



# Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

Newsletter No. 16

Fall 2009

## Fall meeting to feature guest scuba diver and door prizes

The fall membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. in the Scandia Valley Town Hall** located at 3518 320<sup>th</sup> Street, Cushing, MN 56443 (see map on page 2).

Our guest presenter will be Ken Biretz who plans to do some diving and take pictures of the world below Lake Shamineau. Door prizes will be given away during the meeting. Rolls, coffee and juice provided. 🐸

### Beneath the surface

By John Jacobson

If everything goes as planned, Ken Biretz and his friend Sean Wells will be scuba diving our Lake Shamineau on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the day before our fall meeting. Both Ken and Sean will be our guest speaker for our meeting and will share their findings from what they have learned in a verbal presentation as well as a video from the depths of our lake.

Ken has lived around water all of his 55 years of life and has had several decades of experience as a scuba diver in hundreds of lakes, rivers and quarries. He loves it with a passion and especially lakes he has never been to before such as ours. He has learned to understand the health of a lake by what he sees under the water. He has 13 certifications of various degrees with scuba diving and water safety. He is an Iowa Search and Rescue Diver and is the president of the area chapter. He lives in Lake Mills, Iowa with his wife Deena.

Ken is a friend and co-worker with John Jacobson who both work for Winnebago Industries of Forest City, Iowa. 🐸



### Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, September 5, 2009 Scandia Valley Town Hall Agenda

1. Pre-opening Activity
2. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
3. Open Forum – 15 minute time limit
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Presentation: Ken Biretz, scuba diver
8. Committee Reports
  - a) Fishing
  - b) Water Quality
  - c) Membership
  - d) Loons & Wildlife
  - e) Communications
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjourn



## Be aware of dive markers

Boaters should be conscious of flags that mark a diving site. Lake Shamineau Association member Ann Hanson has experienced awe and fear as boaters crossed right over a place in front of the island where her son was diving with a red and white marker flag floating above him. Her attempts to wave off the boats resulted in them returning a friendly wave back and continuing to boat right over her son!

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, a red and white divers flag measuring at least 15 inches horizontally and 12 inches vertically must be displayed when divers are in the water. No more than 4 divers shall dive under one flag and divers must remain within 50 feet (measured horizontally) of the flag.

Boats not involved in the diving operations must remain 150 feet away from the flag. 🐸



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**Mission Statement:** The Lake Shamineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.

### **Board Members**

President: Jennifer Buckentine, 320-249-0983  
Vice President: Rick Rosar, 612-709-6402  
Secretary: Sandy Williams, 651-487-7916  
Treasurer: Pat Held, 218-575-2400  
Al Doree, 218-575-2404  
Ann Hanson, 320-749-2135  
Mike Fedde, 651-452-2966  
John Jacobson, 507-373-3667  
Randy Kevern, 218-575-2844  
Bob Koll, 218-575-2577  
Jacquie Rognli, 763-441-7239  
Michael Willis, 612-550-2975

### **Committees**

Communications: Newsletter-Jacquie Rognli; Website-Sandy Williams  
Fishing: Rick Rosar  
Ice Damage & Jacking: Deryl Ramey  
Loons & Wildlife: Carolyn Held  
Membership: Carolyn Held  
Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll

### **Membership**

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Three-year membership is \$55.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

### **Donations**

The Lake Shamineau Association is a 501C3 non-profit institution. Donations and dues are tax deductible with your check as a receipt.

### **Meetings**

Association meetings are held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

### **Newsletter**

The newsletter is published two times a year. Deadlines are July 15 & April 15. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at [LakeNewsletter@msn.com](mailto:LakeNewsletter@msn.com)



## **Note from the new president**

By Jennifer Buckentine

I am pleased to serve as President of the Lake Association. My family owns a cabin on the south side of the lake and really has come to appreciate Lake Shamineau's great water quality, fishing prospects, and recreational opportunities. Seeing the vast amount of lakes in Minnesota that suffer from poor lake quality due to aquatic invasive species, algae blooms, etc. makes me passionate about serving with this Board to do what we can to maintain this lake quality we all love.

The Board of the Shamineau Lake Association has been pursuing several projects recently, such as qualifying for the Star Lake designation, updating the Lake Management Plan and applying for grant money to help fund shoreline restoration projects. If you have any ideas for projects the Lake Association should undertake to benefit the Lake and the people who enjoy it, please feel free to share them with any of the Board members.

We'd like to try something a little different at the fall meeting and allow the membership an opportunity to ask questions, give comments or provide feedback at the beginning of the meeting rather than waiting until the end. Anyone is welcome to speak. We ask that you provide your name and limit your comments to 3-5 minutes in order to allow everyone who wishes to speak an opportunity.

We are excited to have Ken Biretz speak at our fall meeting about his experience scuba diving our lake. Hope to see you at the meeting! 🐡

## **Boat parade injuries continue**

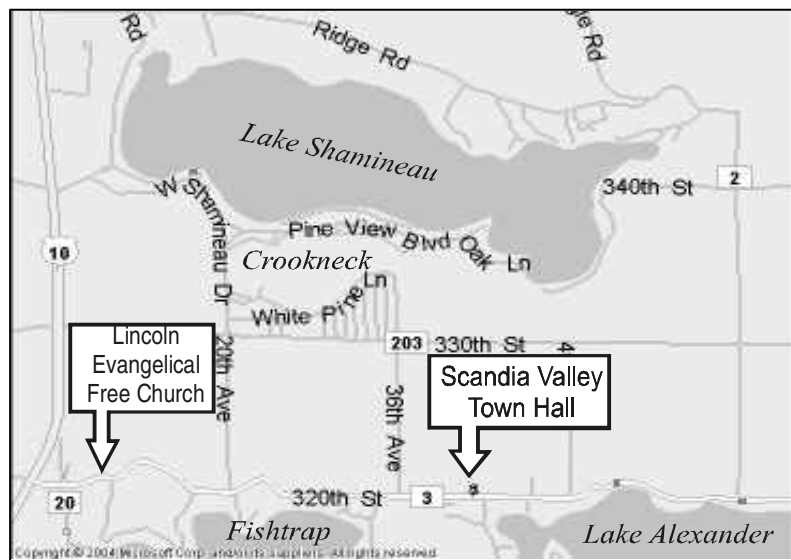
Despite concerns expressed at Lake Shamineau membership meetings and pleas in the newsletter for participants to avoid water balloons and be less violent, more complaints have been brought to the attention of the Lake Association Board and a number of injuries to older observers and children were reported.

The parade has never been an official event nor has it ever been sanctioned by the Lake Association. It has, however, been publicized in our newsletter. There will be no more information provided by the Lake Association as the Board wishes to distance itself from this event. The Lake Shamineau Association will not be liable for any damages or injuries incurred by participants or viewers in the parade. 🐡



## **New meeting location for 2010**

Meetings in 2010 have been booked at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. Scandia Valley



Town Hall was not available for our meeting dates in 2010. However, our Labor Day weekend 2009 meeting will still be held at the Town Hall. Thank you to Ann Hanson for making our meeting arrangements. 🐡

# Our lakeshore restoration project

By Cindy and Randy Kevern

Soon after moving into our cabin on Shamineau, we attended a workshop on shoreline restoration and learned of a county grant program to provide funds to lakeowners for shoreline improvements.

We worked with Morrison County to develop a design to provide screening and buffers along the shoreline with vegetation. This allowed us to naturalize the previous open landscaped area to blend in to our undisturbed shoreline woods. The grant program funded native plants and we used our sweat equity labor for the program match.

This buffer area prevents runoff and soil erosion and provides a more natural look to our lakefront. The plants also add color to our landscape similar program. 🌿

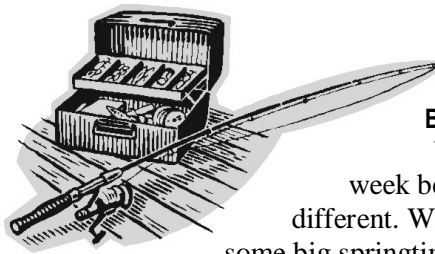


**BEFORE:** Cindy and Randy Kevern's lakeshore on the south east side of Shamineau in 1997 before they did restoration work. Hard surfaces and lawn allowed fast rain run-off into the lake.



**AFTER:** The Kevern's restoration design provided a buffer area to prevent erosion and runoff. The native plants give the shore a more natural look, add color and help blend their lakefront area with the undisturbed shoreline woods.





## Fishing Committee Report

# Fishermen and film crews inhabit the Lake

By Rick Rosar

While we were up at the cabin the week before opener things looked a little different. While we had thoughts of hauling in some big springtime crappies. Lund boats were hauling something else around. Boats. Lots of them. Lund was on the lake doing their annual photo shoot for their catalogs and other media promotions. This was their second year on Lake Shamineau. They must have liked it because they came back for more.

As we were driving up Highway 10 from the cities, we saw a semi filled with Lund boats. We didn't think anything of it at the time, but when we awoke to the rumble of a large outboard the next morning, the same boats were sitting across the street. Curious, we went to take a look. (But first we had to cover up our t-shirts that had Ranger boats plastered across the front)

The first thing we noticed was a boat with a large platform attached reaching over ten feet into the air. This is where the camera man was precariously perched. As the boats would zoom by, he would have a driver position the boat for the perfect sunlight. Which is why they must have started so early in the morning. Then one boat after another would come by for the perfect shot. They had large boats and small boats, aluminum boats and fiberglass boats, they filmed them all. They even had a separate enclosed trailer to haul all their gear.

Then I saw two tanks full of water. When I asked to see inside (I flaunted my press credentials of the fishing committee) they obliged me. They were quick to tell me they had permits to travel with the fish that resided in those two tanks. Boy, they had some beauties. They had walleyes, largemouth bass, blue gills and crappies. They didn't catch them out there but rather brought them from Bill Linder's photo studio. I have a friend that has filmed with Bill and went up and introduced myself. Bill is responsible for many of the great fishing photos we see in magazines today.



Photographer's perch for Lund Boat photo shoot.



Tanks held guest ringer fish for the photographers.



Rosar family catches real Shamineau crappies for their camera.

They told me the next day they were going to bring in a helicopter to shoot some aerial photos. I guess they did stimulate the economy though as they stayed at Auger's Resort and had food catered in from Mister Ed's. The owner at Ed's told us they ate pretty well too. We joked with the owner about when he was going to bring barbeque ribs to our cabin.

As the weekend ended and we were getting ready to head for home, my family and I just had to laugh. With all the pros there, including Al Linder himself, and all the large boats and all the technology, they still didn't have any crappies as big as the ones we caught on Lake Shamineau that day! 🐟

# Minnesota Waterway Markers



Channel lies between green and red markers



BLACK & WHITE



Do not pass between buoy and shore

RED & WHITE



Mid-Channel pass close on either side

RED & WHITE



Diver below stay 150' away

WHITE & BLUE



Mooring Buoy

YELLOW & BLACK



Milfoil Area Boats Keep Out

## WHITE & ORANGE; BLACK LETTERS



Controlled Area



Danger



Boats Keep Out



Information

# Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2009 9 a.m.

Scandia Valley Town Hall

Board members present: Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll, Mike Willis, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine, Randy Kevern, Anne Hanson, John Jacobson

Not present: Mike Fedde

## President's Welcome

Vice President Rick Rosar called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the spring meeting. Board members present introduced themselves.

## Approval of September 1, 2007 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the August 30, 2008 membership meeting were printed in the May 2009 newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

The major expense is the newsletter printing and mailing. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive it via email. Email [lakenewsletter@msn.com](mailto:lakenewsletter@msn.com) to get on the emailing list.

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account:

Balance on Hand Checking	5/22/2009	\$1,210.96
Balance in Savings	5/22/2009	\$13,209.73
Total Assets		\$14,420.69

Checks would be written today for cost of newsletter printing and mailing and for the Minnesota Waters Conference attendance by Jacqui Rognli. Pat acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation from the Snyder family which was matched by the Carlson Foundation. Newsletter ads obtained by Bob Koll brought in \$800 to help offset the cost of printing and mailing.

A member had expressed concern in a letter to the board about the size of the balance in the bank account. Rick had checked and found that the Lake Alexander Balance is over \$30,000 and another lake association member had told him that they pay \$350 per year by each member. In the case of invasive species found in a lake – the cost to attempt to control it is very high.

An audit of the financial books was conducted and Jennifer Buckentine moved to approve the audit. The motion was seconded and approved.

## Committee Reports:

### Fishing

Rick Rosar presented the results of the first DNR survey conducted the spring – a netting survey done after ice out. Results of the second survey were not yet available. The DNR stocked 2.25 million walleye fry on May 15, 2009. Fingerlings and fry are stocked on alternate years. Click [here](#) for DNR fish survey results. Fishing limits have not

changed this year despite the fake sign posted at the public landing which said that there were lower limits.

For the second year in a row – Lund boats has filmed their new 2009 line of boats on Lake Shamineau. Residents may have noticed a boat with a tower on it that was for the camera. They film the boats in action on the water. Also, they have a permit from the DNR to have a tank of large fish; they attach a fishing line to one of the lunkers and film the fisherperson in their new boat “catching” it.

## Water Quality

Al indicated that the water level this spring is 14.16 inches below the official high water level (OHWL). This is 5.04 inches higher than last fall's reading. Historical graphs of these measurements and the water clarity are on the association website. We have had 4.88 inches of rain this spring.

On May 12 the water quality was tested and the thermocline and temperatures were measured with the instrument the association purchased. At this time of the year there is no thermocline; temperatures are the same at different depths of the lake in early spring. These measurements are taken monthly for 5 months of the summer. The Secchi disk reading was 17 feet – very clear as is typical also in spring. The county will pay for our RMB lab testing this year as they did last year saving the association \$200. We continue to pay the shipping of the samples which amounts to \$20 per month or a total of around \$100.

Al has applied for the Association bog permit from the county. With lake levels lower than in the recent past – loose bogs are much less of a problem. If displaced, they can be used to help stabilize the shoreline where they have landed.

The lake had an aquatic vegetation survey done four years ago. We may want to look into having it done again next year, on a five year rotation, so as to catch any invasive problems early.

Ice out was April 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. Ice out in 2007 was April 20<sup>th</sup>. The “ice over” dates are now being collected by state agencies also.

## Membership

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 204 members and thanked the great volunteers she has helping to contact members and ask them to join. Jacquie printed up nice half page cards with a lake map and statistics and had the benefits of membership on the reverse side. They

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are available at the meeting and will be handed out during neighborhood member contacts. The board presented Carolyn with a loon flute and a thank you card for her hard work as the membership coordinator. Carolyn asked if anyone is interested in replacing her as the membership coordinator but no volunteers came forth at this time.

### **Loon Report**

It was noted that the loon nest in the SE bay near Marlene Freidl was not occupied this year. Artificial nests were put out again, but loons have not nested on them. Carolyn had spoken with the Big Birch Lake people who say that loons follow them out when they place their artificial nest. They have 5 of them which are all nested on. We need to learn what to do differently to attract them. Their eggs will be safer if the nests are not on shore where they nest now and their eggs are lost to predators.

### **Communication Committee**

Jacque emailed a request for sending the newsletter electronically to all emails she had – 10 more agreed to receive electronically. There was concern by one advertiser that emailed newsletters would not reflect the ads as well as in the printed newsletter. It was suggested the ads might be placed throughout the newsletter but highlighted that they are paid advertisements to avoid confusion.

### **Ice Jacking**

The aerators placed by a group of cabins on the west end were very successful in keeping the lake open along the shore. The aerator hose was placed in three feet of water which was the most successful year yet in preventing shoreline damage from ice jacking.

### **Minnesota Waters Lakes and Rivers Conference**

#### **Report**

Jacque Rognli attended the conference in Rochester, MN on May 7-8, 2009. She gave an excellent presentation of conference highlights and showed slides on what she learned.

Some facts she highlighted include:

- 66% of vegetation is lost when property is developed
- 20-28% of emergent vegetation was lost in 2008
- Frogs are the canary in the coal mine – indicate environmental issues
- 70% of wetlands have been lost, 90% in Iowa – resulting in increased flooding
- 2008 legislation passed a MN Star Lakes and Rivers program with requirements to earn the designation – Lake Shamaineau Association is close to qualifying
- Statewide Shoreline Management Plan proposal is open for comments and feedback from residents
- Update of Lake Management Plan needed

### **Board Elections**

No volunteers came forth to be elected to the board. Al Doree, Pat Held, Rick Rosar and Bob Koll were nominated to continue on the board. They were re-elected unopposed. The board meets following the general membership meeting.

### **Other Business**


Last year's members' concerns that were raised at the membership committee were addressed as much as possible in the spring newsletter.

A \$5,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation is planned to be used for matching lakescaping grants for shoreline plantings. Details to be provided later this summer.

2010 meetings will not be at the Scandia Valley Town Hall due to Crookneck Lake Association has booked it. We will find an alternative location and hope to book 2011.

Door prizes were awarded to those sitting on marked chairs in the audience.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 

## **Spring Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2009, 11:00 – 12:00 noon Scandia Valley Town Hall**

Board members present: Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Randy Kevern, Pat Held, Al Doree, Mike Willis, Jennifer Buckentine, Jacque Rognli, John Jacobson, Anne Hanson, Rick Rosar

Absent: Mike Fedde

### **Election of Officers**

Volunteers were solicited for officers. The following were elected:

Jennifer Buckentine – President  
Rick Rosar – Vice President  
Pat Held – Treasurer  
Sandy Williams – Secretary

### **Shoreline Improvement Grant Application**

The association has access to a \$5,000 grant and will use it to promote healthy shoreline landscaping to protect water quality. Pat Held will complete the county grant application. There was discussion of how much the lake association will contribute to the matching funds. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Pat to complete the grant application on behalf of the lake association. Discussion was also held regarding the



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interest in volunteers being willing to help with labor for those who may want to apply for the grant and would like help with the work involved of preparing and planting the shoreland. Randy Kevern will look for before and after photos of this project that they completed on their lake property a few years ago.

### Point Intercept Survey of Aquatic Vegetation

A link will be established on our website if it is not already there. To obtain state recognition as a Star Lake, this survey needs to be done every 3 years. It was last done 4 years ago.

### Lake Management Plan Update

A group needs to meet to review and update our lake management plan and submit it to the county for approval. This is also part of the Star Lake designation requirements.

### Lake Association Meetings

It was suggested by Jacqui that we add an Open Forum at the beginning of our meetings to allow members to bring up items they have been thinking about and it may encourage more interactive meetings.

Ideas were brought up for more participation in meetings such as the Lake Bingo mixer that was done a few years ago at one of the meetings at Camp Shamineau. Also, asking members before the meeting to write on post-it notes why they like being on Lake Shamineau and posting the notes in categories,

### Website

Sandy will request a hyperlink to our website on the MN Waters website. Website will have the privacy feature removed that did not allow a search to find the website. Jacqui will create an email address to communicate with the board and provide feedback and it will be posted on the website. Fishing photos could be placed on the web to show off the catches made on the

lake. These could be submitted to the new email address also.

### Trading Post Idea

Members have requested a way to sell or give away items through a posting. This will be investigated as to how this could be managed. Items should be approved and related to cabin and lake items.

### Lakeshore Assessment Project by the County

This project to match photos of lakeshore properties to lakeshore improvement suggestions will be abandoned, as recommended by the board. Personnel changes, the fact that the GPS coordinates were lost, the photos were not matched correctly and feelings by some members that the photos could be used by the county to police properties led the board to recommend that we take a more positive educational and demonstration approach with grant money to help property owners improve their lakeshore.

### Summer Board Meeting

Scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the Hitchin' Rail.

### Fall Meeting

John Jacobson offered that a friend who is a Search & Rescue diver for Iowa would scuba dive in the lake and film it to show at the fall meeting. The board moved and approved to pay reasonable expenses which John felt would be minimal.

### Spring 2010 Meeting

Location will be investigated for the 2010 meetings since Crookneck Lake Association has the town hall booked. The golf course costs us money and some members feel the building is not very accessible.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

## Summer Board Meeting Minutes

### July 18, 9:00 AM

#### Hitchin Rail

Present: Mike Fedde, Randy Kevern, John Jacobson, Jacquie Rognli, Mike Willis, Pat Held and Anne Hanson  
The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

### Boat parade concern

Joyce Larson, a landowner, expressed her concern about the violent behavior during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, specifically water balloons launched from shore at the boats. One particular launcher required three people to use. Participants in the parade are reminded that some boaters have small children and babies on board. The Board wishes to stress that the event is not sponsored by the Association and in the future details about the parade will not be mentioned in the newsletter or promoted in any way on the website. The Association will not be liable for

any damages incurred by participants or viewers in the parade.

### Treasurer report

Checking	\$750.56
Savings	\$13,751.28
Total	\$14,501.84

Motion by Hanson to accept, Second by Fedde, motion passed unanimously.

### Membership

About 2/3 of the possible landowners belong to the association, many with three-year memberships.

### Fishing

No member present on committee. Fishing has been OK considering the weather has been erratic.



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### Water quality

No member present on committee.

### Communications

An account is set up with gmail, messages can be sent through the internet at [lakeshamineau@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshamineau@gmail.com).

Jacque will communicate with Sandy about publishing items that members have for sale.

### Shoreline improvements

Held is still working with Don Hickman, Initiative Foundation. There is a Shoreline Management seminar in Brainerd on July 27, Held may attend.

### Lake Management Plan

A sub-committee will be formed; the Plan will be updated and presented for approval to entire membership at the spring 2010 meeting. Changes will be published on the website and in the newsletter, prior to the vote.

### MN Star Lake designation

The Association almost qualifies now, only lacking the approved updated Lake Management Plan. The Association would then be eligible to apply for DNR grants. Kevern proposed seeking information on a wash

station for the west access. Dollars are still available from the Initiative Foundations Healthy Lakes Program and the DNR may also have funds for such a project.

### Advertizing Sales

There is one new paid ad for the newsletter.

### Fall Meeting

The agenda for the fall meeting was discussed along with a mixer activity. It was suggested that there be an open forum at the beginning of the meeting, for people to present issues without waiting too long. Ken Biretz, a SCUBA diver, will be the speaker and we will meet at the Scandia Valley Town hall on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Hanson will try to book space for next years meetings.

### Newsletter

Items are due by August 9th

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Acting-secretary Ann Hanson 🐾



## FREE ONLINE TRADING POST

Lake Shamineau Association members can now post classified ads on the Association's website. This service is being tried out in response to several requests from members. It should provide an

opportunity for members to connect with others in the area for services, selling, buying or trading goods.

### Disclaimers

- Ads will be left on the site for eight weeks or sooner if the seller withdraws the advertisement.
- The Trading Post can be read by anyone visiting the website, making any personal information the advertiser provides available to the public.

- The Lake Shamineau Association assumes no liability for transactions made through the Trading Post.
- Illegal and illicit goods or services will be denied an ad.
- Only current members are allowed to post ads.

### To post an ad:

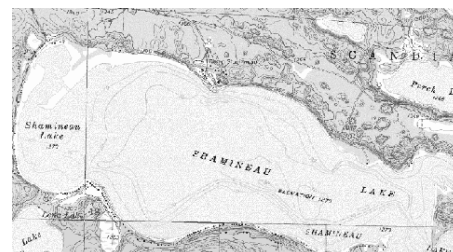
- Email [lakeshamineau@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshamineau@gmail.com) with the information you would like to post.
- Include TRADING POST in the subject line.
- Provide your membership information (name, address). This will not be posted, but used to verify current membership status.

Items will begin appearing on the website as soon as they are received and membership verified. We don't have any right now. The Trading Post should be helpful for large lake specific items like boats and docks. 🐾

## Lake Plan review needed

The Lake Shamineau Association Management Plan was passed by the membership in 2003 and is in need of review and updating. Members interested in working on a subcommittee to do this are invited to contact Pat Held ([PCHeld@Brainerd.net](mailto:PCHeld@Brainerd.net); 218-575-2400) or Jacquie Rognli ([J\\_Rognli@msn.com](mailto:J_Rognli@msn.com); 763-441-7239). A copy of the current plan can be found on the Association website at [http://www.lakeshamineau.org/planning\\_and\\_zoning.htm](http://www.lakeshamineau.org/planning_and_zoning.htm).

We would like to complete this task over the winter so that the revised plan can be put to a membership vote in the spring. This will probably involve one or two winter meetings with tasks assigned and completed by subcommittee members on their own and communication by email and/or telephone. Input from anyone is welcome. 🐾



## Emerald ash borer threatening our forest

**Emerald ash borer (EAB)** is an insect that destroys ash trees – and it has just arrived in Minnesota.

EAB was found in a St. Paul neighborhood on May 14, 2009. The insect only kills ash trees, but it does so in great numbers. EAB has already killed millions of ash trees in North America. It is expected to have a huge effect on Minnesota's landscape and the 937 million ash trees that grow in our cities and forests.

Although the EAB can fly short distances on its own, much of its spread is due to humans transporting it as larvae burrowed under the bark of firewood or landscape trees.

Adult female emerald ash borers, descendants of the accidentally imported insects, lay their eggs on the bark of ash trees. When the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow under the bark and eat the living tissue they find there. As they do, they cut off the life-giving channels that carry nutrients, water, and sugar to nourish the tree. After two or three years, enough of the channels are cut off so the tree starves to death.

This invasive (spreading) species was accidentally brought to the United States from Asia in the 1990s. It was first discovered in Michigan in 2002. Since then it has been found in Ontario, Canada, and Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Missouri, Wisconsin, and now Minnesota. Ramsey and Hennepin counties are under firewood quarantines.

**Do your part to stop the spread of the devastating emerald ash borer:**

- **Don't transport firewood, even within Minnesota.**  
Don't bring firewood along on a camping trip. Buy the wood you need locally from an approved vendor. Don't bring extra wood home with you.
- **Don't buy or move firewood from outside your area.**
- **Watch for signs of infestation in your ash trees.**



**The most important thing you can do to protect Minnesota from the threat of EAB is to avoid moving firewood from one place to another. 2**

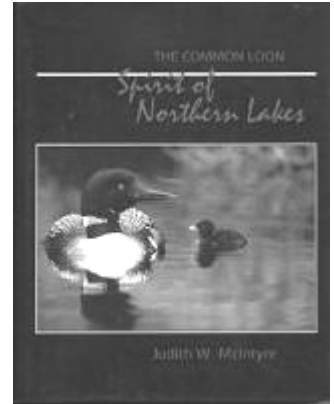
*Information from the Minnesota Department of Resources.*



## Micmac Legend: How the Loon Became a Water Bird

In her book *The Common Loon, Spirit of Northern Lakes*, Judith McIntyre summarizes a legend that tells how the loon became a water bird. The legend tells about an earlier time when loons lived on land. This legend was passed down by generations of Micmac Indians.

"The loon was so tame, yet clumsy, that it annoyed all the villagers as it ran in and out of the wigwams, knocking over belongings and spilling food and drink. The Micmacs could finally stand it no longer, caught Loon, and threatened to throw him into the water. Thinking quickly, Loon begged them not to throw him into the water, but to throw him in the fire instead. The Indians, thinking they could finally get even, were sure to throw him into the water. When he was safely away from the village he called back to them with his wonderful laugh, saying, 'Just what I wanted, just what I wanted.' And that is how the Loon Became a Water Bird." 2



## The Lake School of Hard Knocks

**Wisdom to pass on to others with a place at The Lake.**

- Close all of the interior doors when you leave. A hawk once crashed in a window while we were gone and messed up the entire inside before dying.
- Put tie wraps on the dock decking. The wind can send them off to the neighbor's.
- Bring soldering supplies in the spring.
- Critters like to live under decks and porches.
- The lake is always changing. Our shoreline looks nothing like it did in the 1960s when our family purchased our lot. Unknown to us, the lake was at an historical low level until we arrived one spring and were surprised to find that the shoreline had moved several hundred feet closer to the cabin!
- Sticky mousetraps can be messy if you catch a mouse. They don't always die right away and can leave a blood trail as they try to escape.

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