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**Promoting the care and betterment
of Lake John
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Winter 2016

From the President's Dock

It has been a pretty quiet & mild winter so far at the lake. Ice on date wasn't until December 19th which is pretty late. My thermometer has still not shown a below zero reading this season. There are a few ice fishermen out; some were a bit early in my estimation.

This letter will provide an update to our current aquatic invasive species (AIS) situation and strategy for 2016, water levels/loose bogs & a brief discussion regarding watercraft regulations.

We treated for curly leaf pondweed (CLP) this past spring. This is the third consecutive year that we treated for CLP. Most of the literature recommends treating for 2 or 3 years, then starting an every other year treatment plan. Personal observations by association & board indicated that our treatments have been effective for CLP. Treating in 2016 was debated at the last board meeting, resulting in a split decision. I ended up holding the deciding vote & voted to not treat in 2016. Every lake is going to respond to treatments & infestations differently, so I am hoping that our lake reacts similarly to the experiences of other CLP infested MN lakes.

The Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) delineation performed in May of 2015 did not indicate areas large enough to warrant chemical treatment. A summer survey conducted in July of 2015 showed 10.4 acres in the SE part of the lake and 1.9 acres in the SW part. There is also an area by Rocky Point that could be a candidate for hand pulling. The finger had widespread EWM most of the year, but with the lilies in the area the DNR is very hesitant to permit chemical treatment in that area. Hand pulling would be an option, but there is much debate as to the effectiveness of this method and it is an expensive option. It generally costs \$15,000 to \$20,000 per acre. It would cost around \$30,000 to hand pull just this area. We will attempt to get permitted to treat down the middle of the finger; regulations require that we remain 50 feet from lilies and 150 feet from shore. The permits will be submitted in January and we will see what they allow. It is likely EWM chemical treatment will occur in 2016, just will not know a specific area until permit is received and spring delineation is completed. Any treatment will likely occur in June.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dale & Cindy Westhoff—Section 1
Jim Detmar/Annie Doughty—Section 3
Jodi Wallner—Section 3

Tom & Sue Aeshliman—Section 4
Jon & Kristy Bigalk—Section 4
Steve & Carol Hullander—Section 5

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Our water levels have been at record levels for the past couple of seasons. This has resulted in many very large bogs breaking off, floating around and unfortunately taking residence on many of our shorelines. Elaine has been very diligent in contacting all the proper authorities to get assistance with this situation. Lake Sylvia has also had high water levels. The information that we have is that there is a blockage in the Lake Sylvia outlet. The DNR will not allow the blockage to be removed due to the presence of EWM in Sylvia. Unfortunately, as long as this blockage is in place & we receive normal precipitation our water levels & the resulting bog situation are going to be a concern. Long term, we need to continue to monitor the water levels & work towards our government to allow the removal of the blockage at the Sylvia outlet. Short term, we have several huge bogs that we need to mitigate the best that we can. This needs to be a coordinated volunteer effort, as these are too large for one or two boats or pontoons to move. There may be several options, but the one that comes to mind is to move them to the west side of the lake & tuck them in the best that we can. Staking in place has been used in the past with reported marginal success. Moving & staking does, however, appear to be the best viable option. If someone wants to coordinate this effort in the spring, contact your section rep or any board member.

Finally, there are many opinions & I have had some spirited discussions regarding the Wright County regulations & the spotter requirements on weekends & federal holidays while pulling skiers or towables. (<http://www.co.wright.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5688>). We may all have our opinions on this matter, but the law is the law. The spotter law is not a Minnesota Law, but a Wright County Ordinance. The state law requires mirrors OR a spotter while pulling skiers or tubers. **Wright County requires a spotter at all times on weekends and federal holidays. Mirrors are NOT acceptable on weekend or holidays.**

Another reminder that PWC's are only to be operated from 9:30 am until one hour BEFORE sunset and there is a no wake zone that extends out 150 feet (about 5 dock lengths) unless launching or dropping off skiers or towables. We all want to be safe and considerate of our lake neighbors, so please keep this in mind while enjoying our lake this season. If you see any of the above violations, please call the sheriff's dispatch at 763-682-1162 (24/7)

Best wishes for a blessed and prosperous 2016.

Kirk Linderholm,
President, Lake John Association

LAKE JOHN PHOTOS

Photo by Jodi Campbell



Last year we got a new website and now it is time to freshen it up a bit with some new photos. We are looking for photos of what you love about Lake John...people enjoying the lake, the eagle soaring by, the sun's reflection on the lake, nature near the lake...anything that shows your love of our special lake.

The deadline for this round of updates is March 15th but if you take some great photos after the deadline, send them on and we will do our best to post them.

Email your digital photos to webmaster@lakejohnassociation.com and indicate if you would like credit for your photo(s) or if you are okay if we use them without recognition.

Thanks!!!!!!! Dana

Lake John Association---Time to Pay 2016 Dues

Annual dues to Lake John Association are \$50.00. \$30 goes to the General Fund and \$20 to Critical Needs/ Invasive Species Fund.

Lake John Association is a 501 C (3) tax exempt organization, so dues and gifts are tax deductible.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

Lake Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____
(only if different from roster listing)

Lake John Annual Dues (\$50) _____

<u>GEM CLUB</u>	
Sapphire	(\$1-99)
Emerald	(\$100-499)
Diamond	(\$500-999)
Ruby	(\$1000+)

Add My Additional Gift To: _____

General Fund _____

Invasive Species Fund _____

TOTAL _____

check here if you wish to remain anonymous.

\$50.00 Ice-Out Contest

As a member, you have a chance to WIN \$50.00 if you guess the correct date of the ice going out on Lake John. Entries must be POSTMARKED no later than March 15, 2016. (In case of a tie, winner will be selected in a drawing). ONE ENTRY PER MEMBERSHIP.

Name: _____

Ice Out: Month _____ Date _____

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MISSION STATEMENT

- To assist in the conservation & preservation of the natural resources of Lake John.
- To promote the general welfare of the members as it pertains to their personal & property interests related to Lake John.
- To serve as an information resource for concerned citizens and an advocate for our members in appropriate matters.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our annual association meeting will be held on Saturday June 18, 2016, 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts, meeting starting promptly at 10:00 AM at the Annandale Park Pavilion. Hope to see you all there.