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April, 2023

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Calendar

BBLA Board Meeting	4/15/23
Roadside Cleanup	5/6/23
BBLA Board Meeting	5/13/23
14th Annual Clean Up Day	6/3/23
Annual Ladies Luncheon	6/10/23
BBLA Board Meeting	6/17/23
Annual BBL Golf Outing	6/23/23
BBLA Board Meeting	7/15/23

Little Birch Lake and Big Birch Lake Associations and the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are sponsoring an educational morning for lake shore property owners. The meeting will be held at St Joseph Church in Grey Eagle, from 8AM to 12pm on May 20, 2023. There will be several speakers covering multiple topics:

Megan Duhr from the University of Minnesota of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center will be speaking on Invasives.

Betsy Weinhold, also from the University, will be talking about algae. Scott Lucas from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will cover information on the condition of our lakes, impairments, phosphorus/nutrients, and other causes of impairments.

Adam Ossefort, Deja Anton and Josh Vortruba from the SWD will discuss "Healthy Scores, Healthy Shores" talking about the four zones of lake stewardship, their importance,

what degree of riparian protection equates to healthy lakes and good water quality, what are some protection measures that can be installed and what is taken into consideration when doing so, impervious setbacks, allowed uses and overall effects of surrounding land use. This will be an interactive session using an audience response system.

MN Native Landscapes will cover native plantings and will also have plants available for purchase.

It should be a fun, educational morning. Coffee, juice, donuts, and fruit will be provided.

The 2023 BBLA membership list on page 8 is paid membership received by March 25, 2023. Pay your dues online at bigbirchlakeassociation.org

Protect fish, don't dump bait into lake water

By Deb Johnson, BBLA AIS Chair

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Most of us are familiar with aquatic invasive species (AIS) that we can see, like zebra mussels or carp. We don't often worry about the invisible AIS that might be lurking in the minnows or water of our bait bucket or live well. There are many pathogens that can be carried in the minnows and water of bait shops. Of the 15 pathogens of concern in MN, these are the top three high risk ones that have the greatest chance of colonization in our state. (Minnesota AIS Research Center—MAISRC)

The first is VHSV (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus) which is just like it sounds. Infected fish have visible, widespread bleeding throughout their body surfaces and internal organs. Initially, sick fish show no symptoms. Later, in addition to bloody spots, the fish might be listless or swim in circles near the water's surface. In bait fish, this disease most

often affects shiners, which are tested for it in Minnesota, and flathead minnows, which are not. Lake Superior is a source of infected fish, so the DNR is mostly concerned with outbreaks starting in the Northeastern part of Minnesota first.

The second pathogen of highest concern is OVIO (*Ovipleitophora ovariae*). OVIO is a parasite that degrades the ovarian tissue of female fish and makes them sterile. It especially infects golden shiners and was found in 55% of Minnesota bait shops in 2015. (MAISRC)

The third organism is the Asian fish tapeworm. Fertilized eggs of this tapeworm are released in the water with a fish's fecal matter. When they hatch, the worm's tiny larvae are eaten by a form of plankton, which is eaten by minnows and other fish. The worm matures inside the fish and at

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President's Letter

By the time you read this newsletter, hopefully the snow will be gone, and you will be making plans for the warm weather season at Big Birch Lake.

We have found our way through a winter that ranks number 8 in the record of the most snowfall. That snowfall will add to the level of water in the lake this spring, so be aware of a high water table and the effect it can have on your shoreline.

Mark your calendars for May 20 lake stewardship event from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph Church in Grey Eagle sponsored by Todd County Water and Soil Conservation District, Little Birch and Big Birch Lake Associations.

Sign up for the two social events sponsored by the association—the golf outing and the ladies luncheon. Find instructions on the back page.

The BBLA and Millwood Township (Stearns County) have agreed to partner on management of the St Rose lake access. The access will be closed to boat launching traffic and only open to walk-in traffic for items like kayaks and canoes when the water is open.

Once the ice comes, the access will be open to all vehicle traffic for ice fishing.

The reason for this change is due to the current condition of the access and the efforts to control invasive plant species.

Be sure to help with roadside cleanup around BBL. See page 6 for instructions in your area. We thank director Grant Niehaus for organizing this effort.

If your name isn't in the sponsor or membership list in this issue, then go to bigbirchlakeassociation.org to complete your membership.

Also note the opportunity to remove junk from your property as the association offers the 14th Annual Junk Clean-up Day. See details on page 4.

Once the ice clears the lake, we hope to see you on the water.

Kevin Costello
BBLA President

BBLA Financial Report

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1005 · Checking-CMCU	2,804.74	1,448.21
1010 · Share Account-CMCU	35.90	35.90
1015 · My Goal Savings	1,606.14	1,605.81
1020 · Money Markey-CMCU	37,424.32	43,275.99
1050 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #1	112,083.20	111,031.06
1055 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #2	10,682.19	10,620.89

Total Checking/Savings	164,636.49	168,017.86
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Other Current Assets

1080 · Initiative Foundation Fund	46,225.32	49,669.60
1499 · Undeposited Funds	244.00	1,295.00

Total Other Current Assets	46,469.32	50,964.60
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Total Current Assets	211,105.81	218,982.46
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Fixed Assets

1200 · Building & Land	35,300.00	35,300.00
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Total Fixed Assets	35,300.00	35,300.00
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TOTAL ASSETS

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
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Total Liabilities	114,495.72	114,495.72
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Equity

3990 · Unrestricted Net Assets	133,848.96	120,443.92
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Net Income	-1,938.87	19,342.82
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Total Equity	131,910.09	139,786.74
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	246,405.81	254,282.46
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Obituaries of lake residents

Ludmila A. "Mil" Voelker

November 8, 1930 – December 6, 2022

Mil Voelker passed away peacefully with family at her side on December 6, 2022, at her home at Boutwells Landing in Stillwater, MN. A private family funeral will take place at a later date, followed by inurnment in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN, next to her beloved husband.

Mil was born November 8, 1930 in Dodge, NE to Anton and Mary (Tresnak) Padrnos. She married Francis "Fran" Voelker on December 27,

1954 at St. Hedwig's Catholic Church in Holdingford, MN. She was a graduate of St. Benedict's College and St. Cloud State University. She was a professor of English at St. Cloud State for many years, finishing her career in administrative positions at St. Cloud State.

Mil was a founding member of Christ Church Newman Center in St. Cloud, MN. She was involved in many parish and diocesan programs. She was also an Oblate of the St. Benedict Monastery in St. Joseph, MN. When Fran's health started to fail, she and Fran moved to Boutwells Landing in Stillwater, MN. At Boutwells, Mil was very involved with

the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at that facility. She was instrumental in forming the *Our Lady of Peace Catholic Community at Boutwells* parish.

Mil and Fran co-authored and edited numerous publications, which included *Mass Media, Forces in Our Society*, 1972, 1975, 1978; *History and Legends of the Padrnos Family*, 2000, and *History of Big Birch Lake*, 2007. They were avid fans and supporters of St. Cloud State athletics, as well as the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. They owned a cabin on Big Birch Lake for 31 years and enjoyed many visits from family and friends.

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Long snow laden winter yields to spring

Enjoy the natural phenomenon evident in the change of seasons

The mild but snow laden winter is past, and we look forward to another warm weather season at Big Birch Lake.

Rippling blue water, the return of the loons and the occasional fishing boat in the distance reassure us we are right where we belong.

I hear people grumble about a long winter, but I never feel that at BBL. Winter blows in and bows out the same as the other seasons. As long as I can live in a comfortable home and get out when needed, I am satisfied.

The high-pitched whine of speeding snowmobiles across the lake is another sound of winter. Today they move on so quickly the momentary interruption to quiet is negligible, except at 2 a.m.

The vintage snowmobile run that begins in Grey Eagle in early February, and the Race on Trace in mid-February remind me people are embracing winter and having fun. (Trace Lake is the small environmental lake on the west end of Grey Eagle. At one time it was a larger body of water, but area farmers wanted more land, so they drained some of it away. The lake is named after Ferdinand Trace, who farmed on the south shore and owned a traveler's hotel near the lake. His wife Sadie was a teacher at the Grey Eagle School. When growing up locally, I recall the south end of Trace Lake to be the local dump. Beyond the eyesore, it was an environmental disaster for the lake. Fortunately state and local governments made sure the land and lake were restored.)

Big Birch saw clusters of fish houses on some weekends but most often only a few houses stayed put through the ice season. When the winter fishing season closed on March 6, and all fish houses were removed, the lake returns to a quiet time awaiting the warming sun to open the ice.

March had a few days of warming sun but many more days of snow. It seemed Mother Nature could not turn off the snow machine or the freezer.

At the current temperatures here in the waning days of March, an early or mid-April ice-out looks doubtful.

It is fair to say at this point it was a long winter and everyone is ready to get onto the next season except for those few who prefer ice fishing over open water.

As always there are many natural phenomenon that accompany spring. So far



Some weekends the upper bay of BBL was a fish house village, but when the fishing season ended on March 6, the lake returned to quiet solitude interrupted by another snowstorm. Photos by Robert Kutter



the snow is melting slowly, which is a good thing, but most likely there will be some warm days when the melt brings a rush of water into the lake. Observing the creeks and ditches swell with rushing



Kutter's Column

water is a short but memorable experience of spring.

Watching the ice turn from white to gray to dark gray creates another anticipation of the season ahead.

When the ice finally does let loose and the wind blows it ashore, the sight and sound of ice crashing is magical.

The return of migrating birds fills the air with mating calls and displays of colorful plumage. Our senses are awash in outdoor stimulation too long absent.

The American white pelican will glide overhead watching for prey fish in the water. Bald eagles will patrol the shorelines seeking protein to feed hungry chicks which hatched in March. There are at least two visible eagle nests in the lake area, and the female eagle chooses the sight.

The BBL forest has an abundance of oak trees and the fruit of the tree attracts critters in search of acorns. Squirrels, deer, bears, turkeys, rabbits, chipmunks and even wood ducks and mallards enjoy munching on or swallowing them whole.

The oak trees leaf out later than others in the spring but when they do, they provide cover for many creatures including wild turkeys which like to roost in them.

I have been nurturing an oak tree for about 10 years near the shore. It takes 20 to 30 years for an oak to produce acorns, so I may not be around to see that tree come to fruition but I am satisfied know it will provide food for animals in the future.

In the same way, I am satisfied that heaven seems closer in a house beside the water.

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Mil is survived by her children Mary Jo (John) Feely of Stillwater, Marjorie (Jim) Wade of Afton, Catherine (Gary) Corby Iannuzzelli of Jacksonville, FL, Thomas (Kathy) Voelker of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, and Paul Voelker of South Milwaukee, WI. She is also survived by her 11 grandchildren: Sarah DeWolf, Eric Wade, Ben Corby, Margaret "Maggie" (Phil) Kosloski, Lauren (Cory) Hannigan, Elizabeth "Libby" (Darin) Beske, Jessica Wade, Jane Voelker, Mary "Cat" Corby, Alisha Wade and Emma (Phil) Gregleski, as well as 14 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to *Our Lady of Peace Catholic Community at Boutwells* parish or the *Fran and Mil Voelker Mass Communications Scholarship Fund* at St. Cloud State University.

Editor's note: Mil and Fran Voelker were the previous editors of this newsletter.

Ray Dale Johnson was born March 20, 1929 in St. John, North Dakota to Alfred and Irene (Shaver) Johnson and died peacefully at home on January 15, 2023 in the loving care of his family and hospice. He was the fourth of ten children. He graduated from high school in Devils Lake, ND and attended the University of North Dakota studying engineering. In 1951 he was called into active duty in the army and spent a year at Fort Riley, KS and Fort Benning, GA. On July 6, 1952 he married Caryl Elvrum just a few weeks before he was deployed to Korea as a 2nd Lt. where he became a platoon leader on Heartbreak Ridge. He returned home in July 1953 and in September he and Caryl moved to Grand Forks, ND where they lived on campus in a veterans housing complex while he finished his college degree. He graduated in June 1954 and took a job with Honeywell where he worked until his retirement in 1986.

Ray loved to be with people and was always looking for a party or a bridge game. Also, he loved taking friends and family out on the lake on his sailboat at Lafayette Resort. Always interested in music, he sang in church choirs all his life and played clarinet in high school band and as an adult in the local community orchestra. After retirement he enrolled in an art class and produced many lovely paintings for his family to enjoy. He served as scoutmaster of the local boy scout troop for several years as well as church councils, Lafayette Resort treasurer and director on Apache Wells Country Club board. He enjoyed working with Apache Wells Beautification (especially

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14th Annual BBL Junk Clean Up Day

9 am to 12 Noon,

Sat., June 3, 2023

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

Provided by Opatz Metals & Roloffs 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

No chemicals, paint or oils accepted.

Big Birch Lake Association Board of Directors

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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.

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the coffee hour) for most of the past 30 years. He loved playing golf with his morning golf group who were so kind to him in his later years.

Ray is survived by his wife of 70 years, Caryl, children Steve (Helen), Laurie (Bill) Fredregill, Nancy (Les) Storhaug and Paul (Linda), brothers Lee (Betty), Larry, Brian (Susan) and Brad (Larry Chaput), sister Marna Brown (Brad) Keith, sister-in-law Marilyn Johnson and dozens of neices and nephews. He was well-loved by his grandchildren Jason (Wendi), Sean, David (Cassie), Christopher (Erin) and Nathan Fredregill, Sonja, Bjorn, Anders and Signe Storhaug and Kelsey and Nick (Alanna) Johnson and great-grandchildren Caleb, Haylee, Cheyenne and Landon Fredregill and Joan Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Elaine (Ken) Vig, Lynn (Jay) Engel and brothers Duane (Ann) and Ben Johnson, and in-laws Pat Steele Johnson and John Hall Brown.

Memorials may be directed to Love of Christ Music Ministry, Apache Wells Beautification and Lafayette Resort.

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taches to the fish's intestinal wall to feed and produce fertilized eggs.

These pathogens and others can be spread by anglers dumping their unused bait into the lake. Most MN anglers are responsible and know the dangers of throwing the contents of their bait buckets into a lake, but it still occurs. In a University of Minnesota survey of nearly 700 MN anglers, 20% admitted to dumping their live unused bait into a lake. Some experts suspect that the percentage of anglers engaging in this unlawful activity is higher than that. If the contaminated water and sick minnows enter a lake, the infected bait is eaten by predators which become infected too. In some cases, the pathogen is shed into the water and infects schooling fish in close contact with each other. Once a pathogen outbreak occurs, it can be spread from lake to lake, devastating a lake's ecology and fish population.

The best way to prevent pathogens from infecting lakes is to throw unwanted bait in the trash, not in the lake. Other options include changing the baitfish to a fresh water source to

Minnow bags purchased by BBLA, LBLA, SRWD to stop spread of invasive species

The Sauk River Watershed District has been trying for several years to partner with lake associations to supply minnow bags at bait shops in our area to help stop the spread of invasive species. The BBLA has agreed to be a partner in this effort, and the cost will be shared by SRWD and Big and Little Birch Lake Associations.

Graphics on the bags will say "Provided by Big Birch Lake Association/Little Birch Lake Association/Todd County S&WCD." Additionally, there will be language reminding anglers that, "In Minnesota it is illegal to dump minnows/bait into any waters of the state. When moving from one body of water to another, bait water needs to be replaced with fresh water."

The minimum order is 10,000 bags and would cost \$3,279 bringing the cost for BBLA approximately \$1,100.

Replace bedding in wood duck houses

By Grant Niehaus

Bedding was replaced in all 14 wood duck houses and 9 mallard tubes for the upcoming nesting season.

Six of the wood duck houses were nested in last year, as they showed signs of successfully hatched eggs. Unfortunately, none of the mallard tubes were nested in.

For those of you who have wood duck houses on your property, it is recommended to change the bedding every winter/early spring as wood ducks will not nest in houses that have been previously nested in.

The type of bedding used in the wood duck houses is animal bedding made of wood shavings that can be found at your local home improvement/hardware store.

use later or to give extra bait to someone who is launching at the landing. Sometimes it is difficult to throw away unused minnows or other bait (like earthworms, crayfish, and waxworms), but it is the best way to protect the ecology of Minnesota's beautiful lakes.

Two opportunities to volunteer for trash pickup

By Grant Niehaus

Trash pick up on the ice will take place sometime in late March or early April. For those interested in helping out, we will be posting this information via Facebook as this event is dictated by the weather, snow cover, and ice conditions.

The BBLA Annual Road Ditch Clean up will take place on Saturday, May 6th, 2023 starting at 9am. If the weather is unfavorable, the make up date will be on Sunday May 7th, 2023. Trash bags will be provided by your area directors if you prefer to not supply your own.

Each area director will be in charge of picking up the road ditches in their respective areas. (See attached map on page 6) so please reach out to them if you have any questions or would like to help with the event.

Once you fill up your bags, either dispose of them in your own trash receptacle, or tie them up and leave them on the side of the road and a member of the BBLA will come around and pick them up. Thanks for your help and keeping the BBLA area clean!



Interior of a wood duck house.
Photo by Grant Niehaus.

The BBLA Annual Road Ditch Clean up

Saturday, May 6, 2023, starting at 9 a.m. If the weather is unfavorable, the make up date will be on Sunday May 7, 2023.

BBLA Directors Responsible for 2023 Road Ditch Clean Up

Red: Craig Tweedale, Jay Anderson

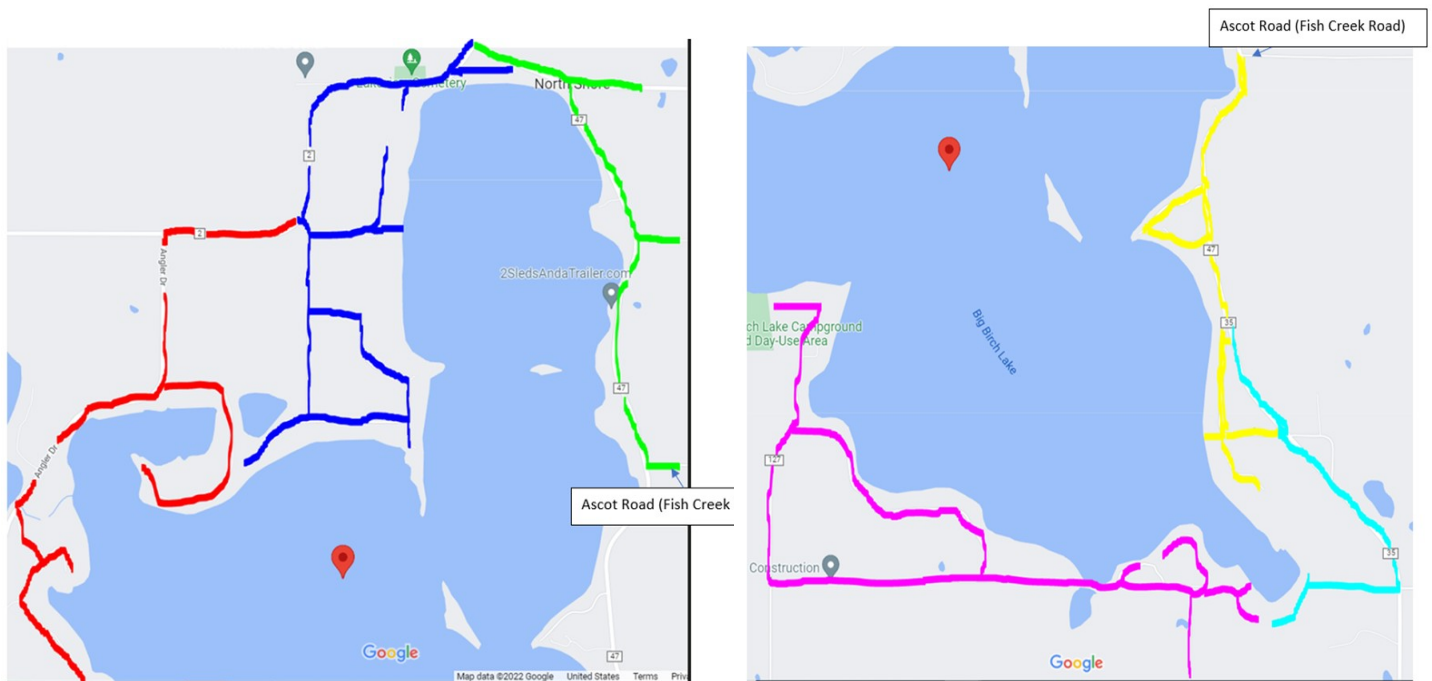
Dark Blue: Jeanne Niehaus, Gary Rostien

Green: Mark Erdmann and Matt Everding

Yellow: Deb Johnson, Brandon Kelly, Blake Johnson

Light Blue: Kevin Costello, Hans Mische

Pink: Adrian Johnson, Grant Niehaus, Steve Thelen, Mike Sadlowsky



Members, please volunteer to help with the roadside ditch clean-up. Questions? Contact you area director.

The 14th Annual Junk Clean up Day will happen on Saturday June 3rd, from 9am to 12 Noon. See advertisement on page 4.

Keep northerns to improve overall fish population in BBL

This past winter board member Steve Theilen caught several northerns which he began keeping if they were not in the slot limit. He did this because Eric Altena, DNR Area Fisheries Manager, encouraged everyone to start keeping northerns to help the overall fish population of Birch Lake. Altena believes BBL has too many northern.

“When I clean my fish, I typically check the stomachs to see how active they are and what they feed on.” The attached photo shows what I found in one 29” northern pike. “There were 14 fish in that pike, and it was still feeding as I was able to catch him on a minnow.” Most do not realize how many fish a northern will consume every day.

“I am not sure what the overall feeling is about our northern population in BBL, however based on gill net and eletrofishing results done by the DNR, we need to reduce that species.” Altena has encouraged us to spread the word about keeping northern pike.

Below is Theilen’s photo of the 14 fish inside the stomach of a 29 inch northern caught this past winter on BBL.



A full moon rising on a cold January night is a beautiful sight. Photos by Robert Kutter
Below, getting a northern cardinal to pose for his closeup is no easy task.



MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 2023

Althaus, Kurt & Lori	Flaws, Michael & Marilyn	Kyllo, Carole	Rudolph, Jerry & Deb
Anderson, Jean	Fox, Thomas & Laurie	Lafayette Resort	Russell, Jim & Mindy
Anderson, Stephen & Lisa	Frerichs Frank, Jane	Larson, Brendan & Debi	Rutherford, Peter & Lourel
Anderson, Todd & Debbie	Froehling, Joseph	Larson, Maxwell & Brenda	Sadlowsky, Mike & Vicki
Atkinson, Dan & Jan	Fuchs, Brian & Lori	Lemieux, BJ & Rachel	Sand, Daniel & Mary
Atwood, Duane & Jody Miller	Gagne, Bob & Christine	Lind, James & Maryellen	Savage, William & Sharon
Auger, John & Karen	Gallagher, Pat & Caryn	Linz, Curtis & Mary	Schanhaar, Tom & Deb
Austing, April	Gasow, Ralph & Lori	Loehr, Jim & Renee	Schiemann, Charles & Ellie
Austing, Dick & Jane	Gerads, Dale & Mary Lou	Mack, Murray & Sue	Schlough, Thomas & Joyce
Becker, Virginia	Gerner, Robert & Charlene	Maeder, Niklas & Brandee	Schmid, Judith
Beckermann, Fran & Linda	Gordon, Brian & Kristen	Malm, Scott	Schmid, Ted & Julie
Beekhuizen, Steven & Julie	Goulet, Evan & Emily	Matchinsky, James & Roselyn	Schmidt, Jane
Benolken, Sue	Grossman, Jim & Jan	McConnell, David & Ann	Schmidt, Thomas & Joann
Berg, Dwaine & Louise	Gruenke Lake Cabin LLC	Mehr, Mike & Lori	Schnettler, John & Jan
Berg, Ken & Bev	Grutsch, John & Jan	Mehr, Ralph & Mary Ann	Schwantes, Mike & Amy
Bergmann, Ken & Marilyn	Hammerstrom, Malia	Meyer, Barry	Schwartz, Dick & Ellen
Beuning, James & Judine	Hatton, Rene & LuAnn	Meyer, Glenn & Dianne	Schwartz, Steve & Joann
Blommel Family	Hendrickson, David & Colette	Meyer, Juel	Schwieters, Charles & Beatrice
Blommel, Leroy & Marilyn	Hennemann, Kitty	Meyer, Virg & Joyce	Seitzer, Jim & Belinda
Borgerding, Clarence	Hinnenkamp, Ben & Pam	Moening, Lee & Judy	Sieben, Kevin & Beth
Brandt, Richard & Judy	Hoeschen, Larry & Elaine	Mohr, Marilyn	Sinclair, Ken & Jan
Brixius, Bernard	Hoffman, Dan & Janell	Mohs, Dean & Sandy	Spanier, Eric & Jana
Broman, Brad & Charlene	Hughes, Bob & Sally	Molitor, Chick & Karen	Spears (Moening), Heather
Broman, Mark	Hughes, Parry & Kathy	Molitor, Jon	Spence, Jim & Christine
Broman, Raleigh & Ruth	Hughes, Tim & Kristine	Moser, Helen	Stalboerger Family, Lorraine
Brown, Becky	Humbert, Rick & Lois	Mueller, Jerry	Starfield, Glenn & Katy
Bullock, Lou & Debbie	Humbert, Ryan & Stacy	Nathe, Mike & Laura	Steinbring, John & Sandy
Bushman, Wayne	Huseby, Robert & Christina	Niehaus, Bob & Deb	Stomberg, Chuck & Nancy
Busmann Properties LLC	Ingold, Kirk & Mandi	Niehaus, Anthony & Carol	Strack, Bob
Butte, Rick	Ingold, Linnea	Niehaus, Grant	Studniski, Adam & Jolene
Campbell, Mel & Sherry	Iverson, Ron & Jennifer	Niehaus, John & Mary	Tanner, Lucy
Carpenter, Todd & Laura	Jacobsen, James & Marjorie	Nohner, Kevin & Mary	Thelen, Steve & Amy
Caspers, John & Allyson	Jepperson, Craig & Mary	Nohner-Black, John	Thielen, Marvin & Judy
Cavello, Butch & Amy	Jeske, Nancy	Orth, David & Linda	Timmermann, John
Cebuhar, Charles & Mary	Johnson, Adrian & Kay	Osendorf, Phil & Gail	Tomsche, David & Molly
Chaput, Larry & Bradley Johnson	Johnson, Craig & Debra	Ostendorf, Lenore	Tomsche, Dr. Ed
Chirhart, Penny	Johnson, Dan & Julie	Ostendorf, Mark & Lisa	Trierweiler, Corey
Chmielewski, Daniel & Barb	Kadri, Abdu & Janice	Pakola, Howard & Barb	Tschida, Wayne & JoAnn
Claussen, Kim	Kalgren, Rick & Ann	Patch, Bruce & Johanna	Tweeddale, Craig & Mary Lou
Collins, Jim & Crystal	Kappes, Mike & Jannie	Pavlivek, John & Kathryn	Uphoff, Jim & Lee
Collins, Joyce	Kelly, Brandon & Becky	Pelo, Rod & Phyllis	Van Beck, Chad & Brenda
Collins, Margaret	Kemper, Jeff & Linda	Peterson, Dr Thomas & Virginia	VanDrehle, Donald & Helen
Comfort, Jeff & Julie	Kerfeld, Art & Rosie	Phillips, Rev Roger & Rosemary	Vener, John & Corinne
Costello, Kevin & Ann	Kerfeld, Cheryl	Piersak, Jeff & Kim	Vener, Mike & Kim
Coulson, Brad & Jane	Kerfeld, Glenn	Piersak, Thomas	Voigt, Kenneth & Joan Zirbes-Voigt
Damrow, Paul & June	Klaphake, Deb	Pladson, Dr & Mrs Terence	Waldorf, Bernadine
Davis, Scott & Marjo	Klaphake, Florian & Doreen	Plombon, Roger & Gloria	Waldvogel, Dennis
Denne, Marv & Mary Beth	Klapperich, John & Suzy	Poganski, Rock & Marcia	Walker, Tom
Dinndorf, Don & Vi	Klasen, Kyle	Powers, Robert & Kathleen	Walters, George & Sue
Dougherty, Tim	Klasen, Vern & Marlene	Provinzino, Chuck & Jannine	Warnert, Ron & Lee Meyer
Dubiel, Marvin & Pam	Klocker, Barbara	Pundsack, Craig & Lisa	Weber, Thomas
Duncomb, Bruce & Vicki	Kloos, Mike & Becky	Rahn, Dave & Lisa	Weitzel, John & Mary
Elfering Family, Evelyn	Koch, Bob & Connie	Rasmussen, Steve	Weitzel, Michele
Elieff, Daniel & Julie	Konsor, Stephen & Karen	Refsland, Curt & Mary	Welle, Larry & Rose
Enneking, Gene & Cheryl	Kotsmith, Randy & Karen	Rieger, Joel & Pamela	Zaborski, Tom & Julia
Erdmann, Mark & Summer	Kotsmith, Terry & Sharon	Rieland, Matt & Shari	Zachman, Jeff & Linda
Erickson, Russell	Kuehne, Robert	Rieland, Mike & Mary	Zackoski, Michael & Kimberly
Everding, Matt & Missy Kotzer	Kuehne, Ron & Midge	Roe, John & Janet	Zaczkowski, Marie
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FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2023

25TH ANNUAL BIG BIRCH LAKE
RESIDENTS 9 HOLE GOLF OUTING

MEADOWLARK COUNTRY CLUB

837 COUNTRY CLUB DR, MELROSE, MN 56352

\$35 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 9th** to: Big Birch Lake Association
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SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2023

BIG BIRCH LAKE LADIES
BRUNCH

THE ROCK TAVERN

SOCIAL HOUR AT 10 A.M. & BRUNCH AT 11 A.M.

Breakfast bowl, fresh fruit, yogurt parfaits, rolls & coffee.

\$19 Gratuities & Taxes Included
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Come start the day off with
friends and neighbors.

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