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LSIA Summer Picnic & Potluck!

Join us for LSIA's 24th Annual Summer Picnic & Potluck on Sunday, July 22nd!!

Bring a side dish to share and enjoy some fun family games, soak up some rays and socialize with the great members of our lake community!

Where: Jorgenson Park, Shady Beach Circle (south side, off of Hwy11)

When: Sunday, July 22nd from 4:00-8:00 PM

Membership meeting to begin once everyone has been served (approx. 5PM)



Shortened Meeting Agenda (because we want to socialize!)	
1. Call To Order	Joe Baker
2. Membership / Treasurer's Report	Roger Van Beusekom
3. Water Level Update	Scott Walsh
4. Pilot Treatment program and "whole-lake" plans for next year	Joe Baker/Craig Mueller/Eric Fieldseth
5. July 4th Boat Parade Results / raffle drawings	Leah Pitzenberger & Terrie Wise
6. Other questions / suggestions of members	All members
7. Election of New Officers and Board Members	Nomination Committee
8. Adjourn	

Highway 55 Updates

Stay up to date and informed on the progress of the construction of Highway 55! Learn more and sign up for weekly updates via the link below or call the project hotline at 855.345.1140:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy55medina/>



This years 'favorite movie' themed parade brought to us some VERY creative boat renditions of Jaws, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Star Wars, Ferris Beuller's Day Off, Daddy Daycare etc. Thanks to all who put forth the tremendous effort to participate in our 16th Annual Boat Parade! Also a huge thanks to our judges and wonderful audience! Check out more pictures on our website!

Winners will be revealed at the picnic!

4th of July Boat Parade!



Letter from the LSIA President

Summer Greetings to our Lake Sarah Community –

We're experiencing some wonderful summer weather this year, creating the perfect atmosphere to truly enjoy our lakeshore living! It's great to see all the boats enjoying tubing, wakeboarding, and water-skiing. The fishing boats are also out in full force as we continue to see a healthy catch of panfish, bass, northern, and an occasional walleye.



Please plan to attend the General Membership Meeting and LSIA Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 22. Know that we want to focus on the social element of the picnic, and so we will keep the meeting to an absolute minimum (as people are eating). Once again, we'll provide roast pork and turkey sandwiches – where you bring only a side dish, salad, dessert, or any other “specialty” along with your own beverages. There will be games for the kids, drawings for prizes, and a great time visiting with and meeting neighbors from around Lake Sarah.....Don't miss this great annual event!

As my term as LSIA President draws to a close, I'd like to thank the board members who have greatly contributed over the past 2 years. Together, we accomplished a lot for our lake community. We can all take pride in having grown our membership and our funds available for future projects. Thanks to many volunteers, we successfully managed through 2 years of high water, thus limiting no-wake zone restrictions more effectively than other area lakes. We also came together as a lake community this year by successfully completing our first volunteer applied invasive weed treatment pilot program – that along with a successful DNR grant – proved to be a safe and very cost effective “best practice”. We are making plans to complete our first “whole-lake” treatment next year – and I will remain on the board to focus on this significant step toward improving Lake Sarah. Thanks in advance for your support!

It's been an honor and a privilege to have served as President of this great community association, and thank you for making Lake Sarah a great place to live!

Joe

Lake Treatment Pilot—Results!

An update on the success of the Lake Sarah pilot treatment plan for invasive species can be found on our website.

Click here to view the article:

<http://www.lakesarah.com/waterquality/ewmclptreatmentprogram.html>



Meet Your Neighbors!

MATT & MICHELLE DEN HARTIGH



Address: Woodhill Drive, Loretto, MN

Where did you move from?: Uptown Minneapolis

How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?: Since November 2011

How do you spend your leisure time?: We love to spend time with our family and friends as much as possible. We both also enjoy playing softball, bowling, broomball and playing yard games. While he is not the most talented yet, Matt's most favorite activity is wakeboarding. He also snowboards.

What is your favorite part about living on the lake?: Everything! Boating, watching sunrises and sunsets, looking at wildlife and getting to know the people around us who have been so friendly.

What is your greatest accomplishment?: For Matt, finishing MBA school and for Michelle winning two national championships in softball and earning her doctorate of physical therapy

What drives you everyday?: A car ;)

What is your favorite food?: Mexican or Thai

What is your favorite vacation destination?: Australia

Where do you see yourself in five years?: With kids, still happy on Lake Sarah

How do you want to be remembered?: As people who enriched the lives of those around us.

Share a fun fact about you!: While in Australia, Matt surprised Michelle and proposed to her at the Sydney Opera House. As he pulled the ring out, he dropped it near a crack in the deck and it almost went in the ocean. It was not insured yet and Matt almost soiled himself.



Fines Double July 1 for Violating Aquatic Invasive Species Laws



Zebra mussel fine increase & other AIS laws -

Civil fines for people caught violating the state's aquatic invasive species (AIS) laws will double on July 1, when new, tougher laws take effect, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced. For example, failure to remove a drain plug while transporting a watercraft will mean a \$100 fine, instead of a \$50 penalty. The fine for unlawfully possessing and transporting prohibited AIS will increase from \$250 to \$500.



Other new AIS laws effective July 1:

Boat lifts, docks, swim rafts and other water-related equipment (except boats and other watercraft) that are removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body for at least 21 days.

The drying out period is designed to kill any AIS that might be attached to the equipment that are high risk and difficult to clean. Two zebra mussel introductions

occurred last year as a result of water equipment being sold and moved from one water body to another.

To read the full MN DNR press release [click this link](#). More information, including a new 25-minute video called "Aquatic Invasive Species, Minnesota Waters at Risk," is available at:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html

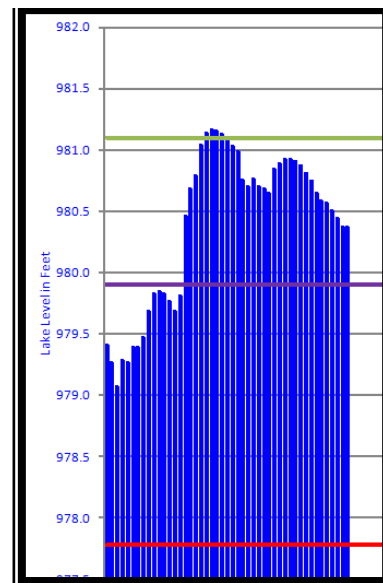
Outlet—Water Level Update

So far this year LSIA volunteers have spent a total of 42.5 hours working on Sarah Creek removing an estimated 8,000 lbs of loose bog material from the weir. In 2011, volunteers put in a total of 178 hours and removed approximately 30,000 lbs.

"LSIA and myself thank all the volunteers who signed up and continue the hard work." Scott Walsh.



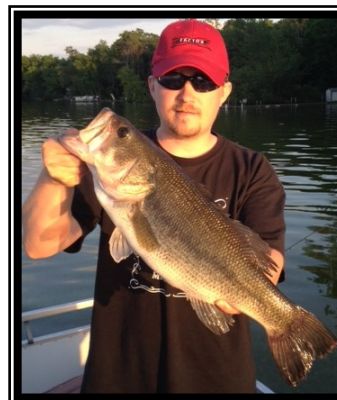
Lake Sarah Water Elevation 2012



"Thanks to Fred Lang for the water level graph & monitoring!"
-LSIA Board

The One That Didn't Get Away!

It's a long standing tradition for fisherman to tell tall tales of "the one that got away"; often the stories consist of exaggerations and exasperations of the evasive monsters and broken old line! Well, new resident and board nominee Brent Lau won't have to partake in such fables!! He recently snagged this gorgeous 6 lb, 20.5 inch Large Mouth Bass from the depths of the SW side of Lake Sarah, near the landing. He used a football jig with a plastic crawfish and—don't worry avid fisherman of the lake—he released it for another catch and another day! Nicely done Brent!



"Fishing is a discipline in the equality of men - For all men are equal before fish."
-Herbert Hoover

LSIA Members & Friends

The Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) membership is open to anyone interested in protecting, preserving and continually improving the beautiful Lake Sarah for present and future generations. Association members and volunteers work together to maintain a strong organization and community that focuses on:

- **Water Level:** To maintain Lake Sarah water levels
- **Water Quality:** To measure and help control pollution & study ways to protect the environment and natural resources
- **Water Clarity:** To check the clarity of Lake Sarah with regular Secchi Disc readings
- **Invasive Species Prevention:** To operate programs that help to protect Lake Sarah from infestation by Eurasian water milfoil and other exotic invasive organisms
- **Distribute Information to Members:** To publish and distribute newsletters to members and keep the community informed about key issues affecting the Lake Sarah area
- **Monitor Laws:** To monitor existing and proposed township, county and state laws that affect our lake and the environment
- **Work with County, State and National Departments**
- **Promote Water and Boating Safety**
- **Swimmers' Itch:** To continue to seek out methods of effectively controlling swimmers' itch
- **Promote membership and volunteering:** To conduct the ongoing responsibilities for maintaining a strong and effective Association for the Lake Sarah area
- **Finance Activities:** To finance all the activities of the Association and establish reserves to handle emergencies
- **Endowment Fund:** To accumulate funds to ensure the preservation and enhancement of Lake Sarah by means of visionary stewardship of the Lake Sarah watershed.

Additional Benefits

Randy's Sanitation offers a community discount to members for a 65 gallon garbage container and water softener salt—the discount equates to the membership fee! PLUS all of the upcoming fun community events and gatherings!!

MEMBERSHIP FEE = \$35.00

Membership Stats	
2012	145 (to date)
2011	179
2010	134
2009	172
2008	149
2007	156

How To Become A Member!

- 1) Complete the form on page 5 (also online at www.lakesarah.com)
- 2) Submit the form with a check payable to LSIA to the following address:

LSIA
 PO Box 25
 Loretto, MN 55357

COMING SOON!
Look for a PayPal option online!!!

*****RENEWALS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1*****

Membership Form



Lake Sarah Improvement Association

2012 Membership Form

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Lake Address (if different from above)	
Telephone	
E-Mail	

THINK GREEN! And help reduce our printing and mailing fees!
 Please check here to receive your newsletter via email (your information will be kept confidential)

Annual Dues

2012 Membership Fee		\$35.00
Annual Donations	Water Quality Fund	_____
	Walleye Fund	_____
	Other	_____
	TOTAL:	_____

Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to:

LSIA

PO Box 25

Loretto, MN 55357

Interested in getting involved? Volunteer on one of our many committees! Check here to be contacted with more info!

- Membership Committee
- Water Quality Committee
- Summer Picnic/Boat Parade
- Bog/Outlet Army
- Fishery Committee
- Ice Clean Up Committee

Randy's Environmental Service provides our members with a discount worth \$31.92 on a 65 gallon can and with water softener salt discounts (which vary by household) – IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER!

Are you a Randy's Customer? Yes No

If not, are you interested in being contacted about the program? Yes No

Do you purchase water softening salt? Interested in learning more about the LSIA salt program? Yes No

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR ON LAKE SARAH!

Questions?? Concerns?? Contact Sonja Tilbury, sitjat@aol.com

LSIA Nominees & New Member Bio's

Board Position	Nominee Name
President	Mark Holten
Vice President	Jeff Hansen
Treasurer	Roger VanBeusekom
Director, Communications	Rosalie Hansen
Director, Lake Level/Outlet	Scott Walsh
Director, Social	Carl Stahlmann
Director	Brent Lau
Director/President Ex Officio	Joe Baker

BRENT LAU

Address: S Lake Sarah Drive
Nomination Role: Director
Family: Sarah (wife)
Occupation:
 Accounting Manager at C.S. McCrossan
How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?: 3 Months
Hobbies: Love to fish, hunt and be outdoors (especially on the lake now!).
Fun Fact: We are expecting our first child in October.



CARL STAHLMANN

Address: Dance Hall Creek Farm, W. State Hwy 55
Nomination Role: Director, Social
Family: Bob Beadle (future husband), Clara (daughter—17)
Occupation: Piano Teacher
How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?: 2 years, but Bob's been here almost 30 years
Hidden Talents/Hobbies: Cleaning up the world—one dirty dish at a time—I learned to knit cotton dishcloths and give them away as gifts. One of my hidden talents keeps me in obscurity as an American composer of the late 20th/early 21st Century.
Fun Facts: One summer I lived in Greenfield and sold books door-to-door—Greenfield, Massachusetts.



JEFF HANSEN

Address: 4220 Woodhill Drive
Nomination Role: Vice President
Family: Rosalie (wife), Claire (daughter) and two dogs
Occupation: Network Architect
How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?: Under a year
Hidden Talents/Hobbies: Barefoot water-skier and avid hunter
Fun Fact: Have been skiing professionally for 10+ years with the Midwest Ski Otters and currently run their Water-Ski School in White Bear Lake (teaching little kids how to waterski).



ROSALIE HANSEN

Address: Same as Jeff :)
Nomination Role: Director, Communications
Family: Jeff (husband), Claire (1.5 yrs)
Occupation: Marketing & Database Developer Consultant
How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?: Since Feb
Hobbies: Fishing, skiing, boating, paddle-boarding, floating, entertaining, trying to cook, broomball, teaching our daughter new things and being with our friends and family!
Fun Fact: In my "spare" time I create and sell commissioned artwork.

BIG THANKS!!!
 It is with a sad heart that the LSIA Board accepts the resignation of Membership Chair, Sonja Tilbury. Sonja has had a huge impact on the LSIA membership and has been an essential part of the water quality committee. In her 4 years on the board she has grown membership substantially and will be greatly missed. Good luck and best wishes Sonja!

"Thanks to Terry Holten for heading up the nomination committee! We're very excited about the new talent that will be joining!"
 -LSIA Board

Treasurer's Update

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL (to date)
Financial Report as of: 7-9-2012			
Beginning checking 1-1-2012			\$5,330.21
Beginning checking Walleye 1-1-2012			3,098.50
21st century CD (Mature 6-18-12)			6,942.46
21st century CD (Mature 7-27-12)			8,849.76
21st century CD (Nature 4-18-12)			20,119.51
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$37,543.02	\$44,340.44	\$44,340.44
4-18-12 CD to checking w/ interest of 120.00 this yr.			20,239.73
Memberships-(target 200x35--2012) (A)-1-3 see below	\$4,830.00	\$5,390.00	\$3,465.00
Contributions-Special	500	100	
Contributions-Clean water	995	1,000.00	1,075.00
Contributions-Walleye Fund	725	1,000.00	675
Fundraising-United Way	1,615.40	1,650.00	13.26
Fundraising--Other	413.66	500	60
Interest--checking	11.44	15	7.24
Interest--CD's	211.06	100	157.79
Advertising proceeds		180	180
Total Receipts:	\$9,301.56	\$9,935.00	\$5,633.29
Printing/Mailing (directory and news letters)	\$340.69	\$1,000.00	\$710.71
Office Supplies		50	
Dues/Subscriptions		200	
Membership/Board meetings	80.46	100	21.85
Fundraising cost--Other	277.45	250	
Boat Parade	175	200	
Summer Picnic	1,376.16	1,400.00	
Walleye Program (stocked in 2011 and paid in 2012)		2,000.00	1,000.00
Clean Water Fair		100	
Lake Improvement Projects (see note (B)-2 below)	254.38	1,000.00	21,620.55
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (see note (B)- 1 below)			-7,149.20
Total Disbursements:	\$2,504.14	\$6,300.00	\$16,203.91
Overage / (Deficit)	\$6,797.42	\$3,635.00	(\$10,570.62)
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$44,340.44	\$47,975.44	\$33,769.82

179 members in 2011 of which 87 paid in Dec 2010. 200 members budgeted for 2012, of which 46 paid in Dec 2011. 145 paid members in 2012, of which 46 paid 2011. 55 members short of 2012 budget. Excludes o/s receivables of \$3,411.17 from treatment members and \$7,500.00 from DNR grant. Includes \$2,290.17 of excess treatment product to be used next year.



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Summer Recipe

Super Easy Summer Salad

3 small cucumbers
1 cup diced tomato or cherry tomatoes
2 small avocados – diced into small pieces
About 1 T good quality balsamic vinegar
Sea salt & fresh ground black pepper to taste
Green onions (optional)

Peel cucumbers (optional) and cut in half lengthwise, then slice in half-moon slices. Dice tomatoes or cut cherry tomatoes in half to make one cup. Peel and cut up the avocado into small cubes. Dice green onions diagonally (if you're using green onions).

Combine the cucumber, tomato, and avocado (and onions, if you're using them) in a bowl and gently toss together. Add a small amount of balsamic vinegar, enough to barely coat the veggies and toss again. Season to taste with your favorite sea salt and plenty of fresh-ground black pepper.

Submitted by Leah Pitzzenberger



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Interested in being featured/wish to contribute to the next newsletter?:

- Meet Your Neighbor
- Fishing Log
- Featured Recipe
- Advertisements/Services
- Your Lake View Artwork (front page header)
- Articles
- Etc.

Contact Rosalie Hansen at
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