



PINE VIEWS

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Chairman's Column

John Mueller

What a summer! June and July proved warmer than normal, which allowed many of us to spend more time on the water social distancing in our watercrafts. It seemed like the lakes were busier than normal on the holiday weekends, while maintaining a steady stream of activity throughout the weeks. Fun times for everyone outside! August has now started out with some dicey weather which has fired up many of the chain saws around the lakes.

BPLA has been active throughout the summer supporting the lake activities and helping maintain the beauty of the lakes. We were able to distribute our update information in lieu of our spring meeting in May to all members; which included the 40-year history of the BPLA. We hosted the Roadside Clean Up event and Volunteer Day in May, the July 4th Fireworks and Boat Parade events. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 impact, we opted to cancel the Association Picnic for 2020, but are looking forward to an event in 2021. Maria Gobely has been working hand in hand with both Aitkin and Pine Counties on buffer zone projects, check out her update inside the Pine News. Ron Redding also has some additional volunteer activities planned for September that will move forward.

We will be cancelling the in-person meeting scheduled for the fall and replacing it with a ZOOM presentation meeting for all interested parties. The Zoom meeting information will be forwarded to all BPLA members registered in the association with valid email addresses; we encourage everyone to join. The meeting will include updates from your BPLA board on key topics of information (financial updates | volunteer efforts | buffer zone work | lake quality | July 4th activities). We will have the ability to address any open questions that are presented during the ZOOM meeting. If you have specific questions that you would like addressed during the meeting, please email them directly to me at johnmueller17@gmail.com.

We also will conduct the annual election of our BPLA board. For 2020, we have 1 current board member (**Maria Gobely**) who has completed her first two-year term and has expressed interest in continuing to represent Big Pine. We also have 3 immediate openings for the BPLA Board, two for Pine Lake and one for Big Pine. **Jim Stevenson, Roger Olson** and **Jeff Lindgren** have all completed their final terms per BPLA by-laws.

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Volunteer Days – Project Days

Ron Redding

Our first BPLA Project Day of the year was held on Saturday, May 16th and was a huge success. We had over 30 people show up at the BPLA picnic area on the South Lake to help with Project Day and Roadside Cleanup. This great turnout helped us accomplish a lot of projects in just a few hours. We were able to clear the hiking trail that provides a great view of the South Lake. If you aren't familiar with the trail you need to check it out. It is located in the parking area by the bridge between our two lakes. We cleaned the shoreline and the lake weeds by the BPLA dock on the South Lake. We also cleared the buffer zones near the bridge and the BPLA picnic area and reinstalled the repainted signs at many of the creek sites. Thanks to everyone for your tremendous support!

New "No Anchoring Open Channel" signs have been placed in the channel on both sides of the bridge. Additional BPLA signage has been placed at the boat landings on both lakes. We also have bridge allow boaters to see the clearance in feet and inches between the lake water level and the bridge. Any additional ideas or recommendations for Project Days can be submitted to Ron Redding at randsredding@frontier.com.

Next Project Day is scheduled for **September 12th at 9:00 AM** with everyone meeting at the BPLA picnic area. We will have several projects planned including clearing debris in Strawberry Creek to make sure there is a clear path for the walleyes that use the creek for spawning in the spring. Bring your waders and brush clippers if you have them.



Buffer Zones update

Maria Gobely

This summer got really busy with buffer zone projects! We received MN Clean Water grant approvals to subsidize costs for 6 projects between Pine and Aitkin Counties this summer. 1 is completed already and the remaining 5 are scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

Known dates of activities:

August 2nd : Jaeger's - 66976 Northridge completed their project.

August 8th: Willow Cutting was completed by a group of 22 as they cut over 750 willows to provide materials for the 4 projects installing willow wattle.



August 21st at 9am: Duffy project - 11087 119th Lane

August 23rd at 9am: Nietz project - 65159 Big Pine Road

August 29th at 9am: Brandt project - 18071 Alder, (time may be pushed back to 11am)

September 4th at noon: Olson project - 11281 117th Street, (date and time is tentative)

September 12th: Gobely project. 66700 Northridge

Next year both Pine and Aitkin Counties have indicated similar funding. There is interest in 3 projects so far. Please reach out if you're interested in additional information on Buffer Zones, a project at your place, and/or would like to volunteer. We can always use an extra set of hands (volunteers) plus it's a great way to see the buffer zones come to life, meet some neighbors, help others, and get a lunch (the majority of owners provide lunch for their workers). Email: gobely@hotmail.com

Chairman's column, cont.

Jim has been our Pine Lake Co-Chair during his tenure as well as coordinating our annual July fireworks event. Jeff has been the Association Secretary duly recording all of our meetings. Roger has been our Treasurer, Roadside Clean up coordinator, Business Directory lead and logo wear #1 salesman during his time with the board. We thank each of these gentlemen for the contributions over the past 6 years, they have made a difference while serving our association. They will be missed.

During our upcoming fall meeting we will be voting on replacements for the 3 open board positions. If you are interested in submitting your name to be considered as a board member candidate, please send a note to me prior to the meeting so your name can be included in the election process.

Thanks for supporting the BLPA, see you around the lakes.

John

2020 Boat Parade

by Rick Meier, Lisa Drake and Dan Frey

The 2020 annual Big Pine Lake Association boat parade was held on a beautiful sunny Saturday, July 4th. As a change of venue for this year, all entrants were asked to follow a patriotic theme. All participants were highly enthusiastic, and unique in their patriotic designs. Thank you to all participants and supportive spectators for joining the 4th of July festivities this year. Below are a few pictures from each lake. We're looking forward to a great turn out again in 2021!

Big Pine (North) Lake

There were nine entries on Big Pine Lake. Thank you to Lori and Tim for helping to take pictures this year. The 2020 BPLA Boat Parade North Lake participants are:

- Reimann - Freedom Boat
- Nietz - Happy 40th Birthday BPLA
- Drake - Birthday Girl
- Leshner - Butterfly Boat
- Gobely - SS Hattie
- Walczak - Duck Rich
- Mueller - Fish On!
- Hall - SS Bueferd
- Grochowski - SS Ducky

Pine (South) Lake

There was a total of seven parade participants on the South Pine Lake. The 2020 BPLA Boat Parade South Lake participants are:

- Lou Beardsley and Friends
- The Brandt Family
- The Dotzler Family
- The Olson Family
- The Ginkel Family - USA
- The Kneissel Family
- The Onischuk Family



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Spring Roadside Cleanup

Roger Olson

We had a record turnout on May 16th for our roadside cleanup and project day. I think everyone was tired of being stuck inside because of the Covid 19 outbreak and wanted to spend some time outside. 35 lake neighbors came out to clean up the roads around the lake and work on several projects. With so many hands we were able to get all the roads covered, clean up around the BPLA dock area and both boat landings. A big thank you to all the people that showed up, hope to see everyone again on September 12th for the fall roadside cleanup.



Fourth of July Fireworks

Jim Stevenson

After a hot sunny summer day we had the perfect night for our annual fireworks display. With boats anchored everywhere, it appeared that most everyone was out on the lake to take in the show. They were as wonderful as ever, indicated by the cheering and boat horns honking after the displays finale. If you enjoyed the display, keep this in mind next year when you are submitting your dues and can contribute to the "Fireworks Fund". The Big Pine Lakes Association is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible.

Many thanks to Don and Pat Makela allowing us to use their property for the launch site again this year. I also want to thank Steve Karel and his family for putting the torches out to light the channel. A big thank you to Lou Beardsley and my family for helping to clean up the launch sight the next day in the July heat.

Mark your calendars for the 2021 fireworks display which will be held on **Saturday July 3rd** at 10:00 PM sharp.

Local Businesses

**Please patronize the businesses
that support the BPLA!
They are important to our success**

A&M Pumps_____	320-676-3386
Aitkin County Sheriff_____	218-927-7435
American Septic_____	320-384-7300
Ausmus Floor & Furnishing_____	320-384-6101
Brett Paige Construction_____	320-630-6270
Chris' Food Center_____	320-245-2229
Complete Cabin Care _____	763-898-0474
DB Cleaning_____	320-233-0878
East Central Energy_____	800-254-7944
Finlayson Ag & Hardware_____	320-233-7372
Finlayson Storage_____	612-229-9205
Grace Construction _____	320-279-1552
Hayland Woods Native Nursery__	320-983-2584
Hiway Federal Credit Union_____	651-291-1515
Lampert Lumber_____	320-245-2276
LaRose Greenhouse & Nursery__	320-233-7455
Leach Electric_____	320-532-3277
Lindgren Land Surveying_____	651-303-9217
Man's Mowing_____	320-630-5336
Maple Run Orchard_____	320-279-1306
Matt's Sanitation_____	320-384-7137
Members Cooperative Credit Union	320-245-2502
Moose Lake Implement & Sports_	218-485-4486
Paul's Portables_____	320-245-6802
Pine County Sheriff_____	320-629-8380
Pine Lake Mini Storage_____	320-233-6394
Purple Pumper_____	320-384-0655
Rapit Printing_____	651-633-4600
Sandy's Salon_____	320-233-6192
Schoenrock Construction_____	320-233-6192
Town & Country Insurance_____	320-233-6684
United Country Real Estate_____	320-245-2502

BIG PINE LAKE AREA HISTORY

Jeff Lindgren

Today's article is about a few properties on the east side of Big Pine Lake along Big Pine Road (County 38) running south from the intersection near the dam on Highway 18. This article first appeared in our newsletter in August 2008 from research done by Pat Schwietz. A big thanks to Pat for all of his efforts and information!

Hardy's Lodge/Jamison's-Bowser Store

What is now private property and most recently was known as Jamison's Pine Ridge Resort started off as Harty's Lodge. It was owned by Michael (1875-1950), a railroad conductor, and Anna (1880-1957) Harty, who resided on the grounds, but managed by Albert and Nancy Bowser in the early 1930's. Boats rented for \$.25/hour and bathing suits for \$.10/day. Rooms rented for \$15/week and meals were \$.50 on weekdays and \$.75 on weekends. Bowser started a small grocery store in the lodge and found it profitable so in 1937 he purchased an acre of land across the road, then built and operated his own store and gas station. Bowser's Store was operated by Leroy (1922-1992) and Evelyn Bowser until the late 1980's. Many ice cream treats were purchased at Bowser's Store!

After the main lodge burned in 1939, the Harty's moved to Sandstone and sold the resort to Earl (1895-1957) and Francis Perkins in 1944. The Perkins, from Duluth, operated the resort themselves. Later it was owned by Bud and Babe Oswald (parents of Ron), George Carmen, Bob and Bonnie Jamison, and presently by some of the previous renters of the resort cabins.

Dosch-Kaeder-Pine Lake Pavilion

Charles A (1859-1943) Dosch, an original settler, had a dance hall near the lakeshore dating to about 1905 on property now owned and resided on by his granddaughter Ethelyn Kaeder. C.A., born in Indiana and of German descent, also owned and farmed 80 acres as well as operating a saw mill. He floated the timber down the Pine River. Some of his land was just north of Lohrbaur Road (now MN 18).

Charles Jr. "Tony" (1892-1970), born in Minnesota, and his wife Sophie (1894-1963) replaced the dance hall with one much larger and closer to the road in 1928. Boards were removed from the old hall's floor and reused in Tony's new building. Bugs and mosquitoes flew at will through the open windows on

Saturday evenings, attracted by the lights and bodies inside. The admission in the early days was \$.25. It was B.Y.O.B during prohibition. Weddings were held free of charge, but a collection was taken up for the bride and groom to pay the band. The Kaeder's tore the building down in 1976, but many memories remain.

Nelson-Robinson – Robinson's Shady Beach

Fred Nelson owned land south of the Dosch-Kaeder property. He owned both sides of the road, about 160 acres. Squire A (AKA Bob) (1897-1988) and Stella (1907-1986) Robinson purchased the property in the 1940's and subdivided it over 10 years. Darrell and Arlene Hammond purchased in 1977 what was the original house. His parents rented the same property in the 1930's when he was a child.

Gene Robinson, the son of Squire, who has a cabin just north of MN 18 recently wrote: *"During my dad's lifetime he did some small farming, had a chicken farm, resort, and a small store. He also had trap shooting across the road from our house and gave away lots for the best shots on special days. The Pine County Bow and Arrow range was located on the land for a few years. Over many years my parents lived in three different houses, sold three cabins, and later platted off the land into lake lots and back lots, some selling for \$500 or less..."*



Minnesota DNR Boating Etiquette Guidelines

Top 10 rules to respectful boating – make the right kind of waves

1. **Respect the ramp.** Good boating etiquette starts before you enter the water - at the dock. Prepare your boat and equipment before getting into position to launch. Anything else is disrespectful to fellow boaters.
2. **Own your wake.** The fastest way to make the wrong kinds of waves is to literally throw a big, obtrusive wave at another boat, swimmer, angler or shoreline owner. This is much more than being a nuisance or disrupting others' experience on the water. It's dangerous to those unable to tolerate a large wake. Stay at least 200 feet from the shoreline and other boaters.
3. **Keep the tunes in check.** Sound is amplified over the water, so keep the music at a decent level. Not only is it a disturbance to others but the operator may not hear the spotter.
4. **Pack in. Pack out.** Seems like common sense, right? Yet shorelines are still lined with trash being thrown overboard. Take care of the body of water you love and dispose of any trash you have. Do not throw it overboard!
5. **Slow your roll.** Does the body of water you're on have a speed limit or slow-no-wake restriction? It's your responsibility to know it and respect it. You are responsible for any damage you cause to other people's property.
6. **Rules of the road.** Become familiar with waterway markers and navigation rules, which dictate how you operate your vessel in order to prevent collision.
7. **Be prepared.** If you are the captain, you need to be prepared with the safety rules for your craft and make your guests aware as well. Know state and local laws for the body of water you're on. Set a good example by always wearing a life jacket and have enough life jackets for each person onboard. Beyond that, make sure to have the appropriate fit.
8. **Fuel and go.** At the fuel dock, get fuel, pay your bill and move out of the way. If you need to buy additional supplies, relocate your boat. Don't forget to run your blower before starting.
9. **Anchoring and mooring.** Enter an anchorage or mooring area at a slow speed. Don't create a wake that will disrupt other anchored boats. The first boat sets the tone. Mimic how they tie off, how much line you use and how much distance you allow between you and other boats. The busier the boat, the more space you should give yourself.
10. **Be polite – give a wave.** When passing another boat, give a little wave hello. Boating is all about having fun and being part of the boating community. Embrace it, enjoy it, and share it for generations to come.

Remember, these are guidelines and should not serve as a replacement for learning the rules, regulations and laws for your local body of water.

