

Black Oak Lake Riparian Owners' Association Newsletter

Land O' Lakes, WI 54540

www.blackoaklake.com

Spring 2011

TO OUR BLACK OAK LAKE FAMILIES:

What a wonderful time of the year! The trees are budding, the birds are singing, and the families are anticipating a great summer in northern Wisconsin.

We have much to do. Our major project and change is to merge BOLROA with BOLPF. This will streamline and simplify by having one entity that governs, requests grants, and preserves Black Oak Lake.

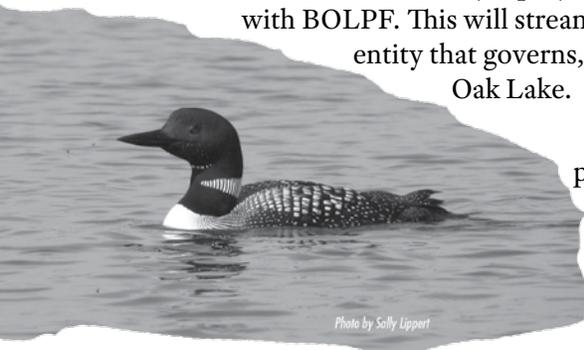


Photo by Silly Lippert

Barbara Hook has taken on this project with the help of Steve Grimm, a Madison attorney. She has put in an incredible amount of hours fine tuning the legal wordage and including everything that is relevant for the merger. It will be ready for ratification by the BOLROA membership in July.

We still remain vigilant in avoiding "AIS." We have a paid employee, Wes Setzer, at the boat landing to inspect boats. We ask all BOLROA members to volunteer time at the boat landing or to donate money to help defray the costs, and we encourage you to become a lake monitor for your shoreline.

Thus, with the business of the lake foundation in order, we can get on with enjoying one of the most WONDERFUL places on earth...our lake! Have a great summer!

Cherry Lommen

BOAT RAMP REPAIR to BE COMPLETED SOON

The rebuilding of the boat ramp will be completed in early June with the installation of 13 concrete planks at the Black Oak beach. The boat ramp will be closed for construction June 13 and 14.

A DNR permit was issued to the Town of Land O' Lakes in September. The planks were cast in November in a construction yard in Eagle River. Weighing 4500 pounds and reinforced with steel bars, each plank is 12 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 5 1/2 inches thick.

First, a crushed rock base will be installed at the beach; then the 13 planks will be placed and bolted together. The contractor is Collins

Excavating of Eagle River. Collins has built several boat ramps of this design for the Vilas County Forestry Department. The planks are according to a design by the U. S. Forest Service.

BOLPF prepared the permit documents and reimburses the Town for the fees and contractor costs. The Town Clerk submitted the documents, received the permit (because the Town is responsible to maintain the beach), and issued the contract (because the Town pays no sales tax). The town maintenance crew will dispose of the demolished concrete from the old ramp.

Dirk Meyer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13 - 14

BOAT LANDING
CLOSED FOR REPAIR

June 21 @ 5 pm

BOLPF PROGRESSIVE
DINNER

July 2 @ 10 am

ANNUAL MEETING

July 4 @ 4 pm

BOAT PARADE

July 16

BOLROA/BOLPF
MEMBERSHIP MERGER
RATIFICATION VOTE
BEGINS

To be announced

BOL REGATTA

August 6

ANNUAL PICNIC

To be Announced

SURVIVOR'S DINNER

In Memoriam

JANE KEGEL
JANET VINYARD
VERN VINEYARD

VINEYARD SERVICE

A service remembering Janet and Vern Vineyard will be held at the Vineyard home on June 23, 2011, at 11am.

YOU ASKED WHY — WE SAID WHY NOT

On October 7, 2010, BOLROA members received a letter via email or with a stamp telling our thoughts regarding continuing our governance with two organizations. You asked, Why are we doing things this way? Why do we have two organizations, BOLROA and the Foundation?

Because no one seemed to have a good answer, we continued working on this question. We agreed we must retain the 501(c)(3) tax status of the Foundation and all BOLROA activities. We agreed we must honor the original mission of the Foundation: preserve Black Oak Lake and the lake's surroundings for use by the general public.

We also agreed that we must continue our work on the goals set forth for the Association: protect Black Oak Lake waters and shoreline for recreation, protect and enhance the Black Oak Lake environment, manage natural fish and wildlife habitat, and promote safety.

We also worked on questions you returned to us after the October mailing and added questions from the Board and Bylaws Taskforce. We retained the same attorney who drafted the incorporation papers for the Foundation. This attorney provided

answers to all our questions, which we returned to you in early spring 2011. *

New proposed bylaws have been prepared and have been reviewed by the Wisconsin DNR and our attorney. They are posted on our website for your review. You will note that the two biggest changes are that all members will be eligible to serve as officers, and specific positions have been added to the Board, a corresponding secretary and a development director. We think it will also create a new bold awareness of the Foundation. What will this mean to you as members? Activities will go on as before, but managing one organization will be easier than two. There will be one set of bylaws; membership dues will remain as they are, but will be tax-deductible. The Annual Picnic and the Survivor Dinner will continue to be self-supporting; we will continue to ask for your "Hours or Dollars" to support the boat landing inspections, and your help as a monitor on your waterfront and in your assigned section of the lake. And yes, we'll keep the song, and we will still be confused about east and west.

Since everyone seems to be in accord, the Board is recommending that the governance of the lake be under

one organization, BOLPF. Taking the first step, the BOLROA Board voted to dissolve the Association at its May 28th meeting and completed the Articles of Dissolution and Consent Resolution. Next, we will ask the membership to vote electronically (a paper ballot will be mailed to those members without computer access) on the dissolution of BOLROA, the transfer of grants to the Foundation, contribution of assets to the Foundation and approve the newly completed and proposed bylaws.

We will have a question and answer period on this topic at the Annual Meeting, July 2. You may also contact Bylaws Taskforce members: John Annin, Walt Bates, Sara Beedie, Jim Fleming, Kathy Gelb, Barbara Hook, Rob Lauer and Jim Surples with your questions or concerns.

On July 16, 2011 ballots will be sent to the BOLROA membership; on July 31, 2011 the results will be tabulated. You must be a paid 2011 BOLROA member for your vote to be counted. One vote is allowed per BOLROA membership.

** Please reference the Preservation Foundation link at blackoaklake.com to read more on the process.*

Barbara Hook

HOURS or DOLLARS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

We highly value our lake, with the clearest, best water in the world, and our residents have spent countless hours on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. Inspection and education at the boat landing is the first line of defense against invasive species. Last year, BOLPF hired Wesley Setzer to inspect boats 40 hours per week and initiated the Hours or Dollars campaign. What price can be placed on Black Oak Lake? Surely it is worth some of your time or money!

We is back again with the same schedule: 6:00 am to noon and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday through Sunday, but there are large gaps in the schedule: all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

and from noon to 3:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please consider a contribution of your time to help fill in the gaps.

The cost of the inspector is about \$11,000 per season. BOLROA received a grant from the state of Wisconsin of \$3800 for inspection, which leaves us with a shortfall of about \$7200. Please

consider a tax-deductible contribution of dollars to help defray these costs.

We urge you to join the fight against invasive species in Black Oak Lake with your Hours or Dollars! Please use the form below to send in your check payable to BOLPF or your promise to volunteer hours.

HOURS or DOLLARS CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Property Number/Address _____

_____ I choose to contribute hours. (a contribution of 9 hours is suggested)

_____ I choose to contribute dollars (a contribution of \$100 is suggested)

Mail to: BOLPF PO Box 151, Land O Lakes, WI 54540

SHOPPING AT TRIG'S = DONATIONS TO BOLPF

Jim Surpless reminds us that when you drop your receipt with "58 S" marked on the top into the receptacle on your way out of the store, Trigs will donate 1% of your purchase to BOLPF. Don't worry about remembering the number - there is a listing of organizations and a pen on the front of the receipt receptacle. Donating to your favorite Preservation Foundation was never so easy!



Lake Monitors

We have all heard the saying, "If you cry wolf too often, no one will listen." It seems that every newsletter and at every annual meeting we are being bombarded with horror stories about the fate of infected lakes and with pleas to take individual actions to protect Black Oak Lake from harm.

As long as there are invasive species that can destroy our lake, you will continue to hear stories and warnings. The threat to BOL is as real in 2011 as it has been for several years, and once again our greatest asset to fight this battle is you. Our paid inspector plus the hundreds of hours of volunteer work by your neighbors and a little

luck has resulted in a BOL free of invasive species.

Again in 2011, BOL Lake Monitors will be on the lake looking for any plants that do not belong. If you can spare an hour a month and would consider being a monitor, please call me at 715-547-3997. Have a happy, safe summer at BOL and remember, the fragile, natural aquatic plants and bottom sediments in our shallow waters are there to protect our lake and wildlife. So, please slow down to no-wake speed in these areas, enjoy the view, and do your part in protecting and preserving our lake for the future.

Joe Beers

BOLROA WANTS YOU AS A MEMBER FOR 2011

These years are going by too fast! In the meantime, your BOLROA Board has had a busy winter getting ready for this year.

*Barbara Hook and her by-law committee have been working very hard to make BOLROA and the Preservation Foundation into one organization. You can read more on the merger in other articles of the newsletter, but bottom line - in order for your vote to count, you must be a dues-paid 2011 BOLROA member. This topic will be discussed at the annual meeting; approximately two weeks after that, you will have the opportunity to vote — but in order to do that you must have paid your dues!

- Two grants have been approved to continue our good work on shoreline restoration and water quality.
- We will continue our Boat Inspection Program with rehiring of Wes, our boat-landing inspector for the summer.
- Improvements on the boat ramp will begin in early summer.
- We also continue to sponsor social events that bring enjoyment to

people on the lake: 4th of July boat parade, annual summer picnic with the top-notch silent auction, the survivor dinner, a sailboat regatta, and the evening pontoon parties — just to name a few!

All these things are made possible by your continuing support, so please send in your membership check today. Remember — you must be a 2011 member in order to vote on joining the two entities. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your check.

Thank You!

Membership Renewal Form

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email: _____

Black Oak Lake Address _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

Make your check payable to BOLROA and send to:
BOLROA, P.O. Box 151, LAND O'LAKES, WI 54540

EXHAUSTIVE FISH POPULATION SURVEYS PLANNED FOR 2011/12

Beginning immediately after ice out, the Wisconsin DNR started an extensive fish survey on Black Oak and five other Vilas County lakes.

The survey began with fyke netting to mark walleyes and other gamefish by finclipping. The netting period was immediately followed by two nights of electrofishing along the shoreline. Electrofishing works by putting an electrical field in the water to temporarily stun any fish within about four feet of the boat, allowing them to be scooped up in dip nets and later released.

Previously finclipped fish caught in the nets will provide a known number of marked walleye swimming in the lake. From the electrofishing run, the ratio of marked to unmarked fish will be used to estimate the population. For example, if 1,000 walleye are given a left-ventral fin clip, 500 are captured during electrofishing, and 200 of these have the fin clip, then the estimated population = $1000 \times 500 / 200 = 2,500$ walleye.

In addition to the netting and electrofishing surveys, a nine-month angler creel survey will be conducted throughout the gamefishing season, excluding the month of November. Creel surveys are conducted by DNR "Creel Clerks" who work all weekend days, most holidays, and randomly selected weekdays. Shift times each day, either early or late, are also selected at random. Our normal "Creel Clerk" will be Mr. Lynn Robinson, a retired Port Washington

police officer who has been doing this for six years. He will split his time between the public landing and being out on the water. He will ask folks what they are fishing for, what they have caught and thrown back, will inspect their catch for fin clips or tagging, and will weigh, measure, and sex the fish. He will follow local boats (that's us) to their docks for the same purpose. The information gained

Note that the creel clerks are in the fish counting business and not in law enforcement. They do not check fishing licenses and cannot write citations although they do wear a DNR shirt and have DNR logos on their boats. They are not wardens, but the clerks are aware of boating rules such as the new 100' from shore no-wake zone, the observer rule for skiing, and general reckless operation



guidelines. They do carry warden Tim Price's cell phone number to report extreme behavior, but normally would just give verbal warnings and contact their boss if it became more repetitive.

is useful for determining fishery management strategies and evaluating the effects of various management actions like regulations and stocking.

The walleye sport harvest information is critical to assure that the total harvest of adult walleyes, after the tribal harvest is added in, does not exceed a safe level. Thirty-five percent is considered to be the maximum safe level of exploitation that an adult walleye population can sustain.

The full results of all of the surveys will not be available until later in 2012, but any preliminary results will be made available as soon as possible. In the meantime, feel free to talk to the DNR staff working on the lakes. They'll be glad to update you on what they're seeing.

The person who would win the Dumbest Criminal Award would be someone violating size or bag limits knowing a clerk would be inspecting the catch...DUH!

This will have no bearing on our AIS inspections at the boat landing. Although Mr. Robinson and the inspectors on duty at the landing will likely become good friends, they are doing different kinds of work. It certainly cannot hurt, though, that a "DNR" person will be at the landing for so much of the year (their creel counting extends into the ice fishing season, too). He will approach boats along with our person, and since his inspecting of dry wells is also part of AIS work, this will be facilitated for us by the clerk.

Walt Bates

BLACK OAK LAKE SECCHI DEPTH BY DAYS SINCE ICE-OUT

This multi-year set of graphs shows the large increases (more than doubling) of Black Oak's Secchi depths starting in 2005.

As explained in the website text, the reason for this is mostly unknown. But what makes these graphs interesting is the intra-summer changes of Secchi depth. Note that the worst clarity is right after ice-out. It then more than doubles reaching peak clarity after about 55 days.

Over the next 40 or so days it drops back to about halfway between the two values and stays there until fall.

Also of interest is how tightly the Secchi peaks cluster at that 55 days since ice-out point, especially considering that the actual calendar ice-out date varied by more than a month over the six years covered by these graphs. This would indicate that a lake's biotic year is far more affected by ice-out than by sun angle.

Indeed, many significant things happen at ice-out, such as the first infusion of fresh oxygen, spring turnover, first so-

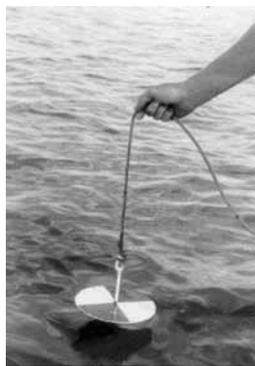
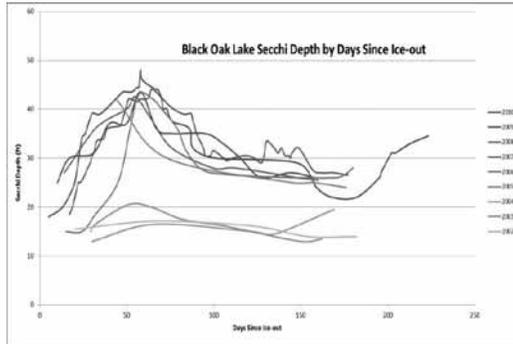
lar illumination, first wind mixing, first rainfall turbulence, etc. Limnologist Dr Susan Knight has reviewed this data and offers the following to explain why the clarity changes over the summer:

Conventional wisdom about deep Secchis in the spring has to do with algal/zooplankton interactions. In the early spring, right after ice-out, lake turnover brings up nutrients from the bottom and spurs algal growth. Zooplankton eat these increasing numbers of algae, and consequently the numbers of zooplankton also go up.

When the zooplankton numbers are at their peak and they are eating the most algae, Secchi readings will also be at their peak, (this is known as the clear water phase) - and as the graphs show, this seems to happen in Black Oak Lake after about 55 days. After this, the algae

numbers will start to fall, and zooplankton numbers will also fall. Interactions between algae, zooplankton, nutrients and fish become more complicated as the summer moves on.

Walt Bates



CLEAREST AGAIN —

On April 19, 2011 we were advised by the DNR that for the 2010 lake monitoring season, Black Oak Lake was again the clearest lake in the state, just as it was in 2008 and 2009. As in past years, we have nearly the least amounts of phosphorous and chlorophyll (tied for third least in each) as determined by the WI State Lab of Hygiene from our monthly water samples. This paucity of phosphorus and chlorophyll is consistent with high water clarity; keeping these chemicals out of the lake should be each of our goals. Go to this link to see the whole state spreadsheet for last year: <http://www.blackoaklake.com/lakeinformation/waterquality/wqdata-2010.xls> and go to Lake Information > Water Quality Data for links to the other years.

Walt Bates

New Insurance Purchased by Lake Association Board

With the hiring of an employee, the merger of the foundation and association, boat landing inspections, and agreement to pay for the boat landing improvements, the board felt it necessary to review our insurance coverage. Upon this review we found many deficiencies and elected to seek a better alternative.

Our new coverage with Continental Western Group is specifically designed for lake associations. They offered coverage's that include General Liability, Directors and Officers Liability, and Worker's Compensation. Continental Western Group is a A+ By A.M. Best and has a long history of protecting small organizations like ours.

The Board of Directors are quite pleased to now be protected as the decision-making body and then to have the supporting General Liability coverage for all of the activities sponsored at the boat landing and elsewhere.

The new coverage protects both the Association and Foundation under one set of contracts and will do the same when the two are merged into one.

The new company agreed to adjust our effective dates to be during our summer meeting date for the convenience of the Board. Should it become necessary for anyone operating under the direction of the board to request a certificate of insurance, call or email Monty Hunt at (262)-626-8472 or montyh@kettlemorianeins.com.

1ST ANNUAL BLACK OAK LAKE PROGRESSIVE DINNER JUNE 21, 2011

We are pleased to announce the first Black Oak Lake Progressive Dinner. Marilyn Nagel, Judy Madigan and Elizabeth Eaton are organizing the evening. This is a fundraiser for the Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation. There will be a \$15.00 charge per person, for the pleasure of each others company...payable at the dessert course.

We will mix and match singles and couples (sorry, no children) - you will be scheduled at a different house for each course. The course offerings will be: appetizers, salad and soup, (no main course). Marilyn Nagel has graciously agreed to host all of us for dessert at her home. Depending on the number of participants, we may have 2-3 houses for appetizers, and 4-5 for soup and 4-5 for salad courses. Appetizers will be from 5-5:45, salad from 6-6:45, soup from 7-7:45 and dessert from 8-until Marilyn asks us to leave! You may choose not to host, but please contribute by bringing an ap-

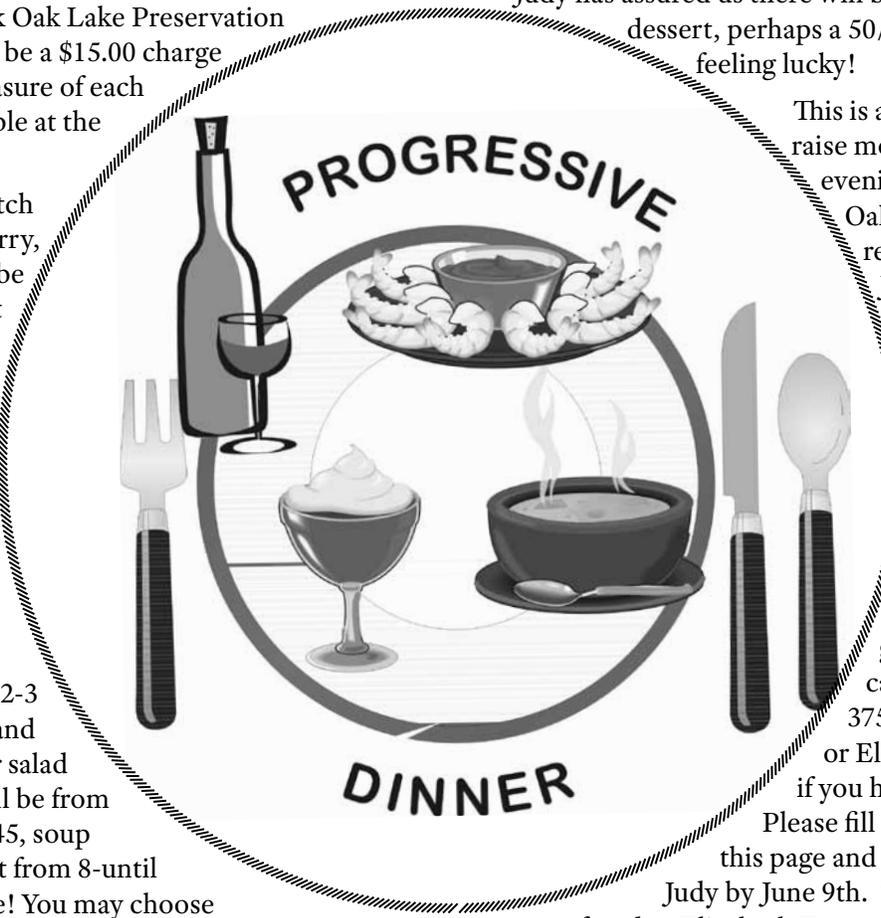
petizer or dessert. If you have houseguests, please include them. We will keep them with you for the evening.

Judy has assured us there will be some drawing at dessert, perhaps a 50/50, for those who are feeling lucky!

This is a great chance to raise money and spend a fun evening with fellow Black Oakers. The deadline for registering is Thursday, June 9th. Your personal schedule for the evening (with guest list if you are hosting) will be delivered to you by Thursday, June 16th.

We are looking forward to an evening of great food and great neighbors! Please call Marilyn 715-547-3753, Judy 715-547-3082 or Elizabeth 612-718-7057 if you have any questions.

Please fill out the bottom half of this page and return it to Marilyn or Judy by June 9th. This form can also be faxed to Elizabeth Eaton @ 763-792-5250



Black Oak Lake Progressive Dinner

RETURN THIS FORM BY JUNE 9, 2011

Names _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I would like to host a course (indicate your first, second and third choice)

_____ Appetizer _____ Salad _____ Soup

I can accommodate _____ (6-12) people, including hosts

I would like to attend but cannot host a course, and I will bring an appetizer or dessert for our gathering (please indicate which) _____ Appetizer _____ Dessert

Please note if there are any special accommodations needed, such as physical abilities, allergies, and dietary restrictions

Annual Black Oak Lake Picnic

**At CONSERVE SCHOOL
Saturday, August 6th, 2011**

Auction starts at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

**Lakeside dinner and dessert
will be catered by Conserve School.**

Please bring a beverage cooler!

**Kayaks and canoes
will be available to use after 2 p.m.**

**Adults \$12.00 each
Kids (12 and under) \$5.50 each
Kids 5 and under are FREE**

**Please make checks payable
to BOLROA**

**You may sign up
at the July meeting
Reservation Deadline
is August 1st, 2011**

*Come and enjoy
a summer evening
in the
Great Northwoods
with your family and friends!*



**For reservations or information please call
Sharon Basten at 715-547-3012 or D. Caruso at 715-547-3657**

Picnic Reservation Form

Names: _____

Adults 12.00 @ _____ = _____ Kids 5.50 @ _____ = _____

Kids 5 and Under Free @ _____ = 0.00

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BOLROA. TICKET PRICES FOR RESERVATIONS MADE
AFTER AUGUST 1ST WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 PER PERSON, NO EXCEPTIONS.
(REFUNDS GIVEN WITH 48 HOUR NOTICE)**

Still Afloat

TREASURER'S REPORT

BOL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Major Income/(Expense) Items in 2010

Gifts, Memorials, etc.	\$10,937	
Picnic		
Auction	\$3,311	
Donor Match	\$3,042	
Clothing Sales	\$2,670	\$(1,860)
Boat Ramp Repair [1]	\$2,750	\$(7,850)
2010 Inspector	\$4,575	\$(11,200)

[1] \$ 2,000 added expense coming in 2011

Balances on 5-5-11

CD's	\$40,061
Checking	<u>\$9,191</u>
	\$49,252

BOL RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSOC.

Major Income/(Expense) Items in 2010

Dues [2]	\$4,005	
Picnic	\$2,009	\$(1,954)
Survivor Dinner	\$1,025	\$(1,025)
Grants from DNR [3]		
AIS Edu & Prev	\$5,695	
Lake Planning	\$2,500	

[2] 180 members in '10; 178 in '09; 150 in '08

[3] Final reimbursements from DNR

Balances on 5-5-11

CD's	\$20,000
Checking	<u>\$10,079</u>
	\$30,079

Dirk Meyer - Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2011

Board members retiring this year are Dirk Meyer and Bob Pierce. Luke Hattenhauer has completed his first term and has chosen not to be re-elected for a second term.

Nominations for new two-year terms are Sara Beede, Rob Lauer and Mary Dan (Kegel) Bina.

Sara Beedie is married to Bob and they have two children, Michael who lives in Vail, CO and Kate who lives in Charlotte, NC. Sara loves spending the blustery month of February at the cabin but her favorite moments are spent rowing on the calm waters of Black Oak in the early summer mornings.

Rob Lauer is an attorney with a litigation firm in Milwaukee and has been in practice there for 28 years. Rob's wife, Kathy, is a physician and they have five children: Annie, Theresa, Martha, Sarah and Robbie. They have been property owners on Black Oak Lake since 1997. Before that, they rented on Black Oak during the summers for five years.

Mary Dan Bina is a college professor in Communication at UW, Green Bay. She teaches Electronic Media, Public Relations, Radio, Information Technologies and Intro to Communication. Prior to that she enjoyed a long career in broadcast TV and radio news. She and her husband, Michael, have two sons: Joey(19) and Mick(16). She was introduced to Black Oak Lake as a 5 year old on Labor Day weekend, 1961.

Julie Tryczak is nominated for re-election to a second two-year term.

After serving a one-year term to fill a resignation last year, Monty Hunt is nominated to serve his first two-year term.

The continuing board members are Cherry Lommen, Bob Barnum, Kay Fleming, Walt Bates and Wayne Woltman. As immediate past president, Tom Allman will remain on the Board as an unelected director.

Respectfully submitted by Nominating Committee members:

*Marilyn Annin, Sally Lippert
and Bern Fleming.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



SO, JUST WHO HAS THE MOST YEARS ON BLACK OAK?

The recent passing of Janet Vineyard piqued some folks' interest in just who

has the most summers here. Well, using information from spouses, children, or life long

friends the current #1 is Myrtle Lloyd with 90 summers from 1912 to 2001 inclusive. Ed Torres is #2 with 87 from 1922 to 2008, #3 is Janet Vineyard with 86 from 1924 to 2009, and Ruth Berg is #4 with 82 summers from 1926 to 2007.

Ah, but records are made to be broken and the living continue to accumulate years. Leading this group is Jim Bates who started coming in 1931 (so he will tie Ruth Berg for 4th in 2012), David Binder in 1932, then Bill Berg, Sr., and Nancy Frawley in 1936.

Many who might seem to be in the "80 year club" actually aren't because

they didn't start coming until their adult years or missed many years

Joe Handlos, Emil Weisse, Mary Olk, Jean Knecht, Alvina Lang, Virginia Stevens Hickey, Howard Lloyd, and Vern Vineyard.

As for who has the most total time here...that is harder to calculate but probably would be Janet Vineyard. She was born on the lake and lived here full time until going off to college. Don't hesitate to contact contact me to correct errors and omissions.

Walt Bates

FULL MOONRISES OVER BLACK OAK

NIGHT BEFORE		FULL MOON		NIGHT AFTER	
JUN 14	8:00pm	JUN 15	8:57pm	JUN 16	9:44pm
JUL 14	8:19pm	JUL 15	8:52pm	JUL 16	9:20pm
AUG 12	7:22pm	AUG 13	7:47pm	AUG 14	8:10pm
SEP 11	6:36pm	SEP 12	6:58pm	SEP 13	7:19pm
OCT 11	5:47pm	OCT 12	6:12pm	OCT 13	6:41pm

in mid-life. These include folks like Harold Sundberg, Chuck Bates Jr.,

BOLROA/BOLPF Merger

The Board of Directors of the Black Oak Lake Riparian Owners Association has voted for the dissolution of BOLROA at their May 28th meeting. NEXT, the membership will be asked to ratify this vote on the dissolution of BOLROA, transfer of grants to the Foundation, contribution of BOLROA assets to the Foundation and approve the newly rewritten bylaws. You have received information about what this action will mean to the membership and you can read about it once more in the article by Barbara Hook in this newsletter. The vote of the membership will be conducted by email ballot two weeks after the Annual Meeting. Paper ballots will be sent to those members without computer access.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE A 2011 PAID MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. THERE IS ONLY ONE VOTE PER EACH PAID MEMBERSHIP per Article VIII Section 2 of our current bylaws.

50-YEARS ON BLACK OAK LAKE

I am well aware that none of us needs to be reminded that another year

has passed. However, on the good side, possibly

there are more of you that qualify for our 50 YEAR PIN. Almost 70 members have qualified up to this point. We would very much like to give additional pins to people that now qualify in 2011. Please let me know who you are and we'll be happy to give you a 50 YEAR PIN.



Jim Surpless

BLACK OAK LAKE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (BOLPF) UPDATE

The Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation is doing very well. As of March 7, 2011, we have a total of \$49,252 in our checking account and invested in our CD's. Thank you to all of you who have contributed during the past year. We have been most fortunate to have received several sizeable checks which have certainly been most appreciated. As we enter a new season, there are several developments taking place. I am quite sure that there will be other references to the fact that plans are underway to merge Black Oak Lake Riparian Owners Association into the Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation.

With your approval, this should take place in August. The Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation will then be our sole lake organization. Your donations and other considerations will still be tax-free and, of course, be used for a very fine cause. We certainly welcome your generosity. I can think of no better undertaking for our lake residents and those that enjoy our lake than your involvement with the Foundation. Once again, thank you to all of you who have made a contribution in one form or another to our Foundation, which, in turn, has made our Foundation a success.

Jim Surpless

**BOLROA/BOLPF
PO BOX 151
LAND O' LAKES, WI 54540**



PARTY TIME ON THE LAKE

Pack up your family and friends, your favorite beverages and an appetizer to share and join in the fun as we float along and enjoy the evening waters of Black Oak Lake. Mark your calendars now for this summer's Pontoon Boat Parties:

Monday, June 13

Saturday, July 2

Tuesday, July 19

Thursday, August 11

Saturday, September 3

Plan to meet in Barbers Bay at 5 p.m. Rain date will be the following evening. See you on the water!

Sara Beedie