

# ILA News

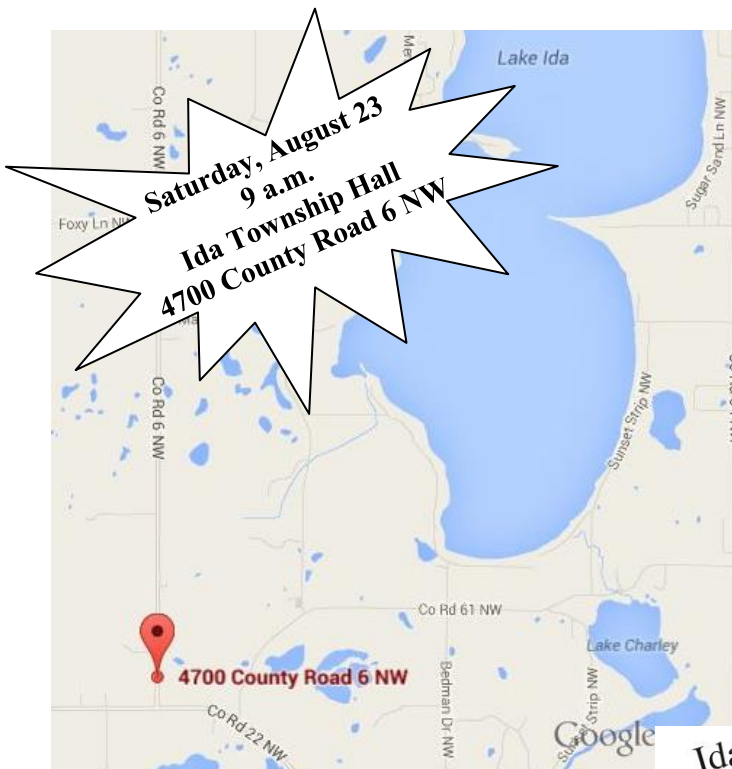


TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SERENITY, QUALITY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE IDA

## 2014 Fall Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2014 Fall Annual Meeting Saturday, August 23 at 9 a.m. at the Ida Township Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Topics for discussion include the No-Wake Zone, spotting of Zebra Mussels, along with a Guest Speaker from the DNR, Mike Bolinski, Watercraft Inspection Program Supervisor. Also on the agenda is a vote for Vice President and Treasurer. With this being an even-numbered year, the Districts that are even numbered will be electing new District Directors. A special *Thank You* to those who have served so thoughtfully.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ida Township Hall, located at 4700 County Road 6 NW.



## 2014 Fourth of July Boat Parade

Unfortunately due to high lake levels and shore erosion, we had to cancel the Sixth Annual Lake Ida Fourth of July Boat Parade. The lake directors discussed that this was the best decision for the well-being of the lake. We expect to continue the custom next year with our Seventh Annual Boat Parade ~ Make sure you are a part of the tradition and fun!

## From Your President

Over the past months I have had the great pleasure to be able to get to know some truly outstanding people that care about Lake Ida! Whatever way you and your family enjoy the lake I hope you have had another marvelous summer and memories to cherish.

We have some challenges moving forward on the lake. Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Ida this summer. It will be helpful for the DNR to know how many we see with the removal of docks and lifts this fall. Please report to the association any Zebra mussels you find. We have been successfully controlling curly leaf pondweed in the lake.

It is important that the walleye fishermen donate what they can for fall stocking. This is expensive, and a resource that I feel is the responsibility of all of us walleye fishermen. DNR test netting has indicated that Walleye populations are increasing in Lake Ida. The cooler wetter spring has made the fishing a little more challenging this summer. I also remind everyone to remove the unwanted species when fishing; the ecosystem can only support so many fish. Northern Pike numbers are directly related to walleye



numbers, remove the Northern and we will have better overall fishing.

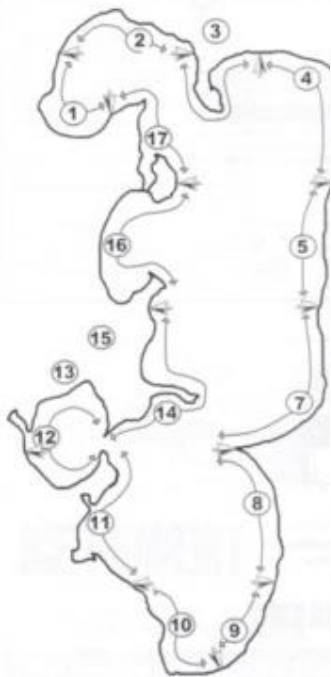
We need to be thankful that we have and had so many people that truly care. Working with the association in this positive direction is personally rewarding. Involvement is critical to the success of our association. It is all of us that determine the direction, please stay involved! I personally look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our August meeting.

Take care everyone; enjoy the rest of your summer.

*~ Jeff Johnson, ILA President*

## Meet Your Directors

Your Ida Lake Association Board of Directors is here for the lake and for you! The mission of the Ida Lake Association is to preserve and protect the serenity, quality, and natural beauty of Lake Ida. In addition, it is our purpose to organize and educate all those concerned with Lake Ida including lakeshore owners, area residents, and visitors. We acknowledge our role as caretakers and propose to work as one to accomplish our responsibility to water and the land.



1. Little Ida South
2. Little Ida North
3. Big Horn Bay
4. NE Lake Ida
5. East Upper Lake
6. Cozy Nook
7. SE Upper Lake
8. NE Lower Lake
9. SE Lower Lake
10. SW Lower Lake
11. West Lower Lake
12. Schwab's Bay
13. Chippewa Trails
14. Stony Point Lazy U
15. Wahtomin Shores
16. Christopherson Bay
17. Betsy Ross Rd. NW

## Contact your District Director! Get involved!

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## Visit Our Website

[www.lakeida.org](http://www.lakeida.org)

A special *Thank You* to Andy Lopez for all of his time and energy dedicated to updating and maintaining our ILA website. Suggestions or comments are always welcome. Please e-mail the Webmaster at: [webmaster@lakeida.org](mailto:webmaster@lakeida.org)

## Be in the Blast

Share with us your e-mail address(s). If you have not been receiving e-mails, we will add you to our *Blast List!* This is for sharing ILA information ONLY. Please e-mail our Treasurer and provide all addresses you want included to our list: [treasurer@lakeida.org](mailto:treasurer@lakeida.org)

## Got the Blues 'Cause Your Lake is Green?

There are no simple solutions to complex lake problems, but YOU can help! Your daily use of the lake and its surrounding landscape contributes greatly to the lake water quality. Any action you take to improve the lake will likely trigger others to join the effort.

Did you know that burning leaves or wood near the lake destroys the organic matter releasing the phosphorus, which could be washed into the lake? Phosphorus entering lakes and rivers feed the growth of algae, bacteria, and other tiny organisms. Water bodies require some nutrients to be healthy, but too much can be harmful. When lakes receive an overabundance of nutrients, they can become polluted by excessive amounts of algae. Die-off and decomposition of algae blooms can reduce dissolved oxygen and suffocate fish and other aquatic life. Some forms of algae (blue-green) may produce toxins that can be harmful if ingested by humans and animals.

Please do NOT burn your leaves near the lakeshore. **Douglas County Ordinance prohibits burning within 100 feet from the lakeshore.** The only exception is a recreational wood-burning campfire. Make sure you locate your fire pit at least 50 feet away from the lakeshore and remove ashes from the fire pit to prevent the ashes from being blown or washed into the lake.

Take stake in your lake – and help keep Lake Ida looking healthy, beautiful...and blue!



A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.

(Henry David Thoreau)

## Stocking ~ Donate to the Cause

When done well, stocking can work wonders. Hundreds of Minnesota walleye lakes would today offer little or no walleye fishing were it not for regular stocking. Let's help Lake Ida benefit from our donations!

## Annual Due\$

It is time to remind you to send in your annual Ida Lake Association dues of \$25. Your support helps the ILA preserve and protect the serenity, quality, and natural beauty of Lake Ida. ILA uses the money for various projects, including this newsletter.

Please check YOUR address label on the back of this newsletter – it is coded to inform you of your dues status. If you are not up to date with your 2014 dues – please

bring to the Annual Meeting August 23rd or remit with the form included in this newsletter.

## Memorials

In addition to the annual dues members contributed last year, we receive several memorial donations primarily for loved ones who have departed. So far this year we have received five additional memorials for \$670 (with \$125 dedicated to fish stocking).

James & Shirley Brakken

In memory of **Sheryl Brakken-Feely**

Paul, Pam & Joe Tauer

In memory of **Don Carlson**, honoring his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Ruth Hembre

In memory of **Jim Hembre** (DOD 4.22.14)

Darrell Lorsung

In memory of **Patty Lorsung**

Margaret Mattson

In memory of **Don Mattson**

Stuart, Rick & Valerie

In memory of **Vernon Dobberpuhl**, \$100 for fish stocking  
Andy & Dian Lopez

In memory of **Lucy Cook**, \$500 for Ditch 23 Project

## Newsletter

Suggestions or comments for this newsletter are always welcome. Please e-mail the Editor, Diane Achterkirch (District 11): [newsletter@lakeida.org](mailto:newsletter@lakeida.org)

# Become a dues paying member!

## Ida Lake Association Annual Dues and Fees Statement

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (list any and all e-mail addresses you wish to be used for ILA business only): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Memorial: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_

Walleye Stocking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

<b>Remit payment to:</b> Ida Lake Association P.O. Box 175 Garfield, MN 56332-0175
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