



**GULL CHAIN of LAKES
ASSOCIATION**

WINTER 2016
Nisswa, Minnesota 56468



Photo by Ron Faust



Exceeding Expectations

Satisfied customers are a result of quality products and service.

Pier Pleasure boat lifts provide the best in appearance and quality, backed by the best warranty in the industry.

The D.H. Aluminum Frame Dock is the leader in appearance, stability, versatility and value, with a LIFETIME WARRANTY.



It's the Good Life...

D.H. Docks & Tracks

218-963-2566



Since 1974

dhdocks.com



South of Schaefer's Foods • 23624 Smiley Road • Nisswa

SPECIALIZING IN LAKE SHORE

Located in Nisswa, Heart of the Beautiful Brainerd Lakes Area. Since 1964

www.kurilla.com



(888) 876-7333

23590 Smiley Road • Box 779 • Nisswa, Minnesota • (218) 963-7333



K

KURILLA
REAL ESTATE
NISSWA LTD.



Box 102 • Nisswa, Minnesota 56468
218-963-3542

gullchainoflakesassociation.org
gcola.org

CHAIR

Uldis Birznieks, Gull, Steamboat Bay
218-829-8193; pub@scicable.com

VICE-CHAIR & MEMBERSHIP

Arla Johnson, Gull
218-963-7954; arlajohnson@msn.com

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Rosemary Goff, Margaret
218-963-3542; togogt@charter.net

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES & GALA CHAIR

Steve Alex, Gull, Wilson Bay
218-829-2612; savesta@msn.com

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

John Ingleman, Margaret
218-963-9441; jaingl@aol.com

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Robert Eliason – Bass Lake
Loon Survey; End –of-Dock Program
218-568-7868; rmeliason@gmail.com

Ron Faust, Gull
Shoreline Restoration
218-961-1617; ronfaust@mac.com

FINANCE/AUDIT CHAIR

Marv Meyer, Gull, Wilson Bay
218-828-9577; mgmgull@gmail.com

SAFETY & RECREATION CHAIR (BUOY SYSTEM)

Bob Toborg, Margaret
218-963-3542; togogt@charter.net

GCOLA Counsel, Kevin Egan, Margaret
218-963-3546; kegan22583@comcast.net

Jay Chaney, Gull
218-963-7700; jay@boatsandbeyondrentals.com

Linda Harrier, Bass
218-963-2250; lharrier922@gmail.com

Chuck Herrig, Gull
Silent Auction Chair
612-396-9105; theherrigs@hotmail.com

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Marc Bacigalupi, DNR Fisheries,
218-203-4303; marc.bacigalupi@state.mn.us

MaryKay Larson – US Army Corps of Engineers
Gull Lake Dam Recreation Area
651-290-5770,
MaryKay.L.Larson@usace.army.mil

WEBSITE MANAGER

Dave Anderson, Bass
218-963-3121, info@lakeshoreinnovations.com

WEBSITE: gcola.org

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Chair’s Message2-3

Save the Date.....4

GCOLA Financial Summary.....5-6

Membership Challenge Time Again!.....7

Volunteer Opportunities.....8

DNR Fisheries Muskie Stocking
of Gull Chain.....9-10

U of M Researchers11

Reforestation the Gull Chain.....13

Endowment Fund Update16

Understanding AIS
& AIS Prevention.....17-18

Gull Lake Profiles19

Nisswa Lake Park Fundraising20

WINTER 2016

News for the Gull Lake Yacht Club21

Paul Bunyan Trail to Remain Open22

Association of Cass County Lakes
Needs Your Help!23

Board of Directors25

Birch Bay Zoning Fight26

GCOLA Website.....27

Emails Wanted28

Welcome New Members.....29

2015 Donors.....30-32

In Memory Of.....32

Gull Chain of Lakes Membership.....33

Confidentiality Policy.....34

**GULL CHAIN OF LAKES
PUBLIC MISSION STATEMENT**

The Gull Chain of Lakes Association is an alliance of watershed property interests within the Gull Chain of Lakes in Cass and Crow Wing Counties. The Association is devoted to the restoration and continued preservation of the highest water quality and environmental standards achievable, promotion of the responsible use of land and water resources and recreational safety on the Gull chain of lakes.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE ²

Uldis Birznieks, Chair

It's been quite a winter so far. The Gull Chain totally iced over on Dec. 26, 2015 (that's one day after Christmas). That is the latest ice over to date and beats the previous record of Dec. 22, set in 1998. That has made it a tough go for the ice fisherman in this early season. It also was announced that the JC's Ice Fishing Extravanza, where some hardy souls from the GCOLA Board volunteer their time, has been postponed to Feb. 6. And now, as I write this message, it is -15F outside with a wind chill of -25F to -35F. Go figure!

In reflecting on some of the GCOLA highlights from 2015, they include the following:

- No Eurasian Water Milfoil or other new AIS in our Gull Chain of Lakes – let's keep up that vigilance in 2016.
- Successful 4th Annual Gala with over \$24,200 raised for GCOLA. Paul Douglas was our top-notch guest speaker for our sell-out of over 400+ attendees. We used electronic bidding for the first time for our silent auction.

- 3rd successful year of using Lake Shore law enforcement (paid by GCOLA through AIS grant) to monitor the Cty Rd 77 boat access.
- Gull Chain Endowment Preservation fund had 2015 donations of \$18,895 with current fund balance at \$183,026.
- Very solid results financially – had net income of +\$24.2K versus a budgeted deficit of <\$9K>. See GCOLA Financial Summary article in this newsletter.
- Contracted the installation/removal/maintenance of the buoy system to Gull Lake Marina. They did an excellent job this past summer.
- Membership rose to all-time high of 910 property and business members.
- Allocated \$65,000 for our AIS Contingency fund.
- Initiated "End of Dock" (littoral) water quality testing program.
- Completed two AIS Plant surveys at 23 sites on the Gull Chain.

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Love climbing tall ladders?
(YEAH, WE DIDN'T THINK SO.)

Hard to access windows? One of our specialties!
AND we do them all safely and efficiently.
Hire professionals. Call us today!

Brainerd Lakes
WINDOW CLEANING
& MORE, LLC
"We'll Help You See Clearly!"

218.820.5544 | BrainerdLakesWindowCleaning.com

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Uldis Birznieks, Chair

Planning has started for the 5th Annual Gala which will be held on July 25 at Grand View Lodge. Steve Alex will be our Gala Committee Chairman and Chuck Herrig will be the Silent Auction/Raffle Chairman. Thank you, Steve and Chuck!!

For the second year in a row, Dave Anderson has lined up our guest speaker for the Gala. This year it will be Don Shelby, the most honored and decorated local television journalist in the country. Thank you, Dave!! See the article "Save the Dates" later in this newsletter.

One of the positives that have come out of my meetings with leaders of other lake associations regarding AIS planning and muskie stocking is the interaction and communications on projects we perform and how we spend our funds. I have found that many of the AIS watercraft inspection programs that other lake associations have are more extensive than our own. Our AIS inspection program is concentrated on the 3-4 day weekend period when the majority of boat activity occurs. Quite a few lake associations have 7-day coverage of their public water accesses. To move closer to that goal, in 2016, we have requested and received approval from Cass County to increase our hours for the Lake Shore Law Enforcement coverage at Cty Rd 77 from \$10K of grant funding in 2015 to \$12.5K funding in 2016. Cass County also has approved an increase in Level 1 inspectors at the Cty Rd 77 and Government Point accesses from approximately 300 hours in 2015 to 990 hours in 2016. Those hours will be covered by grants. In addition, we have budgeted \$20K of GCOLA funds for Level 1 inspectors at our 3 public accesses; that compares to \$4K budgeted in 2015. With these increases, our Environmental/AIS commitment including grants, in-kind allocation and GCOLA funding now tops \$100K and is over 60% of our total expenses.

A topic of concern that has come up in various meetings about the muskie stocking proposal is that "lakeshore property owners think they own the lake." This is a misconception. Up to this point in time, lakeshore property owners have had very little say or influence on DNR Fisheries lake-related projects or issues. Lakeshore property owners care deeply about the lakes, because they live with the good and the bad of the lakes, 100% of the time. Lakeshore property owners also ultimately bear the brunt of the cost of managing problems brought into the

lakes such as AIS. Fishermen can easily move on to another lake if the lakes are no longer appealing. It is not so easy for property owners. In the state-wide DNR Roundtable on Jan. 15, DNR Fisheries Chief Don Pereira exclaimed, "Our waters are public waters." I agree and I believe other lakeshore property owners would agree. If that is the case, DNR Fisheries need to consider all lake users, not just fishermen, in their decision-making process. All Minnesotans, all lake users, not just DNR Fisheries, special interest groups, or fishermen should decide on issues such as the DNR Fisheries muskie stocking proposal.

A last observation from the meetings with other lake associations is the constant need for more volunteers. At our January board meeting, we had seven non-board members attend the meeting. That was great! And a good majority of them are or are planning on volunteering for various GCOLA activities. We have opportunities for volunteering in almost all areas. We need someone to help out Steve Alex in various AIS activities. Steve is going to be wearing two hats this summer (Gala Chair and AIS Chair) and he sure could use a helping hand. Also, contact Steve or Chuck Herrig for Gala and silent auction volunteering opportunities. We also need volunteers for the "End of Dock" littoral water testing, the loon survey, and mid-lake water quality testing, just to name a few. Contact any board member to help out these worthy causes, and you will get satisfaction in providing a helping hand.

Stay warm and stay in touch,
Thanks,
Uldis

Book Your Next Event — on — Gull Lake

DESTINY CRUISES

DestinyCruisesLLC.com | 218.820.9543

SAVE THE DATE



This year the GCOLA Board of Directors and Gala Planning Committee are trying something new. We are moving the Annual Meeting to a separate date from the Gala Event. This will allow the time needed to conduct the Annual Meeting and allow time for questions and interaction with board members. It also will allow more social interaction and reduce congestion at the Gala Event. The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 16 starting at 10:00AM at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. The 5th Annual Gala will take place at the Gull Lake Center of the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa on Monday evening, July 25. We will be honored to have as our Gala guest speaker, Don Shelby, the most honored and decorated local television journalist in the country. Don's career spans 45 years in television and radio including 32 years as anchor, investigative reporter and environmental correspondent for WCCO-TV in the Twin Cities. This year's attendance will likely be another sell-out equal to the gatherings the last two years with 400+ guests. Please get your tickets early (individual or tables of 10) once they go on sale later in the spring. As in years past, we need volunteers to assist in preparation for the Gala Event; please contact Steve Allex (Gala Chair) at savesta@msn.com or Chuck Herrig (Silent Auction Chair) at theherrigs@hotmail.com to offer assistance. Be sure to mark on your calendars Saturday morning, July 16 for the GCOLA Annual Meeting and Monday evening, July 25 for the GCOLA Gala Event. You won't want to miss either event!!

SEE YOU ON JULY 16TH AND JULY 25TH!!

On Hwy 371, 2 blocks South of BIR Raceway
INDOOR/OUTDOOR BOAT STORAGE

LUND The Ultimate Fishing Experience
POLARIS The Way Out.
Ranger BOATS
WOW WALKS-ON-WATER, INC.
PORTA-DOCK
YAMAHA
FOUR WINNS

PARTS • SALES • SERVICE • STORAGE
CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS FOR

SEA DOO **Evinrude** **POLARIS** **MERCURY**
 The Water Celler

17821 Hwy 371 • BRAINERD • 218-822-3500
 33972 US Hwy 169 • ONAMIA • 320-532-3860
www.POWERLODGE.com

Social Circles

Build yours Today!

goWild

16460 Hwy 371 North, Brainerd
 218.829.5519
LandsburgNursery.com

Landsburg LANDSCAPE NURSERY
Lakes PROUD LANDSCAPE NURSERY

For the best tips, advice, and coupons, sign up for our e-newsletter at LandsburgNursery.com

Relax & Enjoy.

ERNIE'S
 GULL LAKE

10424 Squaw Point Rd 218.829.3918 erniesongull.com

GCOLA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

With the advent of 2016, it is good to reflect on how GCOLA did financially in 2015 and look forward to what is planned for 2016. The figure below shows the financial data for 2014 and 2015 and the 2016 budget with the \$ (K) and the % of the total for each major category.

| | 2014 ACTUALS | | 2015 ACTUALS | | 2016 BUDGET | |
|---|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| | \$(K) | % | \$(K) | % | \$(K) | % |
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| DUES | 43.0 | 30% | 45.5 | 30% | 47.5 | 27% |
| DONATIONS | 29.5 | 21% | 32.4 | 21% | 27.2 | 15% |
| GALA | 36.5 | 26% | 41.4 | 27% | 42.3 | 24% |
| GRANTS* | 27.4 | 19% | 25.2 | 16% | 55.5 | 31% |
| OTHER | 5.3 | 4% | 9.5 | 6% | 3.9 | 2% |
| TOTALS | 141.7 | | 154.0 | | 176.4 | |
| ENDOWMENT FUND | 20.0 | | 18.9 | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL/AIS** | 57.6 | 53% | 69.9 | 54% | 101.3 | 60% |
| BUOY SYSTEM | 10.7 | 10% | 14.6 | 11% | 23.6 | 14% |
| GALA | 11.2 | 10% | 17.2 | 13% | 17.1 | 10% |
| ADMINISTRATION | 17.8 | 16% | 16.0 | 12% | 16.2 | 10% |
| COMMUNICATIONS | 5.2 | 5% | 6.1 | 5% | 5.8 | 3% |
| OTHER | 5.3 | 5% | 5.5 | 4% | 5.9 | 3% |
| TOTALS | 107.8 | | 129.3 | | 169.9 | |
| *Note 1 - Includes In-Kind Watercraft Inspections paid by counties and DNR - in 2015 worth \$15.3K and in 2016 for \$28.7K | | | | | | |
| *Note 2 - Also includes DNR Shoreline restoration grants (in/out) of \$20.3K in 2014 and \$8.9K in 2015 | | | | | | |
| ** Note 3 -Includes In-Kind Watercraft Inspection Expenses paid by counties & DNR - in 2015 worth \$12.8K & in 2016 worth \$22.7K | | | | | | |
| ** Note 4 - Also includes DNR Shoreline restoration expenditures (in/out) of \$20.3K in 2014 and \$8.9K in 2015 | | | | | | |

On the income side, grants from Cass and Crow Wing counties and the DNR have grown from 19% to 31% of the total income. The Gala, dues and donations are the other three major incomes sources for GCOLA. On the expense side, the emphasis is clearly on environmental/AIS with those expenditures growing from 53% to 60% of our GCOLA expenses. The donations shown do not include contributions to the Endowment Fund which are shown on a separate line. Thus, total donations for 2014 are \$49.5K and for 2015 are \$51.3K. Thank you to all of you for your generous contributions to GCOLA.

When the 2015 budget was developed, in January 2015, I communicated to you that we anticipated net loss of \$9. Excluding the in-kind watercraft inspection income and expenses, our 2015 net income ended up at +\$24.2K. The major deltas for this strong 2015 performance versus budget were: donations (+4.7K), contracting out the buoy system installation/removal rather than buying a new buoy barge (\$+13.2K), sale of the old buoy barge/motor (+\$5.5K), reduction of contribution to MN AIS Research Center from \$25K to \$10K, and using grant funds instead GCOLA funds for shoreline restorations (+\$10K). So overall, 2015 was an excellent year financially for GCOLA.

The GCOLA Board approved the 2016 budget at the January 2016 meeting. Highlights of the 2016 budget include the following:

- Work to increase GCOLA membership from 910 members to 950 or more.
- Received approval of Grant requests from Cass County for Lake Shore Police AIS watercraft inspections and AIS plant inspections totaling \$15.2K.
- Contracted cost to install/remove buoy system increased from \$10K to \$18K.
- Increased AIS watercraft inspections by DNR and Corps of Engineers inspectors from \$2.5K to \$20K
- Set aside additional \$15K for AIS Contingency Fund. Fund total will now be \$80K at end of 2016.
- Allocated \$10K for 50/50 grants for shoreline restoration
- Allocated \$10K for donation to MN AIS Research Center

Our income for 2016, exclusive of in-kind income will be approximately \$147.7K and expenses, exclusive of in-kind expenses will be approximately \$147.2K, which results in a balanced budget. Given the major increases/emphasis that we have in the AIS/environmental area, getting a balanced budget is a good goal. Contact me if you have any questions regarding our financial summary.



Bradow DOCK SERVICE

SERVICE DONE RIGHT AND ON TIME SINCE 1993

The most important person in our company is “you”, the customer. Thank you for allowing us to continue the tradition at Bradow Dock Service.

At Bradow Dock Service you have a company that has the experience and commitment to excellence in everything we do. Installing or removing waterfront equipment, canopy cleaning and storage, sales or servicing your equipment, you can trust us to be on time and do the job right the first time, at a fair price.

218.963.0431 • requests@bradowdock.com
www.BradowDock.com

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE TIME AGAIN! WIN CASH!

Once again we are encouraging GCOLA members to help us expand our membership base by signing up a neighbor, friend or business acquaintance as a new member. Dues for any individual, family or business is \$50 per year. Business members' websites are listed on our GCOLA website, gcola.org while individuals are recognized in the GCOLA newsletter.

A larger membership pool enables your lake association to engage more lake lovers in their efforts to keep our beautiful chain of lakes healthy far into the future. Membership dues account for over 1/3 of the annual budget that supports our activities such as coordination of the buoy system, supporting boat safety training, conducting boat landing inspections for invasive species, shoreline restoration, water quality testing and others.

As we did last year, we are offering a cash prize of \$200 to one lucky new member and also \$200 to one current member who has invited a new one to join. Membership forms are printed on the last page of each newsletter, are

available for download on our website (www.gcola.org) under "Membership" and can also be obtained by emailing the Membership Committee Chair, Arla Johnson, at arlajohnson@msn.com.

All entries must be received by July 20, 2016 to be eligible to win. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at our annual GCOLA Gala event on Monday, July 25. Contest participants do not need to be present to win.

So join in the fun, help your lake association and you might even win some cash!





People's SECURITY COMPANY
Always on Guard.™

VIEW YOUR HOME OR CABIN
IN TRUE HD 1080P FROM ANYWHERE!
4 CAMERA SYSTEMS STARTING AT
\$1499.99 WITH NO MONTHLY CHARGE



Honeywell
Authorized Security Dealer

**YOU'VE GOT YOUR
PIECE OF PARADISE.
NOW WE'LL GIVE YOU
PEACE of MIND.**

Serving Brainerd Lakes & Beyond For Over 25 Years!

CALL US TODAY!
(800) 735-1440
www.peoplessecurity.com



COMPLETE MOBILE MANAGEMENT!



Up North
FIREPLACE GALLERY
FIREPLACES • STOVES • INSERTS
218-454-1040
P.O. Box 2567 • 14322 Dellwood Drive, Baxter, MN 56425
upnorthfireplace@brainerd.net • upnorthfireplacegallery.com



HEAT & GLO
No one builds a better fire.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Loon Survey Volunteers Wanted

The 3rd annual GCOLA Loon Survey will take place this summer. GCOLA's Loon Survey is unique in Minnesota. It is designed to gather data on loon reproduction success. Volunteers locate nesting sites in the spring, and volunteers count chicks mid-summer. Volunteers are wanted for each of these surveys. For more information contact Robert Eliason, Environmental Committee member, at: gcola.loonwatch@gmail.com.

End-of-Dock Program Needs Volunteers

The End-of-Dock program needs volunteers to collect water samples for water quality monitoring. A sample is collected from the end of the dock once in June and once in August. Sample bottles are mailed to volunteers. The water samples are returned to the analysis laboratory using enclosed mailers. Volunteers are especially needed from the east side of Gull Lake, Nisswa Lake, and northern Roy Lake. You can enroll in the program by contacting Robert Eliason, Environmental Committee member, at: gcola.endofdock@gmail.com.

Secchi Disk Program

One of GCOLA's activities is to monitor the water quality of our lakes and of the streams flowing into our chain. A common method for determining water quality is to use a secchi disk to measure water clarity. GCOLA has worked with MPCA to gather water quality data. The MPCA has two programs for citizen involvement to collect water quality data. These are Citizen Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) and Citizen Stream Monitoring Program (CSMP). GCOLA members are participating in both of these programs. However, some parts of the chain lack coverage by CLMP volunteers. These are Nisswa Lake, northern part of Roy Lake, Love Lake and main Gull Lake excluding Booming Out, Steamboat and Wilson Bays. The CLMP program provides a secchi disk and instructions to volunteers. Please consider volunteering for the CLMP program to help GCOLA. The CLMP website at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/citizen-lake-monitoring-program gives information on how to sign up.

GALA and Silent Auction

If you are interested in helping with the annual Gala and silent auction on July 25 contact Steve Alex at savesta@msn.com or Chuck Herrig at theherrigs@hotmail.com.



7870 Excelsior Road
Baxter, MN 56425
218.828.9545
toll free 877.338.3937

121 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479
218.894.5480
toll free 866.894.5455

"our focus is on you"

Dr. Jackie McCall

Dr. Evan Kuhn

9-5 M,W,F • 9-6 T & Th • 9-12 Sat.

midwestfamilyeyecenter.com



GET BACK TO THE LAKE

BOAT REPAIR | CUSTOM DETAILING | MARINE ACCESSORIES
AUTHORIZED FACTORY REPAIR FOR MANY MAKES & MODELS

HIGHWAY 371 N. | BRAINERD/BAXTER
(800) 991-9039 | (218) 825-3500

VISIT US ONLINE: TheBodyWorks.com



We Service All Vehicle Makes & Models!





DNR FISHERIES MUSKIE



In August, the DNR Fisheries Supervisor for the Brainerd Lakes area, Marc Bacigalupi, came to the GCOLA Board to discuss a proposal to stock Gull Lake with muskies starting in 2016 and seek support from the GCOLA Board. This is part of an overall DNR Fisheries plan to add eight new muskie stocked lakes in Minnesota by 2020. Three of those lakes have already been stocked. Your GCOLA board wanted to find out how the property owners on the Gull Chain felt regarding this DNR Fisheries proposal. A survey was generated by the GCOLA Communications Committee and coordinated with the DNR, including reasons that the DNR Fisheries felt the Gull Chain was a good candidate and also potential concerns that lake users might have. The survey was sent out in mid-October not only to GCOLA members but to ALL property owners on the Gull Chain. Over 1,600 letters, with ballots, were sent out. The survey was also posted on the GCOLA website and was addressed to “Residents of the Gull Lake Chain.”

The results from all mail-in forms (Qty 179) were:

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Favor | 19% |
| Neutral | 7% |
| Against | 74% |

A summary of the mail-in responses (Qty 179) and on-line responses through Oct. 25 (Qty 289) from the target audience (residents of the Gull Lake Chain) totaled 468 responses and had the following outcome:

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Favor | 22% |
| Neutral | 8% |
| Against | 70% |

For more in-depth information on why the results of the

on-line survey were counted through Oct. 25, please go to the GCOLA website and click on “News and Events”.

The results of the survey show the overwhelming majority of lakeshore property owners of the Gull Chain oppose the DNR Fisheries proposal to stock muskies in Gull Lake. The major concerns expressed by the property owners have been the following:

- The muskie is a major predator and could impact other fish species including walleye, bass and crappies, and the Gull Chain ecosystem.
- Many considered the muskie an “invasive species.”
- There are 4 lakes (Mille Lacs, Alexander, Shamineau, Cedar) and one river (Mississippi) that have muskies and are within 20-30 miles of Brainerd/Baxter providing ample muskie fishing opportunities in the area.
- The Gull Chain eco and fisheries systems are stressed with zebra mussels and low walleye count with the potential for more AIS. The DNR should be placing its efforts on solving current problems rather than adding an unknown variable.
- Do not need increased boat traffic, fishing tournaments and increased risk of AIS. Too much activity on Chain already.

Those in favor of the muskie stocking provided responses that centered around the following items:

- Provides another fish species to catch, would not have to go to other lakes
- Fun and exciting to catch
- Helps businesses/economy, especially in the fall

GCOLA board members and association members attended the DNR public comment meeting in Brainerd on Dec. 2. The DNR was looking to get additional comments from the public. In that meeting, the DNR showed a video explaining why they felt the stocking of additional muskie lakes is a good idea. GCOLA Board members also attended a similar meeting at the state level on Dec. 9 in Andover, MN. In both meetings, GCOLA communicated that as a result of the survey, GCOLA is opposed to the DNR muskie stocking proposal.

GCOLA has written letters to Marc Bacigalupi, to DNR Fisheries Chief Don Pereira, and to DNR Commissioner Landwehr with similar communications including the concerns expressed by GCOLA members and property owners. We requested them to reject the proposal to stock Gull Lake with muskies per the input from our survey. GCOLA is not alone in asking that muskies not be stocked in Gull Lake. The Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) Board of Directors has written a letter to

STOCKING OF GULL CHAIN?? ¹⁰

By Uldis Birznieks,
Chair

Marc Bacigalupi, Don Pereira and State Senator Paul Gazelka asking that the DNR not stock muskies in Gull Lake. The lake associations for Otter Tail County and Big Marine Lake, two of the other candidate stocking lakes, have expressed opposition to the proposed stockings in those lakes. Various city and county governmental units for Otter Tail County, Big Marine and the Fairmont Chain of Lakes (the fourth candidate lake) have expressed their opposition. State-wide, MNCOLA, the overarching association for all Minnesota lake associations is opposing the muskie stocking proposal.

These lake associations, organizations or governmental units request that the Minnesota DNR stop muskie stocking in any new Minnesota lake for a period of 2 - 5 years or until such time that sufficient, current scientific evidence is presented that muskie stocking does not adversely affect the ecosystem. They also encourage the Minnesota DNR to assemble a diverse group of stakeholders with the purpose of examining the existing evidence and, if needed, establish what additional research is necessary to affirm that muskellunge stocking will not affect other fish species.

At the local legislative level, State Senator Paul Gazelka and State Representative Mark Anderson, who both have residences on the Gull Chain of Lakes and are GCOLA members and whose districts represent over 75% of the Gull Chain, request at a minimum, that the DNR delay or stop the proposed stocking of muskies in Gull Lake until such time that current, sufficient, scientific evidence is presented that introducing muskellunge does not adversely affect the ecosystem, including walleye and other fish species and that an impartial, diverse team of experts perform that analysis.

Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, has the following comment regarding the DNR Muskie Stocking Proposal, "The central question to me is that we are stocking without knowing the impacts, or even if there are impacts. The most anyone can say about the Knapp study is that it is inconclusive, and at this point it seems wise to pause and do the science until we are certain there are no negative impacts." The DNR had planned to make a decision on the proposed stocking lakes in January/February with stocking to begin in the fall of 2016. DNR Commissioner Landwehr has said there would be a delay in the process but the pause is only temporary. He indicated that they wanted to reengage with stakeholders (including lakeshore property owners) and gather additional information. This is a temporary delay and he indicated that the plan would move forward again in a couple of months.

As we get more information on this fluid situation, we will communicate it to our association members.



Supporter of the Gull Chain of Lakes Association.

Kurt B. Nelson
Vice President/Investments
(218) 828-3204 | (888) 823-4385
nelsonk@stifel.com
14275 Golf Course Drive, Suite 100
Baxter, Minnesota 56425
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated | Member SIPC & NYSE | www.stifel.com

24/7 ... Rain or Shine ...

Your local, independent agent will be there.

AGENCYONE
Baxter • 218-829-2844
www.agencyonemn.com



Eric Bolt

Auto-Owners Insurance



OCH
ONECALLHOME.com

Gull Lake Cabin Care

- PREVENTATIVE CARE
- SECURITY SUPPORT
- SEASONAL MANAGEMENT

BRENT WIZCEK
218.838.5312
Serving the Lakes Area since 2000

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESEARCHERS COMPLETE FIRST FIELD SEASON EVALUATING POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF SUNFISH-WEEVIL INTERACTIONS ON EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL BIOCONTROL

A thriving native aquatic plant community made up of diverse and abundant plants is essential to maintaining a stable aquatic ecosystem—including in the Gull Chain of Lakes. Native plants stabilize shorelines, reduce sediment resuspension, and balance the water chemistry by taking in phosphorus and releasing oxygen. Invasive plants – such as curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil – threaten this delicate balance.

Eurasian watermilfoil grows rapidly and forms a dense canopy on the water surface, which often interferes with recreation, inhibits water flow, and impedes navigation. It also reproduces rapidly and is tolerant of a wide range of environmental conditions, resulting in an especially problematic aquatic nuisance.

Researchers at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) are working to determine how to control these invasive species without harming native plants. One team, led by MAISRC researchers Ray Newman and post-doctoral research associate Adam Kautza, is focused on a biocontrol option involving the small but mighty milfoil weevil.

Milfoil weevils are native beetles that use milfoil (both native Northern watermilfoil as well as the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil) as a host plant. Eggs are laid on the plant and adults and larvae both feed exclusively on milfoil, making it one of Eurasian watermilfoil's only predators in Minnesota.

Past research by Newman has suggested that at high densities, these weevils can effectively control invasive milfoil, but naturally-occurring weevil populations often do not reach high enough densities. Newman hypothesized this was due to sunfish feeding on the weevils – and initial results from a current study suggests he may be onto something.

Newman and Kautza are currently developing a clearer picture of sunfish-weevil relationships across a broad set of lakes through the following methods:

- Using snorkel surveys to assess weevil density on milfoil plants and trap net surveys to quantify sunfish abundance;
- Sampling sunfish diets at select lakes to confirm whether sunfish are in fact consuming weevils and to what extent; and

- Experimentally manipulating sunfish density within small enclosures to directly observe the effects of different densities on weevils and milfoil.

Preliminary results from fourteen lakes evaluated over the first field season suggest that there is a broader relationship between weevils and sunfish, notably that as sunfish become more abundant, researchers see an overall trend of decreasing weevil abundance. Preliminary results from the enclosures also support the hypothesis that a higher density of sunfish tends to correlate with decreases in weevils. Because seasonal and other factors may also play a role, it will be important to complete multiple seasons of observations as well as statistical analysis and peer review before final results are reported.

Stay tuned to www.maisrc.umn.edu for more information and updates on this research.

Article written by Christine Lee with Becca Nash, Ray Newman and Adam Kautza from the MAIRSC.



Voted
Top 100 Spas
by Spas of
America

Massages
Body Treatments
Hydrotherapy
Facials
Manicures/Pedicures



23521 Nokomis Avenue Nisswa Minnesota 56468
Appointments 218.963.8700 | glacialwatersspa.com

ShoreStation®

ShoreScreen Power Curtain

Retractable Canopy Side Curtain



**Quietly raises and lowers
over your boat in seconds
with the push of a button.**

Wireless Operation
12V DC motors use the boat lift battery
and is controlled with the same
remote as your FlexPower® lift.

**From covered to uncovered
in seconds. Protect your boat
with this high-tech screen.**



The Ultimate in Boat Protection
Fast, Trouble-free Operation
Sun-Control Screening with Microban
Convenient Wireless Operation



NISSWA MARINE.com

218-963-2292

24238 SMILEY ROAD  371 NISSWA, MN

By Ron Faust, Environmental Committee

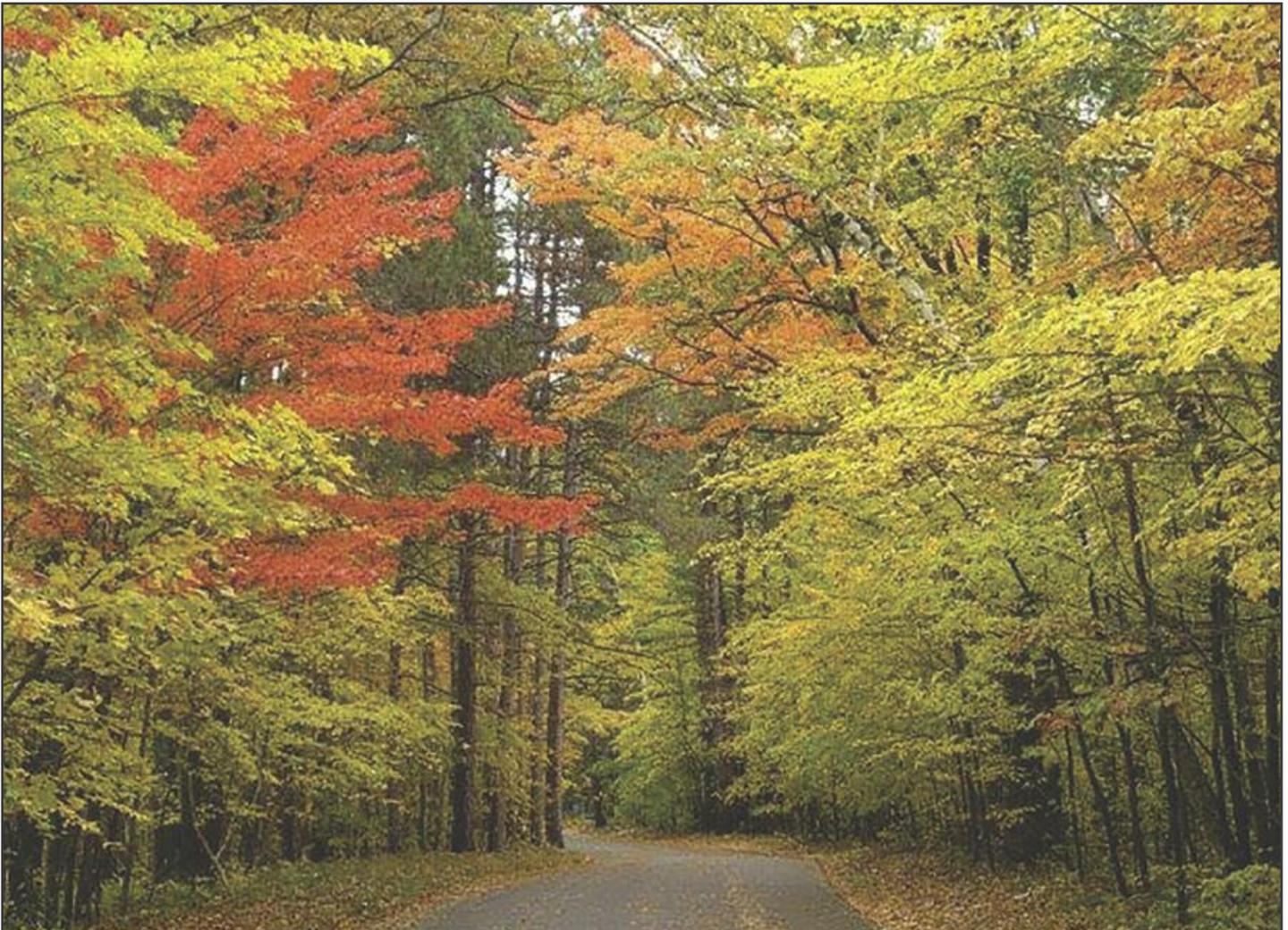
REFORESTING THE GULL CHAIN

Damage done to our forests by the July 2015 windstorm is more obvious now that there's snow on the ground. It's easy to say "will never be the same" but our woods probably didn't look much different when the lumbermen left 100 years ago.

The regeneration of our forests can be speeded up if we don't wait for nature to spread the seeds. GCOLA is joining with Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District (CWSCD) to assist people with buying affordable saplings from stocks native to our area. This office in Brainerd has organized an annual tree and plant sale for 16 years. The trees come from the same nursery that grows the white pines given away at our annual gala each summer. Some native plants are also available, grown by Mn Native Landscapes nurseries.

Pine, oak, maple, balsam fir, birch and other species are available dry rooted in bundles of 25. Six to 12" and 12" to 18" sizes are available. Bundles of 25 of the larger seedlings are \$31.50. There is also a "Blow-down Kit" sold as 25 each of red pine, red oak, paper birch and juneberry; 100 trees for \$110.

- Details on the sale, descriptions of the trees and plants, and an order form can be found on the CWSCD web site: www.crowwingswcd.org or by calling 218-828-6197.
- Trees must be ordered by February 29th.
- Trees will be delivered and must be picked up at the Northland Arboretum:
 - Thursday, May 5th, 4-6 PM
 - Friday, May 6th, 8 AM-5 PM
 - Saturday, May 7th, 9 AM-noon



“Call the agent I trust: Chad Schwendeman.”

– Barbara Corcoran, *ABC’s Shark Tank*



**Thinking of selling
your Gull Lake Chain
Property?**

**Call the agent this
Shark calls!**

“To sell your home on time for the most money, you need a sharp agent with a marketing strategy that creates the most demand, bottom line you need a partner that is willing to put their own money on the line for you. In the Brainerd Lakes Area that agent is Chad Schwendeman. Partner with the agent I trust, call Chad and get your home SOLD!”

- Barbara Corcoran - ABC’s Shark Tank

www.ChadWillSellYourHome.com



Call Chad Direct at 218-831-HOME (4663)



B. Johnson & Assoc., Ltd.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE

ACCOUNTING:

Personal & Business Financial Statements

AUDITING:

Small Business, Gambling & Other Non-Profit

BOOKKEEPING:

Payroll & Other Data Processing

CONSULTING:

Management & Computer Advisory Services

FINANCIAL PLANNING:

Personal & Business Financial Planning

TAX SERVICES:

Personal, Business, Estates & Gift Tax Returns

Bruce Johnson, CPA • Chris Ford, CPA
Jacen Gondringer, CPA • Tad Johnson, CPA • Tom Teasck, CPA

218-829-3501

Business Hwy 371 S
11610 Andrew St.
Brainerd, MN 56401



www.brainerdCPA.com

218-963-3424

Nisswa Office
Kurilla Building #2
Nisswa, MN

*Fastest Growing Waste Collection Business In
"The Lakes Area"*

**BEST PRICING
BEST SERVICE
BEST VALUE**



WASTE PARTNERS, INC.

(866) 602-8727 toll free

www.wastepartnersinc.com

Life is better here.



WES HANSON BUILDERS INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS
AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGN

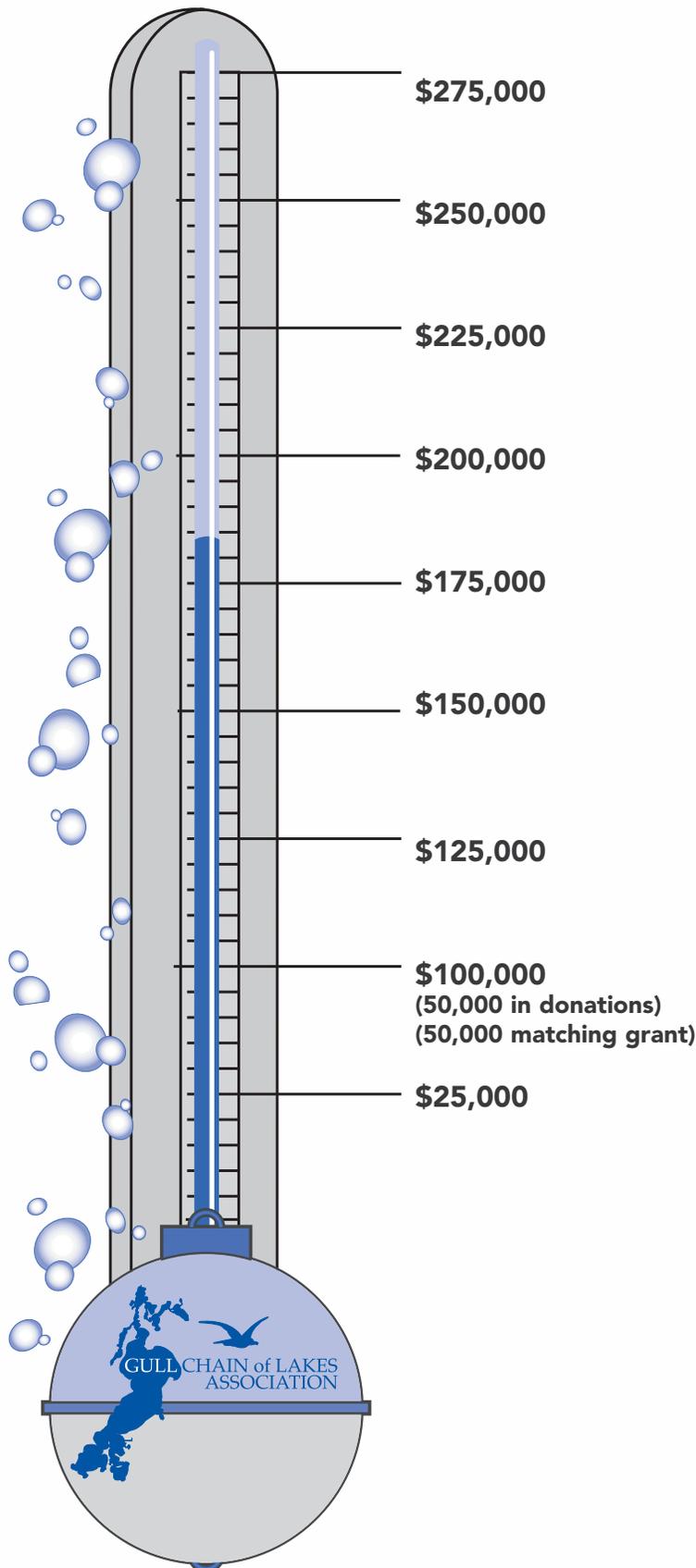
License #BC003452

Crosslake, MN

218-692-1760

weshansonbuilders.com

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE



In partnership with the Initiative Foundation, GCOLA established a perpetual Endowment Fund. The fund is intended to provide long-term funding to support the stewardship activities of GCOLA to preserve and improve the ecosystem of the Gull Chain of Lakes. It's also a wonderful opportunity to leave a legacy for those who will enjoy this area for years to come.

We currently have just over \$184,000 in the fund, which includes a \$50,000 matching grant from the Initiative Foundation. At this time last year we had just under \$155,000. It is great to know that there is a long-term base of financial resources through the endowment to be able to carry out projects designed to enhance and protect our beautiful chain of lakes.

The board again wants to thank all the many members and friends of GCOLA for the generous support of our endowment fund.

GCOLA BOARD

Park in your garage tonight.

Big stuff, little stuff, or just too much stuff. We can help.

- Units starting at \$50/month
- Gated keypad access & 24/7 security
- Drive-up & covered access
- Climate-controlled, heated & oversized units
- FREE use of enclosed trailer for move-in



16231 Hwy 371 North
www.LakeRegionStorage.com

Brainerd: (218) 822-3222

Because "SQUISH" is not a sound your carpets should make...



Chem Dry Of The Lakes
Superior Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

- Carpets Dry in 1-2 hours, not days
- Tile/Grout/Hard Floor Cleaning
- Upholstery Cleaning
- Pet Urine & Odor Specialists
- Green-Certified Solutions, safe & non-toxic for kids & pets
- Truckmount & Portable Equipment
- Commercial & Residential
- **NOW OFFERING: CLEAN AND POLISH GRANITE COUNTER TOPS**

Call **218-828-4320**

cdofthelakes@midco.net

Independently Owned & Operated

Serving Crow Wing, Aitkin & Southern Cass Counties

UNDERSTANDING AIS



- 1 AIS can be stopped; waterfowl do not spread zebra or quagga mussels.**
 The spread of AIS follows the highways not the flyways. A study completed a number of years ago dispelled the myth that waterfowl transport AIS.¹ The MN AIS Advisory Committee also dispelled this myth in their 2013 Annual report. There is no evidence or reliable research to support the idea that water in the bill of a pelican or cormorant spreads AIS. There are no known infestations discovered that are attributed to this vector.
- 2 Inspections Lower the Risk of AIS Transfer.**
 Everyone is responsible to “do what it takes” to protect our water resources. Inconvenience does not trump being a responsible boater and state AIS laws prohibit reckless use of the State’s lakes.
- 3 Minnows do not need to be thrown away between launches.**
 State law does not require minnows to be thrown away, but it is illegal to transport lake or river waters. Anglers can bring nonlake water for minnows and change out the water in their bait bucket before leaving the water access.
- 4 Introducing a new invasive to a water way only compounds issues.**
 There are many other aquatic invasive species that are on their way to Minnesota that can be more devastating than zebra mussels. Quagga mussels, for instance, can out-compete zebra mussels for food and live at much deeper depths. Hydrilla is like milfoil on steroids. In addition, the impact of individual AIS becomes more complex with each invasive in a water body. Once a water body has one invasive and has become compromised, it becomes more important to keep other AIS out.
- 5 Inspectors are looking for AIS, not other violations.**
 Inspectors are usually not law enforcement officers and they are looking for AIS only. If conservation officers or other law enforcement officers perform the inspections they will be required to deal with any violations of state law that they come across even though their primary focus will be AIS.
- 6 Inspections are necessary between launches, even in noninfested waters.**
 Because it is impossible to know which lakes may already be infested, we must assume all water bodies may be infested. It may take 23 years after an infestation to discover a colony of mussels. Adult and juvenile mussels can live up to 30 days out of water in MN depending on temperatures and humidity, that’s why it is important to have a boat professionally decontaminated.
- 7 Veligers can survive when transported by boats from lake to lake and adults can detach and move about.**
 Research highlights that veligers are fairly durable. Researchers found viable zebra mussel veligers even after significant overland transport in watercraft engines and ballast tanks. Mussels also survive in commercial water intake pipes with a very high PSI. Adult and juvenile mussels can detach from a surface and reattach to boats and trailers.² Weeds with adult and juvenile mussels attached can also be caught on the trailer or boat.
- 8 Decontaminating is worth the time.**
 On average, ballast tank decontamination with a trained decontaminator will take about 30 minutes. The outdrive (lower unit) of an engine will take about 10 minutes. Decontaminating an average boat without any tanks or live wells could take less than 30 minutes. More complicated boats can average around an hour.
- 9 Mussels can damage marine engines and tanks creating costly repairs.**
 Marinas across Minnesota and elsewhere have reported zebra mussels growing inside engines’ cooling system and causing damage. Engines require a lot of lake water in order for the components to cool. This water may contain microscopic veligers ½ the diameter of a human hair. As the veligers grow they have the

& AIS PREVENTION

potential to cause an engine to overheat and burn out by blocking the cool water intake. Research determined veligers can live up to 27 days in a tiny amount of water.³ The best way to protect your engine and reduce risk of AIS transport are to lower the outdrive and drain it and then have a trained decontaminator flush the engine cooling system.

10 Decontamination is complex and should only be performed by a trained decontaminator.

Selfcertification has not proven to be effective. Decontamination should only be performed by trained decontaminators who use the correct equipment and attachments, use the correct water temperatures necessary for a 100% kill, know where mussels can hide, and use correct techniques to decontaminate all types of watercraft and engine/cooling systems. Boat owners who perform decontamination on their own may inadvertently miss the targeted AIS or damage their equipment.

11 Car washes do not have adequate equipment, power or temperatures to decontaminate.

Car washes do not reach the temperatures needed for a 100% effective kill. Car wash equipment is not sophisticated enough and does not provide the proper attachments or temperature to decontaminate for AIS. If mussels enter the car wash drain systems complications can develop and cause expensive repairs for both the car wash and municipalities. Soap will not kill quagga or zebra mussels.

12 All Minnesotans should be concerned about AIS, not just those who swim, boat or fish.

Aquatic invasive species cost people money even if they do not use a lake for recreation. A recent study estimated that invasive species already cost the average U.S. family over \$1,000 a year in increased public expenses. Every Minnesotan has an obligation to protect our "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

13 Invasive mussels are harmful despite making the water appear "clearer."

A single mussel can filter about a liter of water a day. They remove all the good nutrients and leave the toxins like blue green algae that can be toxic to humans and animals. When the water becomes clearer it allows more sunlight to greater depths, which produces more weed growth, significantly altering ecosystem balance.

14 Stopping the AIS spread in Minnesota can be done we do not have too many lakes.

Minnesota has a very valuable asset to protect – our lakes – and protecting this resource will impact anyone using lakes and rivers as well as all taxpayers. Depending on geography, demographics and local needs it may be necessary to have inspections at every access or at regional inspection areas which also have been found to be successful.

1 Johnson & Carlton 1996.

2 Korschelt 1892 Martel 1993 Ackerman et al. 1994 Mackie et al. 1991 Mackie & Schloesser 1996.

3 Wong; 201



**PARTY TIME
RENTAL**
Weddings, Graduations
Reunions & More
*Canopies • Games
Concessions • Grills*
Next to Iven's on the Bay
218-829-6300
Where it's always Party Time!
www.partytimerentalmn.com



Baxter Cub Foods
14133 Edgewood Drive
Baxter, MN 56425
(218)828-4601

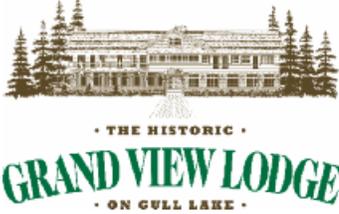
Brainerd Cub Foods
417 8th Avenue NE
Brainerd, MN 56401
(218)828-1816

GULL LAKE PROFILES

This is an ongoing column focusing on local businesses and community leaders in the Gull Chain of Lakes area

GRAND VIEW LODGE CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

By Nancy Vogt, *Echo Journal Editor*



The historic Grand View Lodge on Gull Lake in Nisswa celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016. The resort will celebrate with a simple theme of continuing to do what the resort has

done for the past 100 years: creating memories. There are a handful of plans in the books, big and small, including parties, activities and a history house. There are also aspects of this celebration that Grand View has been preparing for over time.

Over the past 100 years, Grand View has evolved from a fishing and hunting camp into a nationally known resort with a multitude of amenities and plans to celebrate all angles of this. “Instead of one big thing, it's going to be 100 little things,” Mark Ronnei, general manager, said of the milestone celebration. “It's a continuation of what we've always been doing and a yearlong celebration.”

Some aspects of the celebration will be small, but nothing short of festive. On New Year's Eve, a fireworks show kicked off the resort's centennial. The annual Party at the Pines on July 2 will be more than the average celebration, taking the centennial into account.

Activities will be plentiful, including sawing blocks of ice off Gull Lake and burying the blocks in sawdust until summer and an old-style golf tournament. There will be an old twist on all of the resort's new amenities, giving guests a feel of what it was like during the development of the resort. To really capture the difference between now and then, the resort moved the original Historic Baker Cottage – the oldest cabin at the resort built by Marvin B. Baker – and turned it into a museum. The cabin, built between 1910-1915, features the original wood floors, enamel cook stove, paneling and ceiling. It's filled with old photos and visitors can view a video of the resort's history.

Baker and his bride, Harriett, began their dream of a “grand resort in the wilderness of Minnesota” in 1916, when Baker began selling parcels of land along the 3,000 feet of Gull Lake shoreline. Baker had paid \$43 per acre, and sold the lots for \$10 per foot. Baker's business grew quickly, and later that year an inn was built to house prospective lot buyers. The historic lodge was finished in 1921 and built from the large Norway pine that had

grown on the property. It provided a meeting place and dining room for guests. This structure, now known as the main lodge, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Construction of cabins continued over the years. Following the Great Depression years, Baker chose to sell the remaining unsold property to Reynolds Frederick “Brownie” Brownlee Cote in 1937. Cote had purchased the nearby Camp Lake Hubert for girls and Camp Lincoln for boys, and he wanted a location to provide housing for parents and campers. He bought 320 acres of land, the main lodge and all of the shoreline for \$85,000. That was a hefty sum at that time since the annual average income was \$1,780 and the average home price was \$4,100.

Over the years, the Cote family continued to grow Grand View Lodge with the expansion of golf courses, additional cabins and a variety of services for guests. Currently, Grand View Lodge has over 200 cabins and suites, seven restaurants, two championship golf courses (The Pines and The Preserve) and an executive nine course (The Garden), the Glacial Waters Spa, and conference and events centers. Grand View Lodge has been chosen one of the “Top 100 Golf Resorts in the World,” amongst being recognized for a handful of other awards.

As for dining, the lodge's Grand Dining Room features Minnesota specialties like walleye and wild rice soup. The Italian Gardens offers a family-style menu of authentic regional cuisine from southern Italy and Sicily. Cru Wine Bar & Restaurant is nationally known by the Wine Spectator. The golf courses also offer dining at each of their grilles. The facility also has myriad recreational activities, a heated indoor pool with waterslide and hot tub, tennis courts, horseback riding, biking, Kid's Club programs and boat rentals.

In its 100th year, the resort will continue to pay attention to its core business customers - families and couples who venture to the lake to get away. The lodge has more than 600 summer employees and an average staff of 120 during the winter months. The guest total often reaches 1,000 people during summer weekends or a winter holiday weekend. All year resort merchandise with the new 100-year logo will be sold. And the website is being redesigned to feature the retro feel of the celebration.

Reprinted with permission of the Echo Journal

NISSWA LAKE PARK FUNDRAISING

The Nisswa Lake Park project will forge ahead in the spring of 2016 with a detailed development plan for the park. The Nisswa Parks Commission and Friends of Nisswa Lake Park will collaborate on the development plan which is intended to provide a prioritized list of park amenities and features that can be used to set fundraising targets. We hope to have a Joint Powers Agreement in place between the City and the Minnesota DNR in the near term which is critical in order to create access to the park site from Hazelwood Drive. A phased development plan will allow fundraising efforts to set goals for raising money for specific park amenities such as trails, docks, or picnic shelters. The City will continue to seek outside grant opportunities while fundraising efforts continue. For those new to the area, Nisswa Lake Park is a beautifully forested 2.1 acre site owned by the City on the eastern shore of Nisswa Lake, directly across Highway 371 from downtown Nisswa. It can be accessed via the tunnel beneath 371 and, eventually, from Hazelwood Drive. It is immediately adjacent to a parcel owned by the DNR and slated for development as a public water access. A lakeside park close to downtown will provide nature-based trails and recreational opportunities, as well as regional access and water connectivity for residents and visitors alike. The park will offer public access to the Gull Lake chain of lakes and a convenient gateway to downtown Nisswa businesses and the Paul Bunyan Trail. A generous donation from local residents JoAnn and Arnold Johnson was used toward the purchase of the park land. In conjunction with the MN DNR, the City of Nisswa applied for and received a \$500,000 Minnesota Parks & Trails Regional Legacy Grant in 2010 to complete the property acquisition. From 2007 to the present date, the Friends of Nisswa Lake Park

have raised over \$100,000 through tax-deductible donations from over 200 individuals, organizations and businesses. An additional \$15,000 in grants has also been granted to support the park technical and planning phases. It is estimated that the cost to fully develop the new park will be approximately \$1,000,000. WSN has already completed a Schematic Design and preliminary cost estimate for the park. The City of Nisswa is taking the lead in applying for grants to fund the park construction efforts. Friends of Nisswa Lake Park, a 503C organization, will assist in the effort by fundraising for grant matching funds. Improvements currently being discussed for the park include picnic areas and benches, a swimming area, a fishing pier, mooring slips for up to 16 watercraft, a gazebo or pavilion structure, biking and walking trails that connect to the Paul Bunyan Trail, restroom facilities and a boardwalk along the lakefront. The park has many beautiful mature trees (including many mature white pines) and a scenic overlook of Nisswa Lake. Combined with the planned DNR public water access located adjacent and south, the addition of a public park and swimming area on Nisswa Lake will greatly enhance the area's appeal.



NEWS FROM THE GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB



In just a few short months, the Gull Lake Yacht Club will kick off its 69th year of making memories on the eastern shore of Gull Lake.

Considering the only seven-year-old Clubhouse building, many don't realize the deep roots the Yacht Club has established on this beautiful lake.

According to historical records, the Gull Lake Yacht Club was organized in 1947 by Sam Hickerson and Marmaduke Corbyn. The two men came up with the idea to organize a club while sitting on Corbyn's porch and watching a boat cross Rock Island. Between 1947 and 1949 the men recruited members. Once a few joined, the Club's first project was marking and dredging the upper channel. It wasn't until 1954 when the Club gained momentum, with 22 members attending the first meeting of the year. It was at that meeting that Commodore Benjamin Curry suggested starting a sailing program. By 1955, membership grew to 32; and in 1956, under Commodore Ray Madison, GLYC held its first boat parade.

Times have certainly changed since those founding days; however, the commitment and pride continues to grow strong as this once social club nears seven decades of seasonal recreation. At the end of 2015, 416 individuals held memberships to GLYC – a testament to the enduring love of Gull Lake, sailing, socializing and water recreation.

As we look to kick off the 2016 season, a few changes are in store. Our friends Ryan Nelson and Jason Marcum (otherwise known as XIX on Gull) will be back, but with a whole new menu with less focus on barbeque and more variety, including themed meals. Dinner will now be offered Thursday through Saturday evenings and the popular Sunday Brunch will return. However, dining is limited to members and their guests only.

The Gull Lake Sailing School is already making preparations for another busy summer, including sailing lessons for students. This is a great opportunity to introduce a child to the water or to further their skills in a boat. Lessons are open to all children – members and non-members – and are a great opportunity for visiting grandchildren during the summer months. Lesson dates will be listed on the glyc.com website.

GLSS is also planning for its 2016 Summer Party and Fundraiser. Mark your calendar for July 9th and get in on the fun. This party includes dinner, entertainment, wine tasting, silent and live auctions – and all proceeds go back to help the Sailing School do what they do best: keep our kids confident and safe on the water.

Obviously, an organization this large requires many hands on deck. If you're looking for volunteer opportunities this summer, consider giving of your time to GLYC and GLSS. We have opportunities listed on the Get Connected page within the United Way of Crow Wing and Southern Cass Counties website – www.unitedwaynow.org. We're looking for green thumbs who like to get their hands dirty all the way to meeters and greeters for special events or office clerical work.

For more information on membership or getting further involved at the Yacht Club and Sailing School, contact Executive Director Jenny Holmes at (218) 839-9540 or email her at manager@glyc.com.

Please help us keep this tradition alive on Gull Lake and become a member today! You can also learn more by attending the Business After Hours co-sponsored by GLYC and the Gull Chain of Lakes Association from 4:30-6 pm May 10th at the GLYC Clubhouse on 19696 Love Lake Road.

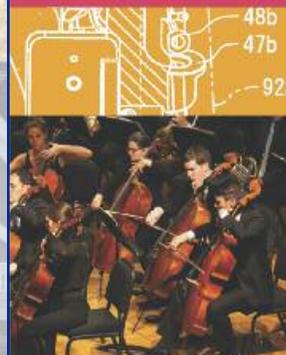
JOIN US
FOR OUR
2016
SEASON

Over 140 musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and other world class ensembles around the country will bring the best in classical music to our area!

JULY 31 - AUGUST 21

LAKES AREA
MUSIC
FESTIVAL

www.LakesAreaMusic.org



PAUL BUNYAN STATE TRAIL TO REMAIN OPEN DURING HIGHWAY 371 REALIGNMENT



Marc Baccalupi, DNR Brainerd Area Fisheries Supervisor

The Paul Bunyan State Trail between Nisswa and Jenkins will remain open during the State Highway 371 North realignment project, but trail users should be cautious near construction activity and check trail conditions before traveling.

Construction crews will begin removing brush and trees at the end of January, and work near the Paul Bunyan State Trail is expected to last through the fall of 2016. No closures of the trail are expected this winter, but snowmobile users could encounter crews working near the trail and are asked to watch for activity and proceed cautiously.

To allow for highway realignment, a new section of trail will be constructed this summer and will become a permanent reroute. The trail alignment will be changed with minimal disruption to users.

The Paul Bunyan State Trail is 115 miles long and extends from Crow Wing State Park south of Brainerd to Lake Bemidji State Park north of Bemidji. It is the longest of Minnesota's paved state trails and the longest, continuously paved rail-trail in the country.

For construction updates, trail conditions and more information about the Paul Bunyan State Trail, visit: www.mndnr.gov/state_trails/paul_bunyan/index.html.



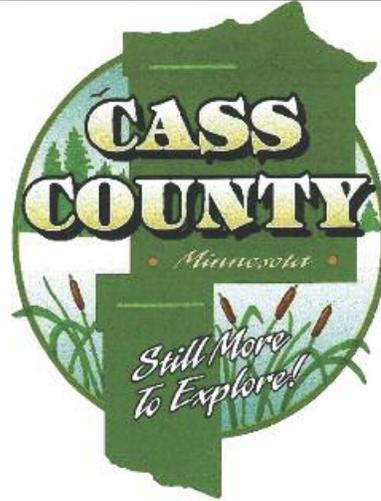
- Commercial
- Residential
- Farm
- Overhead Garage Doors
- Service
- Parts

How To Make a Grand Entrance.

Improve the look, function and value of your home with a new, beautiful overhead door from American Door Works. We deliver style and service throughout the Brainerd Lakes area.

Call or make an entrance at our Brainerd showroom to learn more.

ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES NEEDS YOUR HELP!



IT'S ILLEGAL TO...

TRANSPORT aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species (*e.g., zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil*).

DUMP live bait into state waters, on the shore, or on the ground.

LAUNCH or attempt to place, watercraft or trailers with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited invasive species into any waters of the state.

IT'S THE LAW!

CLEAN visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited species off of watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.

DRAIN water from the boat's bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before transport from water access site or shoreline property.

KEEP drain plug and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

THANK YOU....CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MINNESOTA'S MARKET LEADER

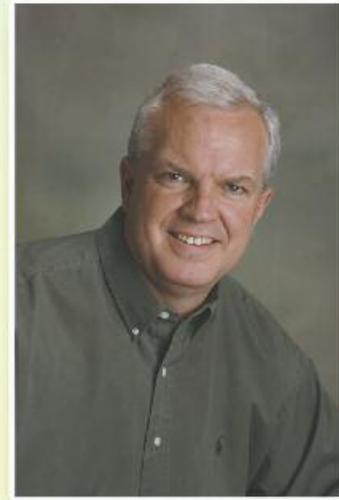
Connecting the Metro Area with the Lakes Area



Nina Karsky
218-821-3373
NinaKarsky@edinarealty.com



Mike Kennedy
218-232-1946
MikeKennedy@edinarealty.com



Brad and Matt Wadsten
218-821-2721
BradWadsten@edinarealty.com

Edina Realty[®]

a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate

www.edinarealty.com

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

From left to right:

- Uldis Birznicks
- Marv Meyer
- John Ingleman
- Bob Toborg
- Arla Johnson
- Rosemary Goff
- Linda Harrier
- Chuck Herrig
- Ron Faust
- Steve Alex
- Ike Halliwill (term ended)
- Kevin Egan
- Jay Chaney

Not pictured:
Robert Eliason



You are all welcome to join us at our monthly Board of Directors meetings. We meet at Grand View Lodge at 8:30 a.m. We usually adjourn around 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

No Board meetings in February or March.

Come see what we do.

We have the meat,
your grill
is craving

Schaefer's FOODS
Established 1914

Hwy 371 Nisswa • 963-2265

3 Cheers 3 Great Locations

PRAIRIE BAY
GRILL & CATERING
Local HOT SPOT

PREMIUM CATERING SERVICES

Lakes Area Destination
A Minnesota Menu with Local Flare.

Open Year Round
Deck Seating
Private Events

SHERWOOD FOREST
LODGE
FOOD & SPIRITS

LOST LAKE LODGE
ON THE GULL LAKE NARROWS

GLOBAL FLAVOR
with Local Roots

Discover the Hidden Gem of the Brainerd Lakes Area.

www.3CheersMN.com WE'RE SOCIAL

BIRCH BAY ZONING FIGHT

By Kevin Egan, GCOLA Counsel

As you may know, the Birch Bay Golf Course and adjacent property near Agate Lake was sold in 2015 to a developer proposing to redevelop the property into a large RV park. The property is immediately to the west of Gull Lake on Highway 77. Our Board concluded that a development of this scope threatened Gull Lake and the surrounding area and, accordingly, I have appeared before the Cass County Planning Commission in opposition to the project. Several other attorneys have likewise appeared on behalf of other clients in opposition. As the property is not located in any municipality, zoning is controlled by Cass County.

To date, a set of early procedural battles have been fought and resolved. As no formal Application for the development has yet been submitted by the developer, the Cass County Planning Commission has only dealt with requests for the preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). After a pair of noisy meetings and submissions from attorneys representing area residents and GCOLA, the Plan Commission heard final arguments from the lawyers and concerned residents on the need for an EIS on December 28th. After lengthy discussions, the Cass County Planning Commission decided not to require a full EIS.

With this preliminary issue behind us, the Planning Commission will hold a series of meetings on the project once a formal Application has been submitted by the developer. These hearings will occur during the spring and summer and will consider the developer's request for a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") for the project. The Commission has the authority to impose a number of conditions on the developer before authorization to proceed is given and these upcoming hearings will deal with many aspects of the project before a CUP is granted or denied.

It is anticipated that this process will be long and acrimonious, as the scope of the development is so large that the character of Gull Lake and the areas surrounding the project will be forever changed if it proceeds. In the event that opponents of the project are unhappy with the choices of the Planning Commission, the matter will proceed to the District Court..



Mattson
LUMBER
COMPANY

Hwy. 371 South, P.O. Box 149
Nisswa, Minnesota 56468

3 MILES SOUTH OF NISSWA ON HWY 371

• FREE ESTIMATES • FREE DELIVERY

"Quality Materials To Serve You Better"

We carry a full line of building materials for all your construction needs.
Marvin Windows ~ Acclimated Doors & more!

Mon.- Fri. 7:00 am - 5 pm
Sat. 8 am - Noon

Phone: (218) 963-7470
Fax: (218) 963-7480



BEST PLACES TO PLAY
2008/2009
Golf Digest
★★★★★
2008/2009
Golf Digest
★★★★★

CRAGUN'S

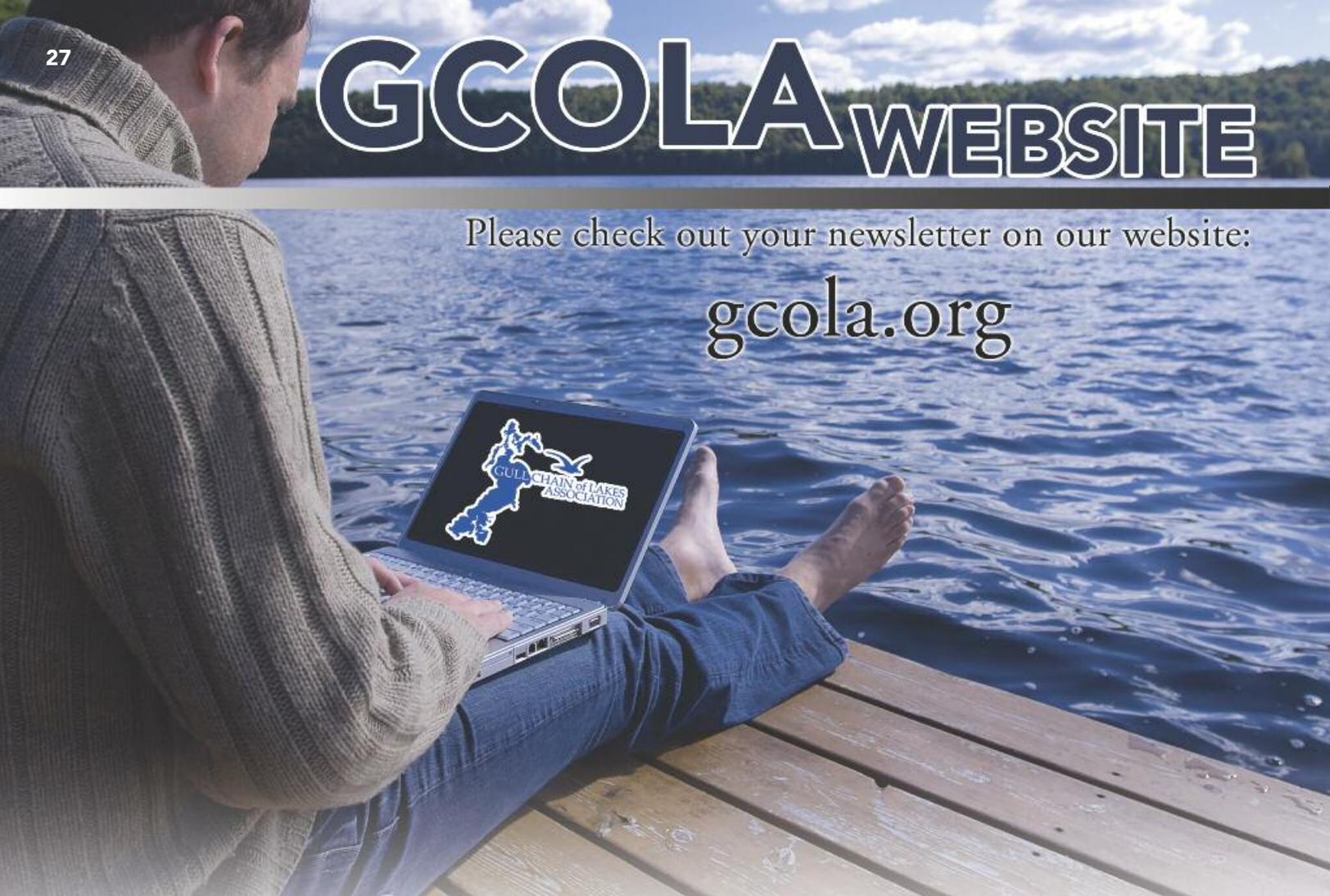
CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIALS
MARINA • DINING • GOLF • FOOTGOLF • LODGING
WEDDINGS • REUNIONS • OPEN 4-SEASONS

ON GULL LAKE • BRAINERD • MINNESOTA
1-800-CRAGUNS (1-800-272-4867) • CRAGUNS.COM

GCOLA WEBSITE

Please check out your newsletter on our website:

gcola.org



A Local Company You Can Trust

Serving the entire Lakes Area

COMPLETE TREE CARE

- Certified Arborists • Tree Consultations
- Deep Root Fertilization • Injections
- Root Regeneration • Disease Recognition

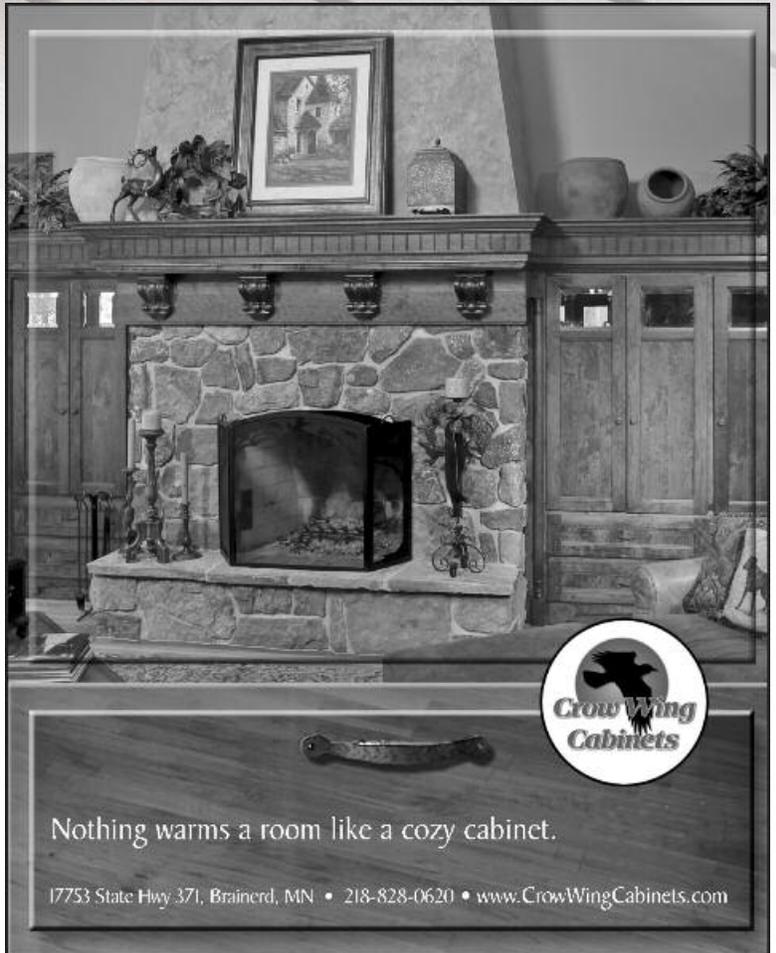
Free Estimates
Insured/ Certified

- Tree Removal • Mulch
- Brush Chipping • Stump Removal
- Pruning/Trimming

PROMPT YEAR ROUND SERVICE

218.825.8207

www.mikestreecompany.com



Nothing warms a room like a cozy cabinet.

17753 State Hwy 371, Brainerd, MN • 218-828-0620 • www.CrowWingCabinets.com

EMAILS WANTED

GCOLA periodically e-mails to members information about news or events of interest regarding the Gull Chain or lakes and rivers issues. If you want to be on that list contact Rosemary Goff at togogt@charter.net. Also, the list contains e-mails that are no longer valid so please update if you are no longer receiving e-mails.

Brainerd's Premier Membership
53rd Best Resort in the World
Top 10 Resort in the Midwest
- Condé Nast Traveler Magazine

THE CLASSIC AT MADDEN'S

Madden's on Gull Lake
www.maddens.com

Season Member Benefits at Madden's

Unlimited golf—any time, any day • Your children (under 18) golf free with you • Discounts off monthly charges for dining and bars, The Spa at Madden's, pro shop merchandise, marina, resort stays and member events

Memberships are limited...call today. 218.829.2811

THE CLASSIC GRILL AT MADDEN'S
Re-opens April 1 for the season!

NEW WELCOME MEMBERS

Marilyn Adams, Nisswa
 Randy & Emily Bauernfeind
 Belle Cheveux Salon & Spa
 Brian & Laurie Block
 Jeffrey & Kathleen Browne, Gull
 Thomas Burich
 Charles Costello
 Lenore Else, Gull
 Michael & Maureen Farnsworth, Nisswa
 B. Scott & Lori Fildes, Gull
 Eileen Fontaine
 Edward Ford
 Sen. Paul Gazelka
 Steven & Kelly Gilbertson
 Shannon & Joe Glenn, Gull
 David & Gloria Hamilton, Gull
 Larry & Nancy Hummer
 Stephen Imholte & Rachel Scherer, Gull
 John & Beth Jacob, Gull
 K & B Holdings
 Greg & Dana Kellenberger, Gull
 Richard & Barbara Kelly
 Kurt & Brenda Landwehr
 John & Lois Leighton

David & Deanne Longren, Gull
 Luther Crest Bible Camp
 Madden Brothers, Inc.
 Robert & Cynthia Martin, Upper Gull
 Jerry & Beth Northrup, Margaret
 Richard O'Connell
 Jeffrey & Pamela Oldenkamp, Gull
 Quarterdeck Resort, Gull
 Thomas & Lori Rocheford, Gull
 Tim & Chris Sheehan
 Daniel & Jill Slade
 William & Kathryn Stangler
 Peter & Cheryl Sullivan, Gull
 The Oliver Acreage
 E.J. & Anne Kelly Timmins
 Stefanie & Kaitlin Ubl
 Tony & Virginia Udelhoven
 Margaret & James Utz
 Leslie Vaillancourt
 Tyler & Sarah Osborne Verworn, Gull
 Thomas & Barbara Votel, Gull
 Nancy Witter, Gull
 Grant & Stephanie VanWyngereen



GAS! @ Love Lake Marina on Gull

Snacks • Beverages • Ice • Bait

JUST NORTH OF YACHT CLUB, THROUGH LOVE LAKE CHANNEL

SMOOTH, EASY, PAY AT THE PUMP



www.BoatsandBeyondRentals.com

PONTOONS • FISHING BOATS • SKI BOATS

JET SKIS • TRAVEL TRAILERS

WAKEBOARD BOATS

❄️ SNOWMOBILES ❄️ FISH HOUSES ❄️

Boating Season:

Gull-Love Lake Marina: 19571 Love Lake Rd, Brainerd

Snowmobiling Season:

4758 County Rd. 77, Nisswa - Right on the trail system!

2015 DONORS

GCOLA offers a sincere “thank you” to our many members who made donations, in addition to the dues paid last year. The support of all members through dues and donations is greatly appreciated and helps us with our efforts to improve the quality and safety of our lakes. Names listed below are members who have contributed donations in addition to the \$50 dues. This list includes 2015 donations to the Endowment Fund. Our apologies if anyone was inadvertently omitted from this list.

EAGLES (\$5,000+)

Grand View Lodge

OSPREY (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Mary Ann & Looe Baker III
Carlisle & Ellen Mabrey
Tom Spicola
Spicola Family Foundation
Travelliance Transportaion

LOONS (\$500 - \$999)

Steve Burton
Douglas & Sarah Crowther
Vince & Martha Driessen
Richard & Barbara Gabriel
Stan & Bonnie Jorgenson
Jo & Pat Lipinski
Keith Litke
Michael & Debra McGray
Al & Mary Agnus McQuinn
Greg & Nancy Schwanbeck
Mark Stassen

HAWKS (\$100 - \$499)

Anonymous (5)
David & Yasmine Aamodt
Andy Anderson
Cliff & Nancy Anderson
Ann Arhart
John Arnoldy & Susan Hansen
Richard & Susan Asinger
Ken and Mary Baker
Pat & Emy Jo Bartus
Fay Beauchine
Buzz & Vicki Benson
Ray & Joan Benson
Tim & Ann Bergin
Lucille Bill
Carol & Don Birkeland
Uldis & Pat Birznicks
Jerry & Lois Bjurstrom
Matt & Lonnie Boe
John and Mary Boeder
Fred & Mary Boos
George & Catherine Bowlin
David & Sheri Brinker

John & Anne Bunten
Jerry & Judy Carling
Dan & Karen Caspersen
Chris & Susan Chaney
Kathleen Chapman
Glen & Sandy Cook
Ann & Thom Cooper, Jr.
Dutch & Irma Cragun
Jim & Jane Daly
Richard Dore
Scott Englestad
Dave & Debby Felske
Eileen and Richard Fontaine
Bill & Sharon Frank
Michele Fuerstenberg
Rich & Barb Gabriel
Lucinda Gardner
John & Amy Gawlik
Hoot & Mary Lynn Gibson
Rosemary Goff & Bob Toborg
Chuck & Clairene Grillo
Paul Haagenon
Mark & Nancy Hall
Marty & Jan Halvorson
Jim & Pam Hanson
Bruce & Linda Harrier
George and Christina Hart
Tom & Sara Hartman
Dennis & Diane Hartogh
William & Kathleen Haug
Ron & Lisa Have
Dan Hedlund & Robin Preble
John & Diana Herman
Chuck & Lori Herrig
Paul & Colleen Holmquist
Amy & Kent Hylton
John & Julie Ingleman
Arnold & Joann Johnson
Rob & Pat Johnson
Doug and Sheila Johnston
Alan & Melinda Kehe
Bob & Marge Keppel
Chris Kienstra
Todd Kimmes
William & Nancy Knapp
Gary & Kelley Knight

Darrell & Jane Kolden
Alan Kunkel & Cheryl Thoresen
Lake Fun Rentals (Eric Peterson)
Roger & Marie Landsburg
Bob & Carolyn Laskey
Jamie & Kari Ledin
George & Barbara Lehan
Douglas & Patricia Lewis
Roger Lykins
Jerry & Lori Lyng
Michael & Debra Lyons
Philip Markert
Christine Maxson
Shelley McDonald
Marv & Pat Meyer
Mills Family
Bill & Joyce Mitsch
Colleen Mooney
Philip & Joan Morem
Joe & Kathy Mucha
Richard & Charlene Myklebust
Lowell & Linda Naley
Jeff & Jill Noack
David & Kathy Olson
Denise & Steve Park
Carol Pech
David & Rebecca Peterson
John & Dianne Pierson
Doug & Mary Platt
Mike & Jeanne Qualen
John & Jackie Reedy
Phil & Karen Saari
John & Margie Sampsell
Duane Schmicking
Peter & Goode Schmitz
Tony & Renee Schwaller
Thomas & Theodosia Sedgwick
Jeff & Karen Sell
James Sheedy
Dolph Jr. & Pam Simons
Donald Snell & Barbara Huso
Mark Stassen
Ken & Diane Stevens
Andrew & Dorothy Stewart

Dan & Connie Stockness
Stockness Construction
Bob & Rita Sundberg
Jim & Cheryl Swanson
Marc & Beth Swiontkowski
David & Marlys Thies
Rod & Carol Thole
Brian & Deb Thuringer
Harlan Wachholz
Doug & Deb Wagman
Cooper Weeks
Alex & Michelle Wilson
Greg & Beth Windfeldt
Jim & Trish Woerner

GULLS (Up to \$99)

Anonymous (8)
Idalene Adams
John & Joan Akin
Gary Alkire
Steve & Kathy Allex
Martha Anderson
Sally Anderson
Charles & Janet Andres
Douglas Arndt Fund, a component of the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation
Patrick & Pamela Aydt
Bill & Diane Baker
Chuck & Linda Baker
Dave & Sandra Baldwin
Pat & Sandy Baldwin
Jeff & Cheryl Bartels
Gregory & Peggy Ann Beck
Brent Bechtle
Daniel & Susan Woods-Beeson
Adrian & Audrey Beltrand
Mark & Angie Benson
Vern & Lois Berglin
Bud & Cynthia Bergren
Linda Blaisdell
Steve Boe
Raymond and Jenelle Boesch
John & Colleen Both

2015 DONORS

Robert & Terri Bormann
 Don Bottemiller
 Cal & Ann Bager
 Gaylon & Carolyn Bratlund
 Tammara & Steve Braunberger
 Art & Cynde Brookfield
 Mike and Jean Buller
 Ron & Jean Brown
 Bill & Phyllis Bryan
 Keith & Mary Fran Campbell
 Sara Campbell
 Peggy Carlson
 Darlene & Scott Collier
 Brownlee Cote
 Randy & Carol Cote
 Carleton & Ruth Crowell
 Ken & Linda Darula
 Jeff & Monette Day
 Tom & Barbara Deans
 Louis Dehner & Becky Pew
 DJ & Kris Dondelinger
 Tom & Karen Driessen
 Kevin & Betsy Egan

Jim & Gail Ehlen
 John & Ginny Ehlen
 Mark & Cindy Eischens
 Tip & Diane Enebak
 Bob & Laura Eng
 Don Erickson & Gayle
 Momchilovich
 Lynn Ewing
 David & Debra Fellner
 David and Bonnie Foss
 Pat Fournier
 Steve & Vicki Frawley
 Robert & Roberta Freese
 Fred & Julie Friedrichs
 Todd & Marcia Friesen
 Gary & Beverly Fruth
 James Gabriel
 Bob & Carol Galligan
 Richard & Margaret Ganyo
 Steve & Charlotte Garske
 Earl & Virginia Geiger
 Dennis & Kay Gerber
 Stan & Anne Glad

John & Bette Goplen
 Betty Green
 Jack & Rhonda Grotkin
 Alan & Jane Gunsbury
 Ike & Sharon Halliwill
 Greg & Cindy Hames
 David & Gloria Hamilton
 Ron & Sally Helmer
 David & Sally Hempel
 Daniel & Lise Herren
 Jennifer Hicks
 David Hillstrom
 Wayne & Lisa Hoglund
 Rachel Hollstadt
 Daniel & Patrice Horst
 Ron & Ginger Hustvedt
 John & Beth Jacob
 Richard & Debra Jansen
 Warren & Donna Jeppesen
 Don & Marilyn Johannsen
 Bruce & Sharalyn Johnson
 Clark & Carolyn Johnson
 Eldon & Mary Johnson

Jim & Jody Johnson
 Les & Judy Johnson
 Randy & Liz Johnson
 Don & Sally Jones
 Dennis & Joyce Kamstra
 Marion Kinkaid
 Paul & Carol LaPointe
 Chris & Resa Larson
 Elaine Leach
 David & Jean Linne
 Gene & Patty Loya
 David & Pat Maccabee
 David & Judith Markert
 Michael & Sandra Marston
 Linda Martin
 Paul Martin
 Katharine Marvin
 Maxson Family Partnership
 Daniel & Judith McAthie
 Tom & Lisa Meddock
 Norman Meyer
 Kevin & Martha Milbery
 Randy & Denise Millard



on the Causeway behind Zorbaz



YOUR BOAT CLUB

PONTOON, RUNABOUT, PWC RENTALS AND MORE

YOURBOATCLUB.COM

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS



**NEW GAS PUMPS
 are user friendly
 and available 24-7**

**TAKE THE BOAT TO PICK UP:
 Snacks, bait, tackle, eggs, milk,
 bread, ice, s'mores fixin's, health
 needs, sun lotions... soup to nuts**

**Keep us in mind
 for all your Service, Storage
 and Winterizing needs.**

**RENTALS - CALL NOW
 TO RESERVE YOUR BOAT
 RENTAL FOR 2016**

**Our Service slips are open to
 serve your boating needs
 and keep you on the water**

218-963-1010

AUTHORIZED WARRANTY REPAIR

MERCURY
 The Water Calls

2015 DONORS

32

Alma Miller Family
Jim & Jan Moe
Judy Morgan
Bill & Jean Nelson
Robert & Marianne Nemeth
Jeff & Sandy Norblom
David & Connie Oistad
Dan & Sue Padrnos
Keith & Kimberly Pasket
Gerald & Elaine Pattison
Rick & Suzanne Pepin
Gary & Nancy Persian
Greg & Kim Peterson
Tom & Connie Peterson
Dona Jean Pierce
Dave & Claudia Pilot
Gerald & Margaret Pint
John & Jeanne Porter
Darrell & Vindy Pulak
Christopher & Joleen Quisberg
Steve & Ruth Quisberg
Roger Reynolds

Bill Ribbel & Deborah Jacobs
Don & Patty Rodningen
Jeryllyn Rogers
Ken Roth
Paul & Diane Roth
Rex Rundquist & Sharon Gibbons
William & Kristin Sachs
Don & Nancy Samuelson
Sherwood Forest Resort Condominiums
Jack & Lynn Shimota
Keith & Nini Sieck
Richard Sankovitz
Kevin & Vicki Smith
Barbara Soma
Maris Speckman
Jim Starkey
Andrew & Dorothy Stewart
Robert & Loriese Stoll
Stoneridge on Gull Townhomes Assn.
John & Linda Sumner
Rey & Vicki Swanson
Greg and Nancy Tatge

Ed & Katie Thompson
Ann & Ron Thornton
Gene & Carlotta Tutor
Eric & Mark Utter
James Utz & Margaret Redfield
Danny Van Roy
Jack & Louise Warden
Wellick Family
Dr. Jan Whitman
Charles & Virginia Wilcox
Thomas & Catherine Williams
Roger & Sandra Willow
Sue Winterstein
Kim & Karen Wood
Steve & Lois Zauhar

IN MEMORY OF:

George & Mary Carney by Jo & Pat Lipinski

Helen & Herb Sands by Douglas & Sarah Crowther

Janeth Walker by Earl & Virginia Geiger

Tom McClintik by: Mark Albu, Bruce & Nancy Anderson, Syl & Charlotte Apps, Charles & Sue Ault, Gaul Beall, Daniel & Susan Woods-Beeson, Kent & Sandy Berg, Jon & Kirsten Bergherr, Keith & Colleen Both, George & Catherine Bowlin, Ray & Bill Bowman, Pat Brandon, Jennifer Cobian, Colleen & Dan Cook, Dennis & Pat Crist, Dan Croswell, Linda Croswell, Amy Crotteau, Jill Essner Dodds, Karen Drake, Richard & Carol Dunn, Donna Eastman, Peter & Kirsten Eckberg, Pam Erickson, Buzz & Loretta Evans, Josh & Lindsey Fields, Margaret Fishbeck, Matt & Kathie Frank, Jim & Jody Fredeen, Lani & Barb Gabatino, Mike & Carole Garbisch, Cletus & Pat Gatzke, Bruce & Kathy Glewwe, Ronald & Carol Gordon, Dave & Grace Goringe, Julie Gorvin, Ron Greenberg, Sue Haase Family, Harley & Deb Haase, Philip & Kerri Hart, Jim & Cindy Hartman, Nora Hoaglund, Bill & Kathy Horst, Daniel & Patrice Horst, Sid & Sue Jackson, Richard & Debra Jansen, Donald & Monica Johnson, Mary Kaczrowski, Michael & Elizabeth Keiffer, Fred & Fran Kenady, Bev Kespohl, Beth Kessler, Buzz and Marlene Klassy, Brian Knapp, Barbara Kolby, Shari Kopesky, Tim & Shannon Koschinska, Barb & Gary Krejcarek, Joel & Amanda Kruse, Paul & Carol LaPointe, Merv & Melissa Larson, James & Betty Lehet, Charlie & Jane Lentz, Irene Lindgren, Tony & Gail Lusvardi, James Leslie & Lynnanne Warren, Tony & Roberta Mackiewicz, Richard & Kevin & Martha Milbery, Robert & Leslie Mohs, Kathy Molitor, Jarolyn Morris, Cindy Mortenson, Gregory Mortenson & Lois Olson, Steve & Sandy Murr, Greg Nelson, Eric Nilsson & Beth Boger, Chris & Kim Nogosek, Bob Nordin, Dan Nordin, Carma Lee Ochiu, Bill & Charlotte Olein, Kari Page, Ralph & Nancy Palmer, Jerry & Maureen Pearo, Ken & Marcia Peterson, Dave & Claudette Prybilla, Grant & Mary Jane Pylkas, Norman & Emily Ralph, Chrisann Rauzi, Liz Remes, Reid & Cynthia Robertson, Dave & Nicki Ryan, Aliisa Saari, Eric & Heidi Saari, Phil & Karen Saari, Mark & Judy Sateren, Roald & Shelley Sateren, Leah & Jen Schuh, Bob & Cady Schwalm, Bob & Laurie Seaton, Ann Miller Shaw, Maureen Spahn, Jim & Carol Stark, Mark Stassen, Dan & Mary Stucki, Richard & Pam Sturgeon, Kari & Michael Tholkes, Boy & Betty Toy, Brent Von De Linde, Gerald Wallin, Dave & Ann Wasson, Dave & Nancy Wearne, Valda & Nicholas Westcott, Greg & Ellen Weyandt, Ginny Wilkinson, Roger & Sandra Willow, Clyde & Andrea Wyatt, Dave Young, Dick & Terry Zawacki



GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

Dues for the lake association are \$50 per year. They are payable anytime from January 1 – December 31. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation which means that all money donated by you over and above the \$50 dues amount is tax deductible. If you have not sent in your dues for this year, now is a great time to do so. Contributions above the \$50 dues are greatly appreciated. You can get membership forms on our website at: gcola.org. Dues can be sent to Box 102, Nisswa, MN 56468

PLEASE USE THIS FORM: Please provide the information requested below and send with your 2016 dues to the address indicated. We have also provided a space for any additional contributions that you would like to make to the Invasive Species Fund. If a board member or neighbor convinced you to join, let us know on the Invited By line. *Thank you!!!*

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Lake address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Lake Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

2016 dues: \$50.00

Invited to join by (if applicable) _____

Additional donation designated to:

+ Invasive Species Fund _____ + Endowment Fund _____ + Buoy Fund _____ + Board Discretion _____

= Total Contribution: _____



PLEASE JOIN THE GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Dues for the lake association are \$50 per year. They are payable anytime from January 1 – December 31. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation which means that all money donated by you over and above the \$50 dues amount is tax deductible. **If you have not sent in your dues for this year, it's not too late.** Contributions above the \$50 dues are greatly appreciated.

You can get membership forms on our website at: gcola.org.
Dues can be sent to Box 102, Nisswa, MN 56468

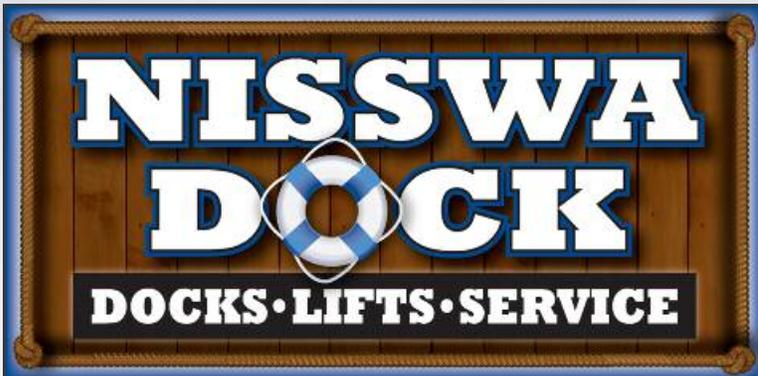
LAKE PRINTING CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

Lakes Printing in Brainerd is the only business that is allowed access to our Association member list and only for the purpose of mailing our newsletter. They have issued the following confidentiality policy.

We have a strict policy of confidentiality. We will not sell, trade, swap or in any other way use your list for anything except mailing your newsletter. We understand fully that you are the owner of the list and we simply have an electronic copy on our system for your use. This policy is not just for the Gull Chain of Lakes Association, it is applied to all customers.



WHATEVER IT TAKES



24428 SMILEY ROAD, NISSWA MN



Toll free | 800-322-3525
Web | NISSWADOCK.COM



WHATEVER IT TAKES

It is our belief that through **hard work, honesty, integrity and a commitment to this community** that we can make a difference. **We are proud to live, work and play** in this community.

We truly do **“Whatever it Takes”** to make our home a better place. **It is our desire to be your printer.** Please contact us. **We look forward to working with you.**

1223 Oak Street, Brainerd, MN 56401
Phone: 218-829-7790 • Fax: 218-829-0977
www.lakesprinting.com





“Women can have different symptoms before a heart attack.”

— Dr. Michael Thurmes, Interventional Cardiologist

When Mary Jo Warren started noticing pain in the back of her shoulders, she figured it was stress or maybe she was spending too much time hunched over her new e-reader. Then she realized she felt the same pain when she worked out on a treadmill.

Following a stress test at the Brainerd Lakes Heart & Vascular Center at Essentia Health in Brainerd, interventional cardiologist Michael Thurmes, MD, performed an angiogram.

When the angiogram revealed one of the major arteries in Mary Jo's heart was 90 to 95 percent blocked, a tiny metal stent was expertly inserted to open the artery.

“Women have less typical symptoms,” says Dr. Thurmes. “They report sweatiness, shortness of breath or back pain and not chest pain.”

Brainerd Lakes Heart & Vascular Center
For appointments call **218.828.7580**

EssentiaHealth.org/HeartVascular



The Brainerd Lakes Heart & Vascular Center at Essentia Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center is in partnership with CentraCare Heart & Vascular Center



Essentia Health

Here with you

RARDIN **CONSTRUCTION INC.** est. 1925

NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELING • ADDITIONS • MORE



— DESIGN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE —

(218) **829-6507**

www.RardinConstruction.com

SERVING THE BRAINERD LAKES AREA AND SURROUNDING

Superior Craftsmanship... Exclusive Customer Service



**WATER SPORTS
SINCE 1992**

MINNESOTA INBOARD

ONE FAMILY. ONE BRAND. ONE MISSION.



SERVING MINNESOTA'S 10,000 LAKES SINCE 1992



WWW.MNINBOARD.COM



EXCELSIOR / 720 GALPIN LAKE ROAD, EXCELSIOR, MN 55331 / 952.474.1742
BAXTER / 15779 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, BAXTER, MN 56425 / 218.822.4401



PRSR
FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Brainerd, MN
Permit No. 471

Box 102
Nisswa, Minnesota
56468
218-963-3542



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!™**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

**PLEASE CHECK OUT YOUR NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE:
GCOLA.ORG**

RESIDENTIAL - PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING EXPERTS



Professional Service on All Brands
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Sales • Service • Design • Installation

Geothermal Heat Pumps

In-Floor Heat • Sheet Metal • Indoor Air Quality
Preventative Maintenance • Plumbing

FREE ESTIMATES 218.828.4337

7674 COLLEGE RD, SUITE 115 BAXTER



\$15⁰⁰ OFF Plumbing Service Call



218.828.4337

ONE COUPON PER SERVICE CALL

Coupon must be presented at time of service.
Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/16.

\$15⁰⁰ OFF Heating/Cooling Service Call



218.828.4337

ONE COUPON PER SERVICE CALL

Coupon must be presented at time of service.
Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/16.

\$15⁰⁰ OFF Home Heating/Cooling System Check

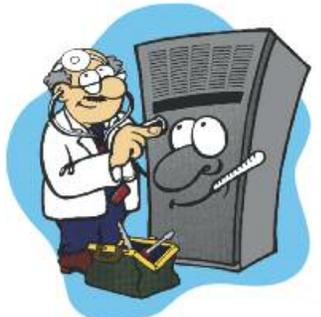


218.828.4337

ONE COUPON PER SERVICE CALL

Coupon must be presented at time of clean & check.
Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/16.

What is the
**Carbon
monoxide
Level**
In Your Home?



**We are
also your
plumbing
experts!**

www.scr-mn.com www.brainerdgeothermal.com

Serving the Entire Brainerd Lakes Area & Beyond!