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President's Letter

Welcome to spring and the spring edition of the BBLA Newsletter. We all have much to look forward to at Big Birch Lake after a long, windy, cold winter. Below are some of the things you can put on your calendar to have fun and to contribute to the beauty of the lake area. Please note that the dates and times of some events have changed this year.

BBLA Board Directors, Gary Rothstein and Jeanne Niehaus will co-chair the BBLA Golf event this year. It will be held Friday, June 24, 2022. Look for the registration form on the back page of the newsletter.

Director Grant Niehaus has organized roadside trash pick-up around the lake for April 23. Please consider doing your part to clean the road ditches around the lake.

April 23 is also the date of the annual BBL cleanup. Usually held in June, the date has been changed. Check the ad on page 4 and get your junk ready to haul to Lake Country Storage between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on that day.

Niehaus has also installed mallard duck nesting tubes and wood duck houses at various wetland sites around the lake. The board thanks Niehaus and his committee for the work they do caring for wildlife in the lake area.

The Fishing and Wildlife Committee set a goal of raising \$10,500 for stocking walleye fingerlings in the lake this coming fall. Please

support this effort to improve fishing in BBL. Members should have received a mailer in February. Contributions to the fund can also be made online by going to the association webpage at bigbirchlakeassociation.org

The BBLA Board of Directors reminds you to renew your membership if your name does not appear on the membership list on page six. Thank you for your past support of this organization. Don't hesitate to contact your area director or director-at-large if you have concerns or want additional information. Their names and phone numbers are listed on page four.

Enjoy spring at Big Birch Lake,

Kevin Costello
BBLA President

Calendar

BBLA Board Meeting	4/9/22
Roadside Cleanup	4/23/22
13h Annual Clean Up Day	4/23/22
BBLA Board Meeting	5/21/22
BBLA Board Meeting	6/18/22
Annual BBL Golf Outing	6/24/22
BBLA Board Meeting	7/16/22
BBLA Annual Meeting	8/20/22

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Trash pickup responsibility of everyone

In a one-man cleanup project, BBLA Board Director Grant Niehaus picked up trash left on the ice this past winter.

As you can see in the photo on the right and other photos in the newsletter, the volume of trash was substantial even in a winter when fewer people were on the ice for fishing.

This should be a reminder to all who fish the lake or use the lake for recreation that what you carry onto the ice or water should also be carried out at the end of your visit.

Please remind guests to treat the lake area with respect for other visitors and nature.



The 2022 BBLA membership list on page 6 is paid membership received by March 22, 2022. Pay your dues online at bigbirchlakeassociation.org



BBLA Board Director Grant Niehaus discovered a pile of ash/coals and half burned boards from a fire someone had on the ice near Beaver Bay. People building fires on the lake should remove and dispose of the leftover ashes/coals appropriately when finished.

Obituary of lake residents

Richard Mohr died on November 15, 2021. His last days were spent at home in the caring hands of those around him.

Richard was born on April 23, 1938 in St. Cloud MN to Frank and Kathryn Mohr.

He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1957 and married Marilyn Van Hale in 1974.

He leaves behind a legacy of prayer, kindness, joy, patience and humor – a true gentleman.

He was kind and thoughtful and made sure he had a “Dickie Mohr” joke handy. He celebrated other's accomplishments, especially in-laws, nieces, nephews and all their families; as well as neighbors. He took great pride and was joyful to be part of their lives; and always looked forward to an evening cocktail with Marilyn.

Richard worked for St. Cloud Window for 35 years, and delivered candy for Goody Snack in retirement. His favorite place was Big Birch Lake where he spent 31 summers with friends and family.

His beer refrigerator was never empty, and his pocket held dog treats. Ft Myers Beach took second place. His favorite pastime dealt with all things FORD – particularly when it came to

clean cars and his red Mustang convertible.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn and sister, Peggy Powers of Annapolis MD. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Joyce Poganski; brothers in law Roger Poganski, Thomas Powers and Robert Marshall; and sister in law Carol Van Hale Marshall.

Big Birch Lake and surrounding area was his second home. Many thanks to all who welcomed him and shared his life.

Elizabeth L. Meldaus (“Tootie”) 92 of Grey Eagle, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2022.

Elizabeth Louise Buchholz was born June 17, 1929 to Albert and Ida (Fritzlar) Bucholz. She graduated from Long Prairie High School in 1947, she married Raymond Meldaus in Minneapolis. She worked as a bookkeeper and payroll clerk at Sears, Drug Supply, Crown Auto, and Brauns. Tootie and Ray lived in Robbinsdale, and after retirement moved to Big Birch Lake. They wintered in Florida for many years.

She loved cooking and baking and had a reputation as a fabulous cook. Tottie enjoyed playing cribbage and doing puzzle books. She loved spending time and sharing a laugh with family and friends.

Tootie was a longtime member of St.

John's Lutheran Church where she served as the church auditor. She also devoted many years of service to support the annual meatball supper.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Meldaus of Big Birch Lake; son Jeffrey (Carol) Meldaus of Anoka; daughter, Susette (Pat) Smith of Maple Grove; grand children Joelle (andy) Pidhayny of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Justin (Jenny) Meldaus of Minneapolis Ry (Joelle) Meldaus of Little Falls, and Mathew (Liz) Meldaus of Burtrum; six great grandchildren and daughter-in-law Deb McCloskey of New Brighton.

Tootie was preceded in death by her parents, son, Brian Meldaus, sisters and brother, Doris Guse, William Buchholz, Victor Bucholz and Grace Larson.

Also noted

James E. Jackson, died Feb. 22, 2022 at Melrose. Originally from Kansas, Jim's dad had a cabin on the North Shore of Big Birch Lake where the entire family would reside in summers until the children were adults. Jim and his wife Norma retired to Melrose years ago and maintained many friends from Big Birch Lake.

Find solace in the forest of Big Birch Lake

Lake forest threatened by invasive species and warming climate

I have not witnessed a winter with so few people ice fishing on Big Birch Lake. What happened? Were no fish biting? Were the ice conditions less than ideal? Are fewer people participating in the winter sport? Whatever the reasons, some might argue that is a good thing. Fewer fish taken in the winter means more for summer.

Once the lake water temperature drops to 39 degrees in late fall, ice can form anywhere when the temperature in a specific area is at 32 degrees. The temperature under the ice remains at 39 degrees, and fish and other creatures move very slowly in those conditions. It was a winter with thick ice, and below average temperatures in January, February, and March. It was also a winter with above average number of windy days. For example, Moorhead, Minnesota, had 19 days in February when the wind blew at 30 mph or more.

Temperatures remained below normal, but snowfall was generous to say the least with a good old Minnesota blizzard on February 21 and 22. If you were lucky enough to be in the state in February, you experienced the strong winds blowing from the north one day and from the south the next day.

For good measure, the grip of winter continued until March 12. On March 11, the temperatures were in the single digits with below zero windchill.

No matter the ice conditions when March arrived evidence of ice trash is a continuing issue. People leave behind garbage, unwanted fish, and human waste. The few anglers who leave trash behind tends to give all ice fishing people a bad name.

For the second year in a row, board director, Grant Niehaus has done ice cleanup, which many lake organizations do as well. We can thank all the those who cleanup after others who are less thoughtful about polluting a natural resource.

By the time you read this, spring will be well underway. Trees will be pushing their buds into leaves. The forest around Big Birch Lake, a most attractive part of the landscape, will come into bloom.

Without it the lake would look like a prairie lake with a string of trees along the shoreline. We can be grateful to our ancestors who left the forest mostly intact. In fact, the state forest campground is a prime example of the most undisturbed forest in the area. When you visit the site, you can see what the land was like before white people settled in. In the 1930s there was an effort by local citizens to make that land into a state park. In the 1960s Representative Keith



Bass Creek flows from the Bass Lake east of Grey Eagle into the North Shore of BBL.

Hinman from Grey Eagle pushed for the designation of the land as a state forest campground. In the mid-1960s crews began clearing a pathway for a road and campsites. Now the popular campground is managed by the Parks and Trails Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource out of Lindberg State Park in Little Falls.

On my property, I have four large green ash trees, several blue spruce, three paper birch, a shoreline red oak I have nurtured from a sapling and an as-



Kutter's Column

sortment of small trees and shrubs. We live in an area that is generally healthy for forests. After all this area was once covered in a thick, mostly hardwood forest. The town of Grey Eagle developed economically when the Northern Pacific Railroad was built from Morris to Little Falls for the purpose of harvesting and hauling lumber out of the area.

Now our forest and those across the state are threatened by imported pests or pests spreading due to a warming climate. The four large green ash trees in my yard will likely fall victim to the emerald ash borer eventually. The warmer winters have allowed the emerald ash borer its entry to Central Minnesota. When it comes to this area, our forest will change. Then we must be ready to replace trees with those species that will do well in this climate.

When Big Birch and Little Birch were named by native people, those bodies of water were surrounded by birch trees, which live anywhere from 80 to 140 years. Obviously, birch is no longer the dominant tree species around the lakes, but one can find stands of birch in the area. Many years ago, the BBLA had a three-year campaign to plant birch trees on properties around the lake. Some of those teenage trees are now 30 feet tall.

This forest also has the benefit of absorbing carbon. "Through photosynthesis the trees take carbon dioxide out of the air, mix it with water, and make sugars and oxygen. The sugars that are created by this process get distributed throughout the plant. The carbon in those sugars is stored throughout the tree, from root to bud," according to Ronnie Drever, senior conservation scientist for Nature United. Furthermore carbon is stored in the soil that makes up the floor of the forest that build up over years from decayed leaves.

As you rest in the shade of your trees, you can find solace in knowing heaven seems closer in a house beside the water.

Projects that do not require permits

Lakeshore owners do not need a permit to cut or pull submerged vegetation in a small area for swimming or boat docking.

This area may not extend along more than 50 feet of the owners shoreline or one-half the length of the owner's total shoreline, whichever is less.

The area may not exceed 2,500 square feet, except that a boat channel, not to exceed 15 feet in width, extending to open water may be maintained. This 15-foot channel shall be included in the maximum shoreline feet allowed above.

Such cutting or pulling may be done with power operated cutters, rakes, and other equipment that does not significantly alter the lake bottom.

It cannot be done with draglines, bulldozers, hydraulic jets, suction dredges, or other power operated earth moving equipment.

Vegetation that is cut or pulled must be immediately and permanently removed from the water and disposed of on high ground where it will not re-enter the lake.

In floating-leaf vegetation (such as water lilies), a channel 15 feet wide extending to open water may be maintained mechanically without a permit.

Emergent vegetation may not be removed without a permit under any circumstances. —State Department of Natural Resources 2016

Fishing and Wildlife Committee set goal for stocking walleye in fall

By Grant Niehaus

The Fishing and Wildlife Committee sent out mailers back in February, fundraising for stocking of walleye fingerlings in BBL this coming fall.

Our goal this year is to raise \$10,500 to stock 650 pounds of walleye fingerlings in BBL. This stocking is part of our continued partnership with the DNR to stock a combined total of 1300 pounds of walleye fingerlings during the fall of every even year into BBL.

Please consider donating if you would like to improve the walleye population in BBL. Please pass this information to anyone else who may fish BBL and is not a member of the BBLA.

13th Annual BBL Clean Up Day

9 am to 12 noon,
Sat., April 23, 2022

Lake Country Storage Parking Lot
(intersection of Todd County 2 & 47 next to
Rock Tavern)

Provided by Opatz Metals & Rolloffs and Lake
Country Storage
Miscellaneous junk,
old appliances, etc.

Individuals responsible for fees for large items.

Couches, Furniture, TV's Mattresses are \$25 each

Call ahead for details

[\(320\) 746-2819](tel:(320)746-2819)

No chemicals, paint or oils accepted.

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Mission Statement: The purpose of the Big Birch Lake Association shall be to improve and protect water quality, to advance the propagation and habitat of fish and to protect the welfare of all wildlife in Big Birch Lake and adjacent areas.

Roadside trash pick-up April 23

By Grant Niehaus

The trash pick up of the road ditches in the BBL area will take place on **Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9am.**

This year we are coordinating with the Little Birch Lake Association to have both of our road ditch clean-ups on the same day.

Please remember to bring gloves and wear highly visible clothing. For those who do not wish to use their own trash bags, trash bags will be provided in the parking lot of Lake Country Storage (Across from the Rock Tavern) starting at 8:30am.

Once the trash is collected in the bags, please place the bags on the shoulder of the road and members of the BBLA board will go around and pick up and dispose of the full bags. We thank Opatz Metals and Rolloffs for disposing of the trash for this event.

Please consider volunteering for this event as this is a great way to give back to the lake and to meet your lake neighbors.

Duck nesting update

Grant Niehaus built and installed 9 mallard nesting tubes around the lake and area wetlands. These nesting tubes provide a safer nesting alternative from predators and fluctuating water levels for mallard hens, who normally nest on the ground.

Please remember to keep your distance from these nesting tubes as well as the wood duck houses in case there are ducks nesting in them. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations and time in making these mallard nesting tubes possible:

Support Posts and Predator Guards - **Opatz Metals and Rolloffs**
Flax Straw for Bedding - **Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club**
Transportation and Construction of Support Cradle - **Neil Worms**
Truck use for transportation of Flax Straw - **Bob and Deb Niehaus**

Niehaus also replaced the bedding in all of the 13 wood duck houses surrounding the lake and area wetlands. He also relocated 2 wood duck houses that were being pushed by the ice.

Of the 13 houses installed, 2 were nested in with 1 successfully hatching a clutch of ducklings.

BBLA Financial Report

	Feb 28, 22	Feb 28, 21
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1005 · Checking-CMCU	1,448.21	1,637.32
1010 · Share Account-CMCU	35.90	35.90
1015 · My Goal Savings	1,605.81	1,605.84
1020 · Money Markey-CMCU	43,275.99	26,266.96
1050 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #1	111,031.06	110,294.07
1055 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #2	10,620.89	10,563.54
Total Checking/Savings	168,017.86	150,403.63
Other Current Assets		
1080 · Initiative Foundation Fund	49,669.60	46,053.91
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,295.00	630.00
Total Other Current Assets	50,964.60	46,683.91
Total Current Assets	218,982.46	197,087.54
Fixed Assets		
1200 · Building & Land	35,300.00	35,300.00
Total Fixed Assets	35,300.00	35,300.00
TOTAL ASSETS	254,282.46	232,387.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities		
2550 · Reserve		
2551 · Aquatic-Invasive Species	100,000.00	100,000.00
2552 · Future Buffer Strips	14,495.72	14,495.72
Total 2550 · Reserve	114,495.72	114,495.72
Total Long Term Liabilities	114,495.72	114,495.72
Total Liabilities	114,495.72	114,495.72
Equity		
3990 · Unrestricted Net Assets	120,443.92	87,215.67
Net Income	19,342.82	30,676.15
Total Equity	139,786.74	117,891.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	254,282.46	232,387.54



A duck nesting tube and the interior of a wood duck house.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 22ND 2022

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Dinndorf, Don	Klocker, Barbara	Phillips, Rev Roger & Rosemary	Vener, Mike & Kim
Dougherty, Tim	Kloos, Mike & Becky	Piersak, Thomas	Waldorf, Bernadine
Dubiel, Marvin & Pam	Kluempke, David	Pladson, Dr & Mrs Terence	Waldvogel, Dennis
Duncomb, Bruce & Vicki	Kluempke, Jim & Cathy	Plombon, Roger & Gloria	Walker, Tom
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Fox, Thomas & Laurie	Kyllo, Carole	Rieland, Shirley	Zenzen, Art & Marilyn
Frerichs Frank, Jane	Lafayette Resort	Ritter, Greg & Barb	Zimmer, Chris & Sarah
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Fuchs, Lori	Larson, Brendan & Debi	Rudolph, Jerry & Deb	Zimmerman, Lowell & Kris
Gagne, Bob & Christine	Larson, Gayle & Karen Lemons	Russell, Jim & Mindy	

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Opatz Metals & Rolloffs	Holdingford
Spirit Liquor	Melrose
Warrior Boats Inc	Melrose



GOLD

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Central MN Realty-Brandon Kelly	Grey Eagle
Rahns Oil & Propane	Melrose



SILVER

Freeport Trucking	Freeport
Grey Eagle Electric Inc.	Grey Eagle
Double R Saloon Inc	Grey Eagle
Nancy's Bait & Tackle	Grey Eagle
Lake Country Storage LLC	Melrose
Proliant Dairy Inc.	Melrose
Kemper Excavating	Melrose
Melrose Electric Inc.	Melrose
Meadowlark Country Club	Melrose
Melrose Plumbing & Heating Services Inc	Melrose
North Risk Partners	Melrose
Kraemer Lumber Co Inc	Melrose
Freeport State Bank	Melrose
Hoffman Tree Service	Sauk Centre
Main Street Title & Closings LLC	Sauk Centre



BRONZE

All Stars Sports Bar & Grill	Freeport
Hennen Floor Covering Inc	Freeport
Hennen Lumber Co Inc	Freeport
Neville Hardware	Grey Eagle
Update Buiding Supplies, LLC	Grey Eagle
Econ-O-Wash Laundromats	Melrose
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Grey Eagle Gas & Grocery-Sinclar	Melrose
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FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022
**24TH ANNUAL BIG BIRCH LAKE
RESIDENTS 9 HOLE GOLF OUTING**
MEADOWLARK COUNTRY CLUB
837 COUNTRY CLUB DR, MELROSE, MN 56352



\$30 ENTRY FEE • MELROSE GOLF OUTING

Entry fee includes GOLF,
CART and LUNCH.

DON'T WANT TO GOLF?
\$10 Entry fee includes
LUNCH ONLY, NO GOLF &
is non-refundable for no-shows.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
9:00 am Sign in
10:00 am Tee off
12:00 pm Attitude Adjustment
12:30 pm Lunch
LIMIT 90 GOLFERS.

✂

Please use easy registration online www.bigbirchlakeassociation.org
or make check payable to **Big Birch Lake Association**.
Return registration & payment by **June 10th** to: Big Birch Lake Association
P.O. Box 342
Grey Eagle, MN 56336

Please indicate if you wish to golf with a 4 some:

Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Lunch Only
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Lunch Only
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Lunch Only
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Lunch Only



The above photo shows additional evidence of trash left on the ice this past winter.