



## News & Events

**Don't get burned... check for fire hazards in your home** and around your property... for a FIREWISE Homeowners Packet, call the DNR at 1-888-MINNDNR & visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/forewise](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forewise) or [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

**Prescription drugs are often stolen from mail boxes**  
Sherriff Pat Medore advises everyone to monitor access to your medicine.

**How to box a duck...** Nesting boxes and bird houses. If you'd like plans... contact Don Wilson at 218-659-2828.

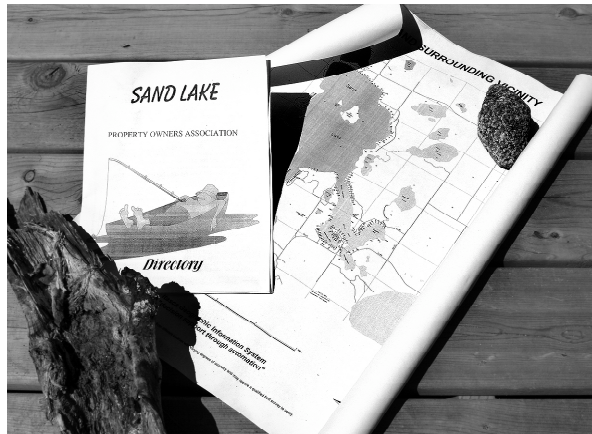
**Email addresses...** The SLPOA would like to be able to email you with breaking news and special events. To do this, we need your email address. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN YOU MAIL IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND PANFISH VOTE BALLOT.

**Every Thursday 5PM...** a bunch of us get together at Gosh-Dam-Place restaurant. All are invited.

**Every Monday morning** at 8 a.m. a number of folks meet for breakfast in the Crow Bar dining room. Join us.

**Women of the Woods (W.O.W.)** On the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. WOW sponsors interesting programs. Contact Connie Vesey 218-659-4669 [connievesey@yahoo.com](mailto:connievesey@yahoo.com) or Pam Troje (651)261-1827 [bpacan@usfamily.net](mailto:bpacan@usfamily.net).

**IF YOU'VE GOT EVENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO PROPERTY OWNERS, LET US KNOW AND WE'LL TRY TO MAKE SURE IT GETS INCLUDED IN THE NEXT SAND PAPER.**



### Newly revised Sand Lake Map & Directory.

The map shows cabins and lot locations. Each map location is referenced in the directory with the owner's name, address & phone number.

**Everyone who attends the August 8th annual meeting gets a directory FREE.**

**Maps may be purchased at a very reasonable cost.**

*Thanks... Willy Fredrick*

**T. I. P. Turn In Poachers...**  
Phone: 1-800-652-9093



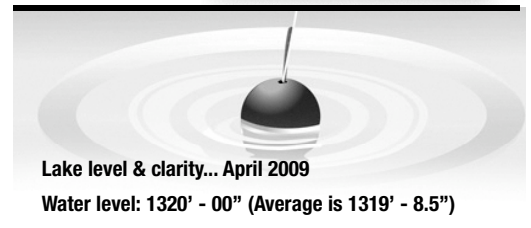
### Gopher One... Call 1-800-252-1166

2 days before you plan to dig more than 12 inches make one call for all utilities. It's the law.



#### BURNING PERMITS

Bowstring Store.....	832-3123
Spring Lake Store .....	832-3301
Gosh Dam Place .....	246-8202
Cutfoot Sioux Inn .....	246-8706
Hayslips Corner .....	832-3516
Max Mini Mart .....	659-4235
Dan Dowling .....	659-2823
(52198 Co. Rd. 36)	



Lake level & clarity... April 2009

Water level: 1320' - 00" (Average is 1319' - 8.5")

Secchi disk (clarity): 0.0" (last fall: 9')

### SAVE THIS PORTION FOR YOUR TAX RECORDS

Donation for tax year 2009 by \_\_\_\_\_ Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Stocking Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date / / \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAR OFF ON DOTTED LINE. Please become an active member. Send in your dues. Note the special donation category for stocking.**

### RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

# MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION FOR 2009 CALENDAR YEAR

Voting members must be property owners on Sand Lake, Portage Lake, or Little Sand Lake in Itasca County

**Sand Lake Property Owners Association is a tax exempt, non profit association whose purpose is to represent the common interest of its members as to Sand Lake and its environment. Our association is managed 100% by Lake Owner volunteers. There are no salaries. We operate completely on Dues and Donations.**

**MAIL TO: Sand Lake Owners Property Association PO Box 690, Deer River MN 56636**

*Your check is your receipt • Signed receipt sent on request*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2009 DUES... \$15.00

DONATIONS \$

STOCKING DONATIONS

# SAND PAPER



SAND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 690, DEER RIVER, MN 56636-0690 • MAY 2009

## JIM JUSTESEN

Welcome back to Sand Lake! The ice went out on the big lake Tuesday, April 28th. After a few days of on and off rain, spring seemed to explode with the warmth of 70-degree temps on Sunday May 3rd.

In the November 2008 edition of the Sand Paper we asked members to vote, YES or NO, on daily bag and possession limit reductions to five (5) per

day on Sunfish, Crappies, and Perch. We have received slightly less than 70 votes from our total of 279 SLPOA members. The DNR and your Board feel that this is not a large enough sample to move the process, this year, to the public commentary period. We will continue to seek your opinion on these three issues.

If you have not voted, or are not current on your membership dues, you will find a voting coupon and a convenient return envelope included in this mailing.

We are looking at the possibility of protecting spawning sunfish beds. If you have a sunfish bed in front of your lake home and would like to provide information, please contact Dennis McGibbon at 218-659-2153. He is coordinating this effort with the DNR.

We are sponsoring two seminars on unique plants, burms, and general shoreline restoration. Look for dates and more information in the following pages.

It was a privilege to represent the SLPOA at the late April State-wide meeting of the Walleye Advisory Council. Chris Kavanaugh was a featured contributor. He has developed a "grid" depicting the efficiency of lake management plan fry and fingerling stocking, electro-shock information, year class analysis and the ultimate

relationship to five year Net sample results. Its adoption by other DNR area managers throughout the State will help them in determining when to stock, what to stock, efficient amounts of fry and fingerling coverage per literal lake acre, and some idea of a lake's natural walleye reproduction. All of this, thanks to Chris as well as past and present Board members are embraced in Sand Lake's current leading-edge Five-Year Lake Management Plan.

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There is a walleye "slot" on Sand and Bowstring. We are allowed six per day and in possession. **Only one walleye per day and in possession can be taken of 20 inches plus.** Please be vigilant if you see people violating any bag and length limits for any species...notify TIP 1-800-652-9093.  
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Denis McGibbon, Don Wilson, Jim Justesen  
Pat Sievertson, Kathy McGibbon, Pam Troje



Mark your calendars for SLPOA's annual meeting! The date is Saturday, August 8th, starting at 4:30 PM at the Sand Lake Community Center. BBQ beef, (Thanks to the Westermann's) pot luck, (thanks to the rest of us), along with many door prizes, including a full day professionally guided fishing trip, all of which you need to be present to eat or win!

We welcome your idea's regarding water quality, shoreline restoration, and fish issues.

Please contact any Board member with your thoughts.

Jim Justesen



The following articles and views are not necessarily shared, endorsed, or supported by the Board of Directors. They are intended solely to provide information to our Membership.



## 2 Summer Seminars ...hosted by the Sand Lake Property Owners Assoc.

They will be presented by Mary Blickendorfer from the Minnesota Extension Service in Grand Rapids.

### Waterfront Landscaping June 10, 3-5 P.M

### Water Quality July 22, 3-5 P.M

**Seminars will be held at the Sand Lake Comm. Center.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Minnesota DNR

Chris Kavanaugh

## Sand Lake Fishery Update - Spring 2009

Sand Lake was electrofished on September 17, 2008 as part of the annual evaluation of fry stocking and natural reproduction to determine if fingerling stocking is necessary. The catch rate of young of the year walleye was pretty good at 34 per hour. The trigger point for fingerling stocking is a catch rate less than 30 per hour. Given the relatively high catch rate of fingerlings there was no additional stocking in the fall of 2008.

Sand Lake was stocked with walleye fry in the spring of 2008. The original plan was to stock 1.9 million fry. However, extra fry, or surplus, were available from the hatchery so an additional 400,000 fry were stocked, bringing the total to 2.3 million.

Of the fingerlings sampled in the fall last year we have no way to tell whether they were stocked by us as fry or the result of natural reproduction. The stocking plan is to stock fry again in 2011. This will give two years of no fry stocking so we can evaluate the contribution of natural reproduction versus stocking. By not stocking any fry in 2009 or 2010 we will know that any fingerlings sampled by electrofishing in those years are from natural reproduction.

The lake will be electrofished in both 2009 and 2010 to make that evaluation. The next planned lake survey, including gill nets and trap nets, is scheduled for 2011. This assessment will give the first look at any effects of the northern pike slot limit and expanded bag limit.

***We have heard reports from anglers that they are harvesting the small pike in greater numbers and have received reports from some that think the average size is improving. The survey results will certainly be interesting.***

There is still interest in exploring the idea of bag limit reductions for sunfish, crappie and perch. Your input is critical in determining whether or not to move ahead with any proposals. Please be sure to respond to the questionnaire from the SLPOA.

*As always, please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions. Our phone number is (218) 327-4430 or e-mail [chris.kavanaugh@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:chris.kavanaugh@dnr.state.mn.us).*



## Sand Lake Area History

### Anita Bloom

Some old Minnesota maps show it as Wahatawawang Lake, now it is called Sand Lake, part of the Bowstring chain of lakes. The derivation of the Indian name is not certain. This is partly due to the natural resources but also because of its prime location along the ancient fur trade route linking the southern flowing Mississippi River with the northern flowing Bowstring River.

In the 1600's the Dakota or Sioux Indians inhabited the area, the Chippewa or Ojibway moved into the region during the mid to late 1700's.

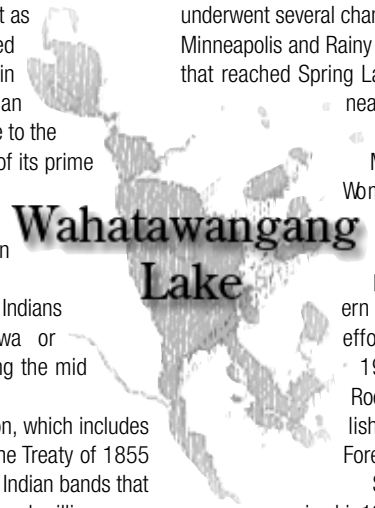
The Leech Lake Indian Reservation, which includes Sand Lake, was established under the Treaty of 1855 with the U.S. Government. The three Indian bands that took part in this treaty, involving several million acres of land, were the Mississippi, Pillager and the Lake Winnibigoshish bands.

In 1887, the Dawes Act allotted 80 acres of land to each individual band member. In 1899, the Nelson Act opened the northern forests to harvest by private companies and logging was in full swing. The loggers needed an efficient means of obtaining supplies and

Winnipeg Railroad reached Grand Rapids. The railroad underwent several changes and in 1894 it became the Minneapolis and Rainy River Railway (M&R) with spurs that reached Spring Lake, Little Bowstring and other nearby lakes.

It was then that the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs stepped in. In 1900, they petitioned the U.S. Congress to protect at least portions of the remaining northern forests from logging. Their efforts were successful and in 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt signed a law that established the Chippewa National Forest.

Sand Lake Township was organized in 1908. The earliest settlers came into the area between 1904 and 1911. Seth Person and Axel Okerman are believed to be the first white settlers in the northern part of the township. Seth and Axel cleared an early trail and, as other settlers arrived, more trails were cleared. Mail and provisions were carried in packsacks from Bena. W.J. Hallett came from Duluth in 1908 and later homesteaded near



## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2008, through March 31, 2008

Cash on Hand 8/1/08: \$14,772.44

### Income:

Dues Paid	??0 .00
Undesignated Donations:	—0 .00
Stocking Donations:-	—20 .00
Sale of lists:	—0 .00
Correction:-	—0 .00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,130.00</b>

### Expenses

Commercial Printing:	170 .14
Office Supplies	100 .00
Postage	126 .00
Membership Dues	0 .00
Lake Buoys	0 .00
Insurance	0 .00
Meeting Expenses	0 .00
Certificate of Deposit	0 .00
Deer River PO Box	0 .00
Bank Charges	1 .00
Gifts Given	0 .00
Other Printing	0 .00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 397.14</b>

Cash on Hand 10/6/08: \$ 16,792.00

Investments\* \$ 8,037.23

\*CD matures 9/4/09

**Total Cash & Investments: \$ 24, 829.23**

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Sievertson, Treasurer

**Note: If you have additions or corrections please e-mail them to me at: [garden\\_queen2004@yahoo.com](mailto:garden_queen2004@yahoo.com) or call and leave a message on my voice mail at (218) 659-2814. Thank you.**

## Sand Lake Property Owners Association

Board of Directors, Officers & Volunteers 2008

We value your input, so please contact us.

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# SLPOA... How Did It Start And Why



The Association began as an informal group in the summer of 1989 when the residents of Lakewood Bay were informed by the Itasca County Planning/Zoning Committee that a campground with 30 sites was being proposed on a 9 acre tract of land with 300 ft of shoreline on Sand Lake. This property was adjacent to and southwest of the Lakewood Resort. The owners were not the resort but relatives of the resort owner. The proposed campground owners wanted the zoning changed from residential to commercial. The residents of Lakewood Bay became involved at this point. The Itasca County Planning Office and the County Commissioners called for an Environmental Impact Study. The impact study even included a boat tour and study of the impacted shoreline by the county officials. There were several open meetings during the study at which the newly formed property owners association expressed their opposition to the rezoning. After a long process and study the Itasca County Commissioners voted 3 to 1 against the proposed campground. The ruling was based on the negative environmental impact to homeowners on Lakewood Bay and safety factors due to congestion.

The South Sand Lake Residential Property Owners Association became an official organization in late 1989. Its original membership was 64 members, and represented all the property owners in the Southeast Narrows, Casper Bay, Lakewood Bay, and Portage lake.

#### The original directors were:

President: Bob Siefert      Secretary: Bob McNulty  
 Vice President: Jim Doyle      Director: Dick Siefert  
 Treasurer: Bob McDonald      Director: Jack Waldon

In June of 1992 the Association incorporated the western, eastern, north and south shores of the main geographical lake area of Sand Lake, and Little Sand Lake into the Association and was renamed "The Sand

sion statement of the Association approved on Sept 19, 1992 was "The protection and improvement of the environment of Sand Lake/Little Sand Lake/Portage Lake/Birds-Eye lake and its immediate surroundings " That holds so true today and hopefully forever.

What began informally has evolved into a highly effective organization covering a large geographical area which is chartered as a non profit corporation with tax exempt status with the state of Minnesota.

Our association can be a powerful force on behalf of its members and the our area environment. We have a viable and respected organization throughout Itasca County, and the State of Minnesota. Remember the stakes are high in protecting and enhancing our lake and its environment, and we cannot afford to gamble and be complacent on the possibility of losing or downgrading our treasured resources. The SLPOA achievements over the last 19 years are to numerous to mention. We simply say "Thank You " to all who made it happen.

I must add my personal opinion that we all must be great stewards of our lakes environment. Get involved, speak your concerns for or against issues, express your ideas, thank someone if you like what they did, report observed abuses and violations and don't drop your membership because you're unhappy with something. Continue expressing your views to the association directors. If you're not a member join. As part of the SLPOA you can be more effective than you could be alone. It seems like a \$15.00 minimum yearly membership may be the best value left in our economy. Take your talents to a possible future position on the board of directors or just be an active member. Ask yourself, "Do I want to support and defend this resource or do I just not care? I think I know what your answer will be.

#### Willy Fredrick

Resident and Charter Member of the Sand Lake Property

## "KEEP 9"

### NORTHERN SLOT LIMIT UPDATE

**Limit: 1 over 36"**

**ALL 22-36" MUST BE RELEASED**

**< Limit: 9 under 22"**

**Remember the Northern Pike Slot Limit.**  
 These experimental/special regulations apply to Sand Lake and connecting waters, Bowstring, Little Sand etc..



Visit our web site: [www.mnwaters.org/sandlake](http://www.mnwaters.org/sandlake)  
 ...or go to the Minnesota Waters site [www.mnlakes.org](http://www.mnlakes.org) & type **Sand Lake Property Owners Association** in the search box. Once there... a full color version of the SandPaper is just a click away.

This is only the major species found in Sand Lake. For complete information see the full Minnesota Fishing Regulations document.

### SAND LAKE

#### Keepers... How Many & What Size

<p><b>Walleye...</b></p> <p><b>6</b> per day</p> <p><b>Only ONE over 36"</b> long per day &amp; in possession</p>
<p><b>Northern Pike... 9</b> per day up to 22",  <b>NONE</b> between 22" to 36", <b>ONE</b> over 36" per day</p>
<p><b>Perch... 20</b> per day,  <b>40</b> in possession</p>
<p><b>Sunfish... 20</b>                  total in possession</p>
<p><b>Crappies... 10</b>                  total in possession</p>
<p><b>Bass... 6</b> per day                  &amp; in possession</p>