

If you want to report lost or found items...

If you want to know how many cottages on the lake...

If you want the name of a board member near you...

If you want a past issue of The Pelican Brief...

check the web site: www.pelicanlakemn.org



Electing PGOLID Board Members

Cast your ballot at the annual meeting

On August 15th property owners from the Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District will elect three people to the Board of Directors. The election will be at the PGOLID annual meeting, 8 AM, August 18 at Fair Hills Resort. The announced candidates are Doug Oksendahl, and incumbents Lisa Wheeler and Jonel Oglem. The PGOLID board has the authority to spend property tax dollars for such things as mosquito abatement, water quality monitoring and weed control in our lakes. *Brief candidate biographies are included below:*



DOUG OKSENDAHL

and his wife Kathy moved to Pelican Lake permanently in 2007. They rented on Pelican Lake for a number of years, purchased their first lake home on Fish Lake Road in 1994 and then purchased their current residence on Cha Rosa beach in 1999. Doug would like to contribute to the lake and feels this is a great way to do it.



LISA WHEELER

is an attorney and business owner in Fargo, ND. She has been a property owner since 1991. Running for her second term, she looks forward to serving the lake community for another 3 years.



JONEL UGLEM

is seeking her second term on the PGOLID board. She currently serves as Vice Chairman of the board. An attorney who has served as Steele County State's Attorney and for 12 years as a multi county judge, she has been a Pelican Lake property owner for more than 20 years. Jonal views her position as a board member as an opportunity to help preserve the quality of life for current residents of the lake and the generations to come.

PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, May 30, 2009
Lake Region Coop

Directors Present: Gary Hart, Jeff Peltier, Denny Tollefson, Michael Ostbye, Lisa Wheeler, Nick Valentine, Jonel Uglem, Bill Zimmerman, Vance Stueness

Others Present: Moriya Rufer, Skip Deuемland

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Uglem moved to accept the agenda as presented, Stueness seconded her motion and the Board subsequently passed it.

Peltier and Tollefson moved and seconded respectively, that the minutes for the April 19, 2009 meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

Valentine reviewed the financial report. A motion to accept was made by Wheeler, seconded by Stueness and passed by the Board.

Tollefson reported that the permit process for treatment of curly leaf pondweed will now be done by the Association instead of the Applicator. New authorizations have been secured and Moriya Rufer is taking over the permit application process. However, the lake was surveyed twice and no significant curly leaf pondweed was discovered at this time. There will be a charge for the survey. The need for a recent vegetative survey was discussed. The last one was completed in 2004. Uglem moved to include in the 2010 budget a point intercept vegetative survey. This motion was seconded by Zimmerman and passed by the Board.

Zimmerman stated that the public access areas have been very busy this spring and that the boats are being adequately inspected and the personnel are attempting to educate the individuals about the inspection process and the importance of it.

Hart reported that the buoys are in place and that the overall cost was slightly under budget. The need for additional buoys at various points around the lake for safety purposes was discussed. Stueness moved that three additional buoys be placed, for safety reasons, one each at Pelican Point, Haugen's Point and Wediman's Point . Tollefson seconded the motion and the Board passed it.

Moriya Rufer presented the results of the water clarity tests. The water clarity is typical for this time of year. There was no increased bacteria in the water in the Bob Creek area following the last rainfall. A new water treatment system is being tested at another lake in the area. Board members will be invited to inspect it sometime during the month of June.

The 2009 meeting schedule was discussed. A motion was made by Peltier to change the meeting day and time to Wednesday evenings and the place to Lake Region Coop. That facility has a conference call system to facilitate meeting by conference call for some of the Board members. The motion was seconded by Zimmerman and the Board passed the motion. The future meetings for 2009 will be on the Wednesday prior to the previously scheduled Saturday morning meetings with a meeting on July 8 if necessary.

Wheeler and Uglem are up for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Other possible candidates were presented. Anyone interested should contact a Board Member.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 AM and the Mosquito and Pest Control Meeting was called to order. Mosquito spraying will continue every Thursday night. If property owners wish to have their yards sprayed they should contact Clark Mosquito in Clearwater, MN. There will be an additional charge to the property owner if the additional service is requested. Tent caterpillars have not appeared in our area at the time of the meeting. Because they prefer dry conditions it is unlikely that we will see them this year.

The Board Meeting resumed at 9:35 AM. The next PGOLID meeting will be Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM at Lake Region Coop. Peltier moved the meeting be adjourned, Uglem seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Wheeler-Secretary