

# ILA News



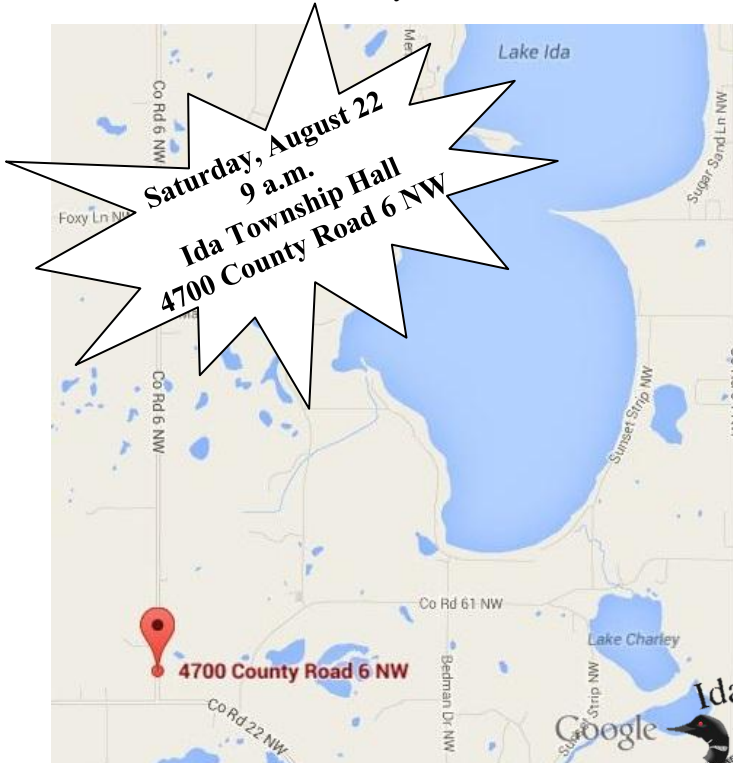
TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SERENITY, QUALITY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE IDA

## 2015 Fall Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend the 2015 Fall Annual Meeting **Saturday, August 22 at 9 a.m.** at the Ida Township Hall. Join us for cookies and coffee ~ **EVERYONE** is encouraged to attend. **Steve Henry** (Water Planning and Land use Tech from the Douglas County Soil & Water Conservation District) and **Mae Petrehn** (Feedlot Coordinator Douglas County, Department of Land and Resource Management) will speak on water quality issues. This will give direction that the association needs to take in order to support ongoing efforts regarding water quality.

Also on the agenda is a vote for President and Secretary. With this being an odd-numbered year, the Districts that are odd numbered will be electing 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.



## 2015 Fourth of July Boat Parade

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Seventh Annual Lake Ida Fourth of July Boat Parade! We had 65 boats cruise along the southern shores of Lake Ida to celebrate our nations' birthday. Boats were decorated in red, white and blue; from flags to ribbons to balloons AND even a high-flying kite! ~ Their passengers looked pretty good too. We had many parade watchers enjoying the festivities from the shore! It was GREAT to see so much spirit! Those on the northern shores – get ready for next year! Photos of the parade are on the website: [www.lakeida.org](http://www.lakeida.org).



## 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, lake access monitoring during busy times, walleye stocking, a new ILA Directory (which will be handed out at the Fall Annual Meeting to dues paying members), and much more.

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 2015 dues – please bring to the Annual Meeting August 22nd or remit with the form included in this newsletter.



## 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?

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!

## 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. As per the existing fish management plan for Lake Ida, 2,707,000 walleye fry were stocked last spring. We are not sure what the fall stocking plan will be until we complete an electrofishing survey to estimate young-of-year walleye abundance.

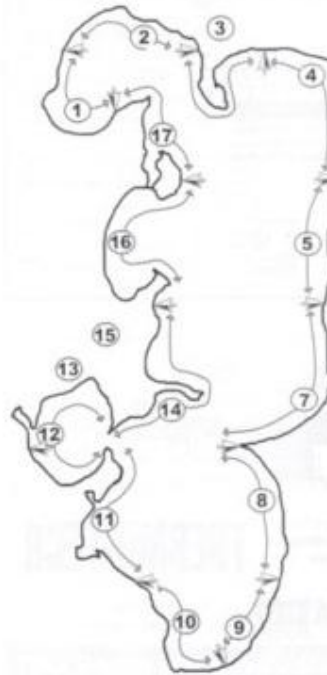
A message for walleye anglers, remove from the lake the unwanted species and the walleye have a chance to grow. Please do not release back in to the lake, small mouth bass, northern pike, largemouth bass and rock bass. See recipes on page 3.



"You catch me, you throw me back.  
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Dude, get a life!"

## 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  
You can find them on our website!

## 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)

## AIS – Aquatic Invasive Species

You have all heard the news that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has announced that walleye fishing on Mille Lacs Lake closed August 3, 2015, because walleye harvest by anglers had exceeded the state's allotment for 2015 by more than 2,000 pounds. The closure will continue through Nov. 30.

An excerpt from the *Star Tribune* on recent issues: Once devoid of aquatic invasive species, Mille Lacs now contains zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, and Eurasian watermilfoil. While it's unknown exactly what implications these infestations are having, it's suspected the increase in milfoil is providing more ambush cover for northern pike. Also, water-filtering mussels are contributing to water clarity that allow more aquatic vegetation to grow at deeper depths and in more dense stands.

Mille Lacs was one of the first inland lakes infested with zebra mussels. It was an early victim of spiny water flea in 2009. It is the only inland lake in Minnesota infested with both. While it is difficult to document a direct cause and effect in a dynamic and complex lake system, there is no doubt that the combination of these two aquatic invasive species are having a significant impact on the current collapse, and that these two species will make any recovery more difficult and less robust.

Dave Orrick, *Pioneer Press*, details the compound impacts Mille Lacs AIS are having on the walleye population. As this *Star Tribune* article points out, other walleye lakes like Vermilion are teetering. Walleye fishing on the west end of the lake is far below historic levels, Vermilion was also designated as infested with spiny water flea this summer.

This raises the question, is Minnesota ready to bail out each lake that collapses due to the combined and interacting pressures, including aquatic invasive species? Are we willing to adjust our



expectations and live with the negative impacts of zebra mussels, spiny water flea and other aquatic invasive species, to switch from walleye fishing to bass fishing, Muskie fishing or even cat fishing? Are we willing to watch out-of-state anglers tow boats (and recreation dollars) through the state, bound for areas that took the threat of AIS more seriously than Minnesota has, areas that chose to protect their resource and are able to enjoy the return on those investments.

COME TO THE FALL ANNUAL MEETING –  
**Saturday, August 22 at 9 a.m.**  
to learn more!

## Recipes

Northern Pike Recipes from North Dakota Game and Fish Department

### Canned Pike

1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 Tbsp. ketchup  
1 Tbsp. oil (optional)  
1/2 tsp salt

Put fish in pint jars, put ingredients on top of fish.

Process at 11 lbs for 100 minutes.

Debone fish and clean all 'red' meat off fillets, however bones may be left in since they will become soft under canning pressure.

### Pike Chowder

Melt 4 T butter in saucepan  
Add 1 chopped onion  
3-4 diced potatoes  
1 stick celery  
Carrots

Cook potatoes and carrots until done  
Add 1 can evaporated milk  
Add 1 can cream of celery soup  
Add 2 cups diced northern pike – 1' chunk sprinkled with seafood seasoning)  
Add can of whole corn (drained)

Simmer 20 minutes until fish is flakey, season to taste.

Find more great recipes on our ILA website!



# 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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