

# Summer 2013 Newsletter

# Long Lake Link

Long Lake Property Owners Association

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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

June 26	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
June 29	Turtle Town Art Fair ~ Longville Area Women of Today	Salem Lutheran Church, 9 am - 4 pm
July 3	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
July 4	4th of July Parade	Downtown Longville, 11:00 am
	Fireworks ~ sponsored by Longville Chamber of Commerce	Downtown @ dusk
July 6	Music in the Park	Salem Lutheran Church, 5 pm - 7 pm
July 10	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
July 17	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
July 18-20	22nd Annual Moondance Jam	Moondance Fairgrounds, Hwy. 200
July 20	Summerfest Family Fun Festival	Downtown Longville, 10 am - 4 pm
July 24	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
July 27	Summer Street Dance	Main Street, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
July 31	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
August 3	Lions Corn & Polish Sausage Feed	Downtown Longville, 11:00 am
	"Back to the Fifties" ~ Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	Northern Lights Casino, 5 pm - 10 pm
August 4	Planes, Trains & Automobiles Pancake Breakfast	Longville Airport, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
August 7	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
August 14	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
August 16	"Taste of Longville"	Downtown Longville, 11 am - 2 pm
August 21	Turtle Races	Downtown, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Aug 31-Sept 1	"Arts Off 84" Art Crawl ~ Hwy. 84	Pine River to Longville, 9 am - 5 pm
Sept 19-Oct 5	"Fall Has It All" ~ special events & merchant discounts	Longville, Hackensack & Walker
Sept 21	Oktoberfest	Downtown Longville, 11am - 2 pm
	Oktoberfest Dinner Dance	Longville Fire Hall, 5 pm - 11pm
Oct 5	Harvest Moon Festival ~ New event!	Moondance Fairgrounds, Hwy. 200, all day

## LLPOA MISSION

The purpose of this association shall be to maintain and improve lake water quality and lake bed health, maintain and continue fish propagation and protect wildlife and its habitat.

It shall also provide education about many issues affecting lake property owners and users through the dissemination of information to Long Lake property owners and their families.

**A Letter from retired LLPOA President, Dick Loeffler:**

Greetings to all of you,

After the June 8th Board meeting, I have a very good feeling that the LLPOA will continue on with new leadership. At that meeting, several members of the Board agreed to take on tasks that will keep the Association active and informed. To those members, I say thank you for working to keep the LLPOA healthy and active. I also wish to say a special thank you to Jean Olsen, Pat Brockton and Meg Voigtschild for the work they have done, and continue to do, for the LLPOA.

I can understand why no one volunteered right away to take on the Presidency - I felt the same way just before I volunteered to be President. The position, however, turned out to be very rewarding for me and I enjoyed working with each one of our Board members. Now I have some really good news! Wayne Voigtschild has agreed to serve as the interim LLPOA President until the annual meeting this August. At that time, if the Board agrees, he would be willing to continue serving as President; and at the August 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, the Board could put Wayne's name on a ballot for election by the membership. I could not recommend Wayne more highly. He has been a good friend and neighbor of ours for several years, and he and his wife, Meg, have owned their home on Long Lake longer than Jill and I have. I believe Wayne would make a great President for he is very dedicated to Long Lake and his fellow property owners. I ask you to please consider him for the presidency.

I send each of you my best and I know the Association will continue to survive and flourish under its future leadership.

Dick Loeffler

***Mark your calendars: LLPOA Annual Meeting  
Saturday, August 10th at 9:30 am at Salem Lutheran Church  
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for registration, coffee, juice & snacks  
All members are invited to attend!***

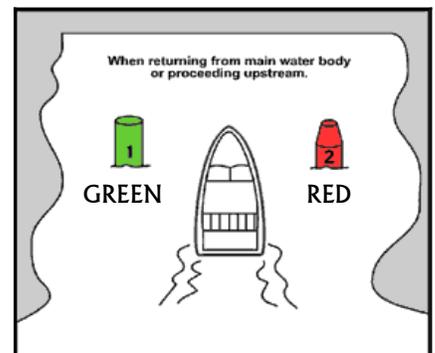
**IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING THE BUOYS ON THE LAKE THIS YEAR!!**

We want all of our members, and their guests, to be aware of some important changes that have been made to the marking buoys on the lake this year. These changes were made to increase everyone's safety while boating on the lake, so we are asking that you make yourselves aware of the buoy locations and meanings.

Red and green buoys will be used to mark channels in the following areas:

- ◆ The Narrows
- ◆ The entrance to Monster Bay
- ◆ On the northern end of the lake:
  - ◇ Between the eastern shoreline and the grass island nearest that shore
  - ◇ Just north of the grass islands

**The easiest way to remember is  
"Red and green, stay between!"**



Any white buoys you see on the lake are marking rocks or shallow spots - keep your distance!

**NOTE:** The Association would like to thank the following property owners for their help in placing the buoys this spring (and that was no easy task with all the rain and wind we've had so far): Ken Johnson, Dick Loeffler, John Olsen, Gary Richmond, Bob Saalborn and Wayne Voigtschild. Purchasing of the buoys is just one of the ways the Association puts member's dues to work for the benefit of all of us on Long Lake.

## Ranger Rick's Fish Tails...

After a late start to this year's spring, the fishing finally got going the third week in May. I've heard numerous fishing reports; some good and some not so good!

I did notice on the 2nd weekend after the fishing opener that five or more boats headed up to Hurd's Bay, but not one boat had a good report on the crappie bite. Yes, some were caught, but they were small, with an average size of only 7 to 9 inches.

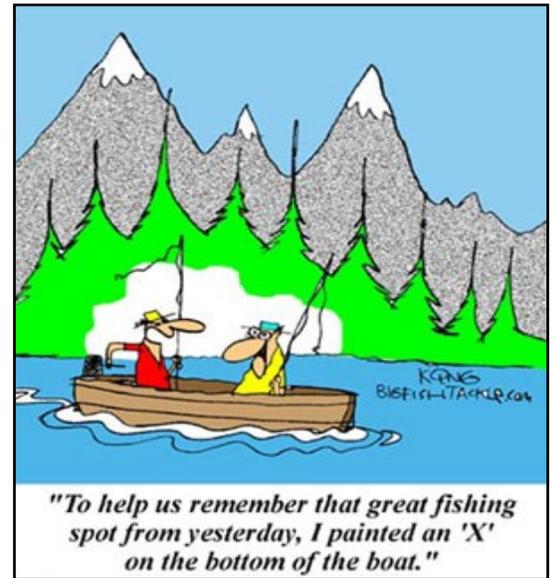
Now, if you know our lake and fished it during those few warm days in late May, you did find the crappies biting very well, but only after 8:00 pm; which seems to be the rule for crappies. During these few days the crappies were a good size. What size you say? Now that would be giving away my secrets, wouldn't it?!

One of the fishermen I know on the lake caught a nice 26 inch walleye while fishing for crappies. Some people have all the luck!

The walleye fishing reports from last winter were good. There were walleyes in the 12 to 16 inch range, with a few reaching 20 inches. The northern end of the lake and south of the boat launch are always good areas to fish. Don't expect to catch your limit however, because it just doesn't happen on Long Lake. The stocking of walleyes has finally paid off for our lake - we do have walleyes, just not a lot of them. It still makes fishing a lot of fun though.

**On a more serious note...** do we want to continue asking the MN DNR to stock our lake? The problem is, if the fish population increases, so will the number of fisherman from other lakes coming into our lake. Do we want that, knowing that **aquatic invasive species** may come along with those fishermen and their boats?

That is the big question and it needs to be discussed at the **LLPOA Annual Meeting ~ August 10th at Salem Lutheran Church beginning at 9:00 am**. Duke Broughton, our lakes area Conservation Officer, will be our guest speaker. It will be a good time to hear what is happening in our area and to ask him questions. Please consider attending!



## Speaking of Ranger Rick...

The LLPOA would like to thank retiring President Dick Loeffler for all of his hard work and dedication. Dick has served on the Board since 2003, and took over the Presidency in 2008. He has been a proactive advocate for Long Lake ever since he and his wife, Jill, moved to the lake in 2003. (And he hasn't been afraid to "enthusiastically encourage" other members to become involved as well - that's how the current editor got her job.)

The list of activities Dick participated in for Long Lake is a long one: water testing and Secchi readings with Bob Alley and Jerry Lerom, member of the Walleye Coalition, member of the Association of Cass County Lakes, began the AIS program and served as an AIS inspector for the lake, spearheaded the marking buoy system to promote safe boating, promoted shoreline restoration with monies from the Initiative Foundation, helped create the Long Lake Management Program, promoted DNR walleye stocking in the lake, stimulated increased interest in improving the lake's water quality, helped organize a "formal" 4th of July boat parade, started the annual Treasure Hunt, contributed material for the Link, and last, but not least, boosted membership in the LLPOA.

We will miss Dick's enthusiasm and positive outlook; we know he will miss living on Long Lake. Let's keep the ball rolling and keep the LLPOA strong. We wish the best of luck to Dick and Jill on their "new" life in Eagan.

**2013 TREASURE HUNT**



This year's treasure hunt began on fishing opener weekend in May. The hidden treasure will be lying in wait for those adventurous souls who seek reward. The following clues will give you the information needed to find the golden treasure box that contains coins, along with one year free membership in the LLPOA.

- CLUE #1: Pieces of eight lie in wait
- CLUE #2: Look high and low
- CLUE #3: Find the golden orb
- CLUE #4: Long Lake once had seven, but now there are eight
- CLUE #5: Once it was covered with H2O
- CLUE #6: One is rock, four are normal, two are not
- CLUE #7: Where the grass grows, there is one that is not alive
- CLUE #8: Beware as you approach for there are rocks to avoid.  
The orb lies in wait in plain sight on land where few have walked.

CLUE #9: FINAL CLUE! Find the golden orb hanging on a dead one; now the second orb you must find, for it is near. You must walk 47 paces to find the pieces of eight, so don't wait. Once you find the second golden orb, you will see where a beaver has chewed. Dig but a few inches below and you will find the treasure in a golden metal box.

If you find the treasure, contact one of the LLPOA Board members, your zone director, or the Link editor. Contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter. If the treasure hasn't been found by the end of the season, the hunt will resume next year ~ but the treasure just might be hidden in a different location!

**THE PICL FAMILY'S LONG LAKE TRADITION**

We've asked property owners to share any fun or interesting stories of their "relationship" with Long Lake. In this issue, we have a story submitted by Ray Picl. Ray's grandparents, Louie and Emma Picl, were the first guests to stay at Deer Trail Resort when it first opened in 1959 (when there were only three cabins). They stayed for two weeks that summer, with Ray's aunt and uncle joining them for the second week. His uncle passed away a year ago, but his aunt and her family just finished another stay at the resort. Ray's sister and her husband, Sande and Russ Peters, even have a home on Long Lake. Last year was the 54th year that Deer Trail Resort has been open, and Ray's family has spent their annual family reunion/vacation there every one of those 54 years. This summer will be their 55th family event!! Thanks so much for sharing your family's story and pictures with us Ray.



Louie Picl ~ 1959



Emma Herget Picl ~ 1959



Ray's grandparents and extended family on the dock ~ 1978



Ray's aunt, uncle and cousins in the Deer Trail swimming area ~ 1959 (Remember swim caps?)



Ray, his parents, his siblings and their kids at Deer Trail Resort ~ 2012

### A SNAPSHOT OF LONGVILLE/LONG LAKE HISTORY

1864	Original U.S. government survey of Long Lake
1896	Railroad reaches Walker, MN
1897	Cass County established and named for Lewis Cass who led an expedition to the upper Mississippi River in 1820 and traveled as far as Cass Lake. Walker was established as the county seat and named for Thomas Walker who had large lumber and land interests in Cass County.
1890s	First logging camp was built in Longville and was known as the Girl Lake Camp; logs were loaded out of Girl Lake; the last load of logs left in 1909
1904	Hotel Daws block was built by J.G. Daws (later becomes the Longville Hotel). James A. Long negotiates with the Postal Service and becomes the first postmaster for "Longville"; mail comes three times a week by horseback
1905	Railroad arrives in Longville, includes a spur to the south end of Long Lake where a camp of 125 men is located. First school building opened with 30 students. First general store opens where Kellogg's Northwood Shop is today.
1906	Longville incorporated as a village; William Locke elected mayor
1909	Last load of logs leaves Longville via railroad and is floated down the Pine and Mississippi Rivers to a sawmill in Sartell
1914	First automobile arrives in Longville
1919	Longville receives telephone exchange; Louise Jordan is first operator. Roads are constructed on old railroad beds
1920	The property known as Deer Trail Resort was called Fish Camp and was operated by the Mander family.
1921	State Senator P.H. Garry urged people to vote for Amendment One - State Highway System; he said that "someday Longville may have a state highway."
1922	Original log home built by Roby family on site now known as Camp O' My Dreams
1930	Three more cabins built on Roby property, with four more added years later; Keith and Ruth Likens were owners at one time
1939	Last addition to school built by the WPA; 250 students enrolled, with six school "bus" routes - the buses were horse-drawn wagons
1940	Longville was incorporated as a city; L.W. Orton was mayor
1957	Harold and Clara Thuesen and Donald and Alice Moe purchase location of Deer Trail Resort; Donald built nine cabins in nine years
1964	Channel opened between the north and south parts of Long Lake at the Narrows using dynamite and a dragline
1965	Wilma Griffin and Matt Poremba become owners of Camp O' My Dreams
1984	The Moes develop RV park with fifteen full hookup sites
1989	A local zoning officer, meeting with the Entenmanns, Horeishes and Laraways, suggests that a lake association be formed; the idea is discussed and approved by the above couples, who then meet with Woman Lake Association for insight on how to proceed
1990	First annual meeting of the Long Lake Property Owners Association is held at Longville Elementary School on August 25th

### Annual 4th of July Boat Parade!

Decorate your pontoon, boat or canoe in red, white & blue and take part in Long Lake's annual fun event on Thursday, July 4th.

The parade will line up on the north side of the Narrows at 2:00 pm.

Please note that this year the parade will head SOUTH from the island.

### A couple of notes from the Board's last meeting...

- The cool, wet spring weather, and late ice-out, not only affects us, but also alters the behavior of the animals around us. We know the loons arrived later than usual and this delayed their nest building and egg hatching. Based on this, we're asking everyone to please be extra cautious when boating near the loons and their chicks - we don't want to stress them anymore than we have to. They have a lot of growing up to do in a shorter time period than usual.
- The Board will be working on a "catchy" sign campaign to help us enforce the importance of AIS (aquatic invasive species) control. The signs will be aimed at grabbing the attention of boaters as they approach the public boat launch. Modeled after the old Burma Shave highway signs of more than 50 years ago, we are hoping that they help increase awareness of the need to clean, drain and dry our boats. The Board thanks Duane and Sue Schock for bringing this sign idea to our attention.
- With the higher water level in the lake this summer, please try and keep the wake from your boats at a minimum when boating near the shoreline. This helps prevent erosion along the shore, and also increases the safety of people playing in the water or standing on their docks.

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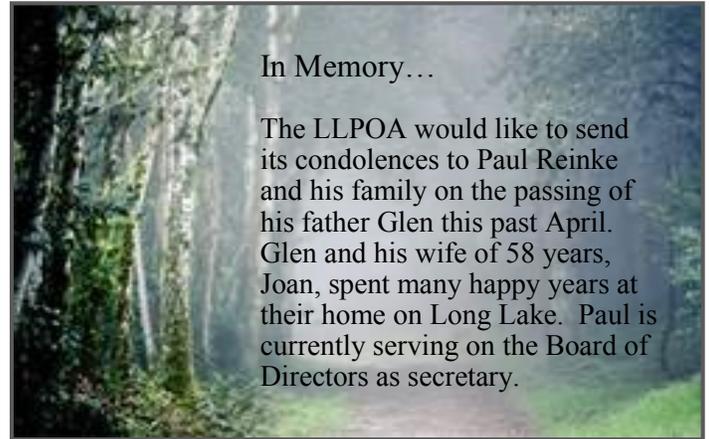
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**2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

Saturday, July 13th @ 10:00 am  
 Saturday, August 10th @ 9:30 am \*\*  
 Saturday, September 14th @ 10:00 am

\*\* Annual meeting at 9:30 am; doors open at 9:00 am

All meetings are held at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville



**August 3, 2013  
 Northern Lights Casino  
 Walker  
 5-10 p.m.**



**A Benefit for the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation**

Lay out the poodle skirts and saddle shoes, and get ready to "rock and roll" to Robby Vee and the Rock-N-Roll Caravan. They'll be playing all your favorite songs, including his legendary father Bobby Vee's greatest hits. Raffle drawings, silent auction, dance contest, and more fun. Tickets will be available online at [www.northernlightscasino.com](http://www.northernlightscasino.com) after June 1.

**Long Lake Apparel**

You may remember that last fall we had talked about coming up with a design for some Long Lake apparel. Because of time constraints, etc., that didn't happen, but if you are interested in purchasing Long Lake clothing, the One Stop in Longville is offering a t-shirt and hooded sweatshirt with a Long Lake design on the front. Next time you're at the One Stop, take a look and see if one of these items might work for you.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE LONG LAKE LINK!**

The Association will no longer be mailing paper copies of the Link newsletter to non-members. If you would like to continue receiving the Link, you will need to provide us with your e-mail address. As a non-member, if we don't have your e-mail address, you will receive only the spring edition of the newsletter which contains summer season start-up information. This is being done to reduce postage, printing and handling costs.

If you would like to continue receiving the Link, please send your e-mail address to Meg Voigtschild at [meg@msireresults.com](mailto:meg@msireresults.com) or call 612-805-5995. Better yet, join the LLPOA for just \$15.00 per year and continue receiving all four issues of the Link.

***LLPOA members will continue to receive all issues just as in the past.***

**REMINDER:**

The membership/dues form (for new members and renewals) is included in this newsletter. Send the form, along with your 2013 annual dues (\$15.00 per year), to LLPOA, PO Box 292, Longville, MN 56655.