

# **IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

## **JUNE 2005**

### **GREETINGS FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESSIDENT:**

As summer approaches we look forward to this year's planned lake association fun/social events. We have enclosed a response form to be returned by July 7 to enable to purchase sufficient supplies for the picnic and to notify Nordic Trails as to the number golfing. Those attending the Coral dinner only, have until August 12 to return the form. Enjoy our beautiful Lake Ida and have a great safe summer.

### **FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIM POINT FAMILY PICNIC:**

This family picnic event, in commemoration of the Ida Lake Association's fifteenth anniversary, is scheduled at Pilgrims Point for Saturday, July 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. and is limited to current 2005 paid members and immediate family. We will be serving brats and hot dogs off the grill, bags of potato chips, baby carrots cookies, and a beverage at no charge to members. Vehicle parking is somewhat limited so car-pooling with neighbors is suggested, or weather permitting, come by boat. There is a sand volleyball court, playground equipment for the kids, and a lifeguard monitored swimming area. The camp and we are not authorizing swimming anywhere but at the monitored swimming area. Additional games for adults and children will be available. We will have use of the dining hall which seats 130, and there are picnic tables for those who prefer to eat outside. The dining hall is the only building we have rented so please do not enter other buildings. There will also be a small group of camp counselors in training so please avoid disturbing them. The camp is a smoke and alcohol free facility. Please respect these regulations. We certainly want to be good neighbors in case we want to use the camp facilities in the future.

### **GOLF OUTING:**

A golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 at Nordic Trails with tee times scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. This event is not restricted to association members. Please refer to the article by golf chairman, Rob Auel for further information.

### **RECOGNITION/SOCIAL DINNER:**

A recognition/social dinner as an expression of thanks to immediate past President Bruce and Lucrezia Campbell is planned for Saturday, August 27 at the Corral Supper Club in Nelson. The Corral is noted for it's "fall off the bone ribs" and chicken. It should be a great chance to mingle and socialize and could be called a "boast, roast, and toast" event. Think of a funny story or an example of all the work both Bruce and Lucrezia have done for the lake association that you may wish to share. This event is also not restricted to lake association members. If you are planning to attend the dinner only, you have until Friday, August 12 to return the response form.

### **CURLEY LEAF PONDWEED:**

This aquatic weed has been found in Lake Ida along with twenty other lakes within Douglas County. Jed Anderson, DNR aquatic plant specialist has no knowledge as to who found the weed or the location in the lake. He stated that he is not surprised at the presence of the weed in the lake and that he believes most lakes, ponds, sloughs, and wetlands in the area are infested. He suggested that the monitoring of the lake should be on going to assess any expansion. The DNR personnel will help to determine the location of the weed and check their records for further information. Our objective should be to and locate pondweed, estimate the area infested, monitor any expansion and possible eradication, which may take several years to accomplish. The DNR representative said that 2-3 acres could be treated effectively with chemicals selective to pondweed without harming native vegetation. The cost for professional application is about \$250.00 per acre. The Lake Le Homme Dieu Association has started an eradication program this year and we can follow their efforts.

### **IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING:**

The Ida Lake Association golf outing is planned for Saturday, August 6 with tee times starting at 3 p.m. The event will be held at Nordic Trails golf course, 4343 County Road 20 NE, located north of Alexandria just off County road 29. Their phone number is 320-762-5420.

This event is intended as a non-serious, social event using a "best ball" format. You may form your own teams, or better yet, let us mix and match so that one has the opportunity to meet more fellow Lake Ida admirers. The plan is to have prizes along the fairways to make it fun for everyone. We will wrap it up by having something off the grill and chips. Everyone is responsible for purchasing their own beverage from the clubhouse.

The green fee will be \$10.00 for 9 holes and golf carts will be available for an additional \$9.00 per person. Fees will not be collected in advance but payable at the pro shop. Please RSVP by Thursday, July 7 by using the response form included with this newsletter. (continued on next page)

If you have questions or concerns contact one of the committee members.  
Rob Auel, 846-1110  
Don Carlson, 846-0423  
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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Membership dues in the amount of \$20 are payable on an annual basis. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL TO VERIFY YOUR DISTRICT NUMBER AND THE LAST YEAR FOR WHICH YOUR DUES HAVE BEEN PAID.** Included in this newsletter is an insert for Annual Dues and Fees payment. Please complete this form and mail the form, with your check, to Ida Lake Association PO Box 175, Garfield, MN 56332-0175.

### **“OPEN LINE”, KXRA RADIO 1490 A.M.:**

The Douglas County Lakes Association has airtime on “Open Line” between the hours of 9-10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Association members and professionals from the DNR, Douglas County Land and Resource Management and others will make presentations concerning lake related issues and also respond to call-in questions and comments. Be sure to tune in.

### **LAKE MARY ASSOCIATION ISSUE:**

The Lake Mary Lake Association is acting on concerns that a developer has plans to install an 800-foot dock with boat slips into Lake Mary because this particular area has a very shallow depth. The Douglas County Commissioners have denied the developers request for permit but the developer plans to appeal this decision. The lake association is planning a pig roast in Forada as a fundraiser on Sunday, July 17 from 11:30-1:00p.m. Watch for ticket information in the Echo Press and on KXRA radio.

### **DEAD LAKE ASSOCIATION:**

The Dead Lake Association in Ottertail County has acquired extensive legal fees in resisting developers who wish to develop around this very shallow lake. The Ida Lake Association contributed \$500.00 to help defray some of this expense and a thank you letter from this association has been received.

### **WELL WATER TESTING FOR NITRATES:**

Free well water testing is available at the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management facility during the month of July. Please call 320-763-9340 to receive further information.

**ADVERTISEMENTS IN OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:**

Please review the advertisements in our membership directory and when you need products or services utilize these businesses. Their generous contributions paid for nearly all of the cost of producing the 2003-04 directory. It is planned to publish another directory for 2005-06.

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