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Dear Green Lake Property Owners,

As Labor Day nears, we know that summer is almost done. What started out as a cool June, an extremely hot, dry July and part of August, summer was a time for family visits and lots of wonderful times on the lake. With the recent rains, we can sense that the end of summer is near and that fall turns our attention to other things, like football, hikes, raking of leaves and getting our lake homes ready for winter.

Even though August has not been as busy for the Board of Directors, there are projects being studied. Since areas of the lake in which milfoil was found, has successfully been treated, we know that it is not the end of the problem. We hope that all boaters, jet skiers, etc. learn to recognize these areas and avoid driving through them, thus cutting down on the spreading of milfoil to other areas of the lake. We have looked into marking these areas to make lake users aware of the situation; however, with over 60 areas it means a large number of markers, and the DNR have informed us that at the present time they do not have enough markers to do the job. In addition, the Lake Management Committee is busy working on the grant proposal to the LCCMR to make Green Lake a pilot project for the state of MN. Due date for the completion and to submit the proposal is September 4, 2007. Our thanks to the committee, especially Gary Broman and Terry Frazee, for working so hard on this proposal. Although there is no guarantee that we will get the grant, I believe that we have an excellent chance because of the work of this committee. The Board is determined to continue working on solving the problem with or without a grant from the legislative committee that determines who is awarded the grants.

As summer comes to an end and a large number of our members leave the lake for the season, I wish all of you a wonderful and safe Labor Day.



Ralph Jansen, President



# KANDIYOHI COUNTY LAKE BASE RATES

The Kandiyohi County Assessor's office establishes a base rate for each lake in the county, which is adjusted on a yearly basis according to sales indicators. The base rate on Green Lake was set at \$5600 per front foot for the 2007 assessment. The base rate of \$5600 was established by utilizing the sales from October 2005 through September 2006. The adjusted base rate times the front footage of the lot equals the land value. Adjustments can be made to the base rate to reflect the quality of the lakeshore and other lot issues. The value of \$5600 per front foot of lakeshore may be adjusted either upward or downward. The primary adjustments upward are for extra lot depth or for lots less than 75'. Size adjustments are not allocated to lots between 75' and 150'. Extra lakeshore frontage in excess of 150' is adjusted downward. Base rates are also adjusted downward to accommodate for height, excessive rocks and/or excessive weeds. Downward adjustments are also given to lots directly next to a public access, as well as those lots with roads directly between the front of the home and the lakeshore. While there are other adjustments that may be utilized, these are the primary lakeshore adjustments Kandiyohi County currently has in place.



## Kandiyohi County Lakeshore Base Rates (per front foot value)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Green Lake	3800	4600	5500	5600
Eagle Lake	1700	2100	2300	2300
Lake Florida	1500	2100	2300	2300
Diamond Lake	1200	1600	1750	1850
George Lake	1100	1600	1800	2100
Games Lake	1050	1500	1700	2000
Norway Lake	1225	1300	1600	1750
Lake Andrew	1225	1600	1750	2000
Big Kandiyohi Lake	950	1250	1400	1650
Nest Lake	900	1100	1150	1450
Henderson Lake	800	1100	1300	1500
Elkhorn Lake	650	850	850	850
Calhoun Lake	500	600	600	800
Long Lake *Irving, Roseville	475	575	650	750
Long Lake *Dovre	450	550	750	750
Bass Lake	300	400	400	500

The assessor is a historian who utilizes the current sales to establish an estimated market value, which in turn becomes the basis for the following years' taxes.

The base rates (per front foot value) of other well known lakes around the State of Minnesota are as follows:

	<u>County</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2007</u>
Lake Minnewaska	Pope	1200	1800
Lake Amelia	Pope	1200	1800
Lake Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs/Aitkin	1200	1800
Lake Detroit	Becker	63,300 dev lot + 1188	67,900 dev lot + 2830
Leech Lake	Cass	3000	4000
Gull Lake	Cass/Crow Wing	3500-4000	5000
Ottertail Lake	Ottertail	2400	3600
Pelican Lake	Ottertail	3500	5000

# STOCKING WALLEYES IN GREEN LAKE

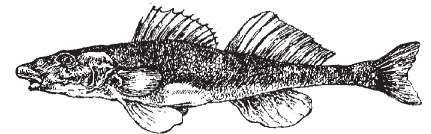
Dear GLPOA Members,



The following are some Green Lake items that DNR has been working on that may be of interest to members.

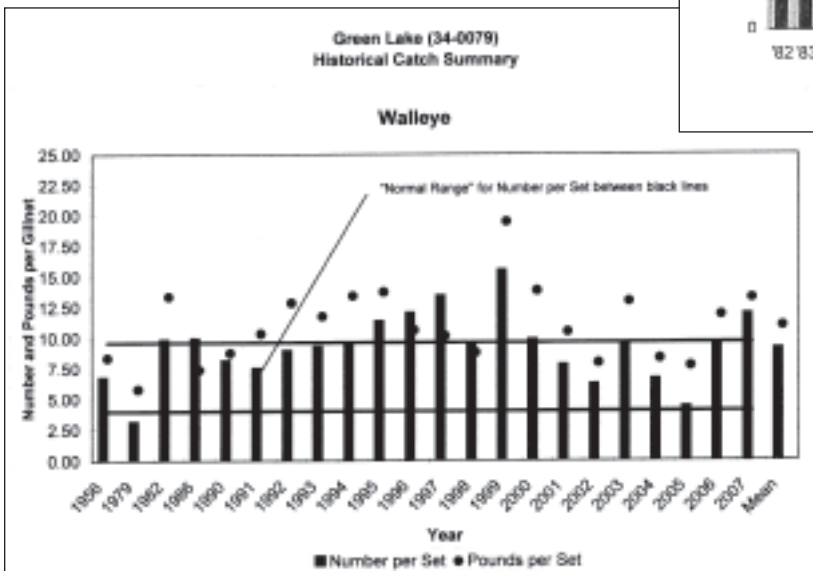
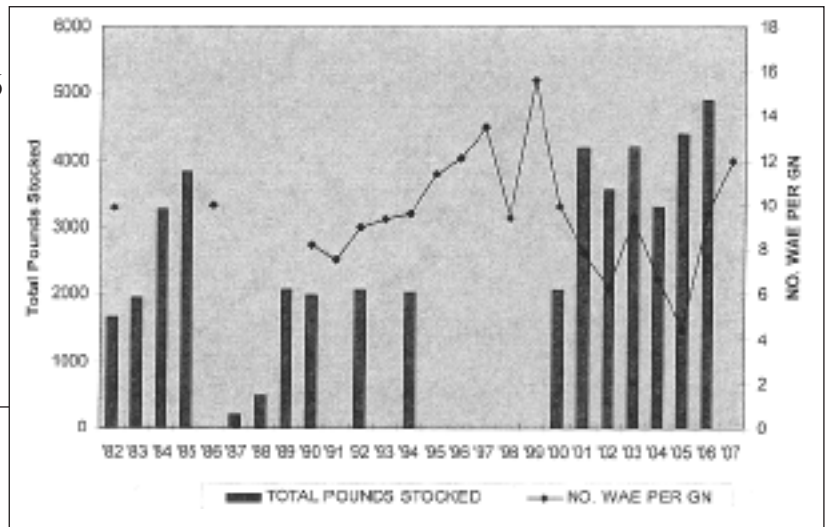
There are indications that conditions for walleye continue to improve in Green Lake. The walleye gillnet catch was 12.0 walleye per gillnet in the August 2007 netting on Green Lake. This is up from 9.58 fish/gillnet in August 2006. Green Lake walleye abundance in 2007 was above the historical average for Green Lake and above the average for lakes similar to Green Lake. The goal range for walleye in Green Lake is 9.5 to 13.5 walleye/gillnet.

A quick re-cap of walleye stocking effort: Spicer Area Fisheries completed the fall 2006 fingerling stocking quota of 4,108 pounds using walleye yearlings in spring 2007. Due to the large size of carryover walleye available, we exceeded the poundage of walleye yearlings to complete the 2006 quota for Green Lake for a total of 4,870 pounds and 51,291 walleye stocked by April 23, 2007. The numbers stocked were above those for the normal 0.5 -1 lb/ LA /yr rate used on other fingerling stocked walleye lakes.



We will follow the core lake stocking strategy beginning in 2007; however, we will stock 4,108 pounds of walleye fingerlings (two times the recommended rate for other core lakes). Spicer Area Fisheries plans to stock fingerling walleye in the 15 to 30 fish/pound range if available for stocking in fall 2007. This will make it easier to reach both the number and poundage goal in fall 2007.

Fisheries stocked OTC (an antibiotic) marked walleye fry this spring as 10% return on walleye eggs taken during spring spawn take. The fall 2006 electrofishing catch was 9.0 fingerlings/hr. We will monitor recruitment of young walleye through fall night electrofishing in September or early October. We plan to use 20 fingerlings/hour of electrofishing as a trigger for determining whether or not to stock walleye fingerlings each fall.



The graphs depict the recent walleye stocking and walleye abundance in Green Lake.

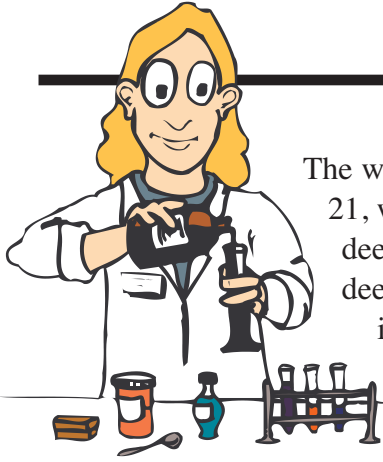
Sincerely,

*Bruce Gilbertson, Area Fisheries Supervisor*

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# WATER MONITORING

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The water monitoring program is alive and well on Green Lake. Every other week since May 21, water samples have been taken from two predetermined locations on the lake, one at the deepest point (at 110 feet located just north of Hultgren's Bar), and the other at the second deepest point (at 77 feet at a location on the east shore just north of the castle). The water is chemically analyzed for Total Phosphorus and Chlorophyll a. Secchi readings for water clarity are also taken at both locations. This is the first year that additional information is assessed and recorded at the collection sites: wave height, recreational suitability, erosion problems, physical condition and color of water. This subjective information is all submitted to the Watershed District which in turn gives the information to the MPCA. The final lake samplings of the summer will be taken on September 17.

In addition to the lake testing, there are 3 stream sites, 2 inlets and 1 outlet, which are being monitored. Two of the stream sites are being tested for clarity once a week and one site is being tested for clarity only after a significant rainfall. A "T-tube" or transparency tube is used to test the clarity of the stream water. Chemistry monitoring is done on the outlet every two weeks. The other two sites have chemistry monitoring after a rain event. Chemistry sampling on rivers and inlets includes Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (available nitrogen). Additionally, the same type of monitoring program is being conducted on Monongalia, Nest, Calhoun and Diamond Lakes.



At the end of the summer the data on Green Lake will be compiled and analyzed, and will then be reported in a spring edition of *The Breeze*.

*Jill Nelson*

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## Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment Update

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As reported in the last issue of *The Breeze*, Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) is in Green Lake, first detected in the year 2000. The GLPOA Board feels that it is worth a serious effort to do what-

ever we can to try to control its spread and to reduce the lake area that is

affected. The Board hired Lake Restoration of Rogers, MN to chemically treat 67 separate stands of EWM on Green Lake, a total of just over 5 total acres, at a final cost of the GLPOA of \$7,235.00. The DNR is scheduled to do a survey on Sept. 11, 2007 to check the status of the treated areas. The

effectiveness of this round of treatment will give us information as to how we may proceed in EWM treatment in the future.



*Jill Nelson*



# WHAT IS OUR MEMBERSHIP?

	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Green Lake</u>	<u>Irving</u>	<u>New London</u>	<u>Spicer</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Possible Membership</b>	29	134	221	261	172	817
<b>Members Paid Dues</b>	18	96	162	165	91	532
<b>Percentage of Members Paying Dues</b>	64%	71.64%	73.70%	63.21%	52.90%	65.11%
<b>Members Paid Patrol</b>		32	55	36	7	130
<b>Percentage of Members Paying Patrol</b>		23.88%	24.88%	13.79%	4.06%	15.91%



# Patrol to Begin on October 1st

If you paid for membership, along with the patrol service you will notice that the “PATROL SIGNS” will be placed on our residence shortly after the 1st of October.

The Bi-monthly patrol will begin near the middle of October. Please be advised that if you wish to sign up for this valuable service you must submit your \$25.00 prior to September 15, 2007.

The person who does the patrol will be identified this year by a vest with the words “Green Lake Patrol” on the back of the vest. If further I.D. is needed, an identification card with picture of the employee has been issued by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office.



Post cards will be mailed to your home residence during the six month period, as we do not know when you leave for your winter home. Please advise your postmaster to forward your PATROL POST CARDS as they do your regular mail.

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# NATURE NOTES

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One would think it was mating season for the birds again, the way they have been singing in the morning. I don't identify all the various calls, but they are numerous—finches, orioles, cardinals, wrens—all seem to add their voices in morning orisons. Scattered throughout the day are the more raucous cries of the gulls as they swoop and glide with the swallows, eating myriad insects. Has any one seen many purple martins this year? I seem to have missed most of them—or I'm not watching at the right time.

Orioles have taken their rightful place at the nectar and grape jelly feeders; the red-winged blackbirds had been making themselves at home at those sites earlier, but they have to eat, too. Hummingbirds are especially busy at their feeders. I filled one of mine and the little bird went from “blossom” to “blossom” as the water was a bit warm yet. It soon came back and drank its fill. While waiting twenty minutes (the length of “News from Lake Wobegone”) for the nectar to reach just the right temperature, it sat on a small sprig of the hackberry tree (the wee bird wasn't as big as one of the leaves), swinging in the breeze. Usually it sits in the maple tree, but this time the goldfinches had taken up temporary occupancy there.



The nuthatches, house finches and goldfinches were busy at the metal mesh sunflower seed and safflower feeder, often at the same time. Occasionally a territorial bird will try to chase the others away, but they cooperated rather well today. The birds deserve thanks for the sunflower plants that grew in the planters where the pansies failed in the heat. Their blossoms add a distinctive note, even if they don't match the other flowers, mostly geraniums and hibiscus, on the deck.



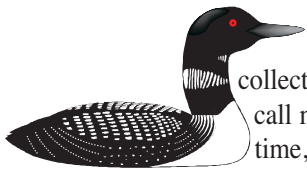
Fall is definitely approaching—crickets are chirping daily and nightly, moving uncomfortably close to dwellings. A cricket on the hearth is supposed to be a sign of good luck, but I really would rather not have them in the house.

I am presuming that the red sun at sunset every day is from the fires in Idaho and Montana. So often when there is a natural disaster such as forest fires or a volcano eruption, we see those glorious phenomenon—a bit of beauty from devastation.

Monarch butterflies are gathering for their migration. Those fortunate enough to spot them resting will see hundreds in a tree at one time. According to Jim Gilbert's Nature Notes, the nighthawks are also beginning their migration.

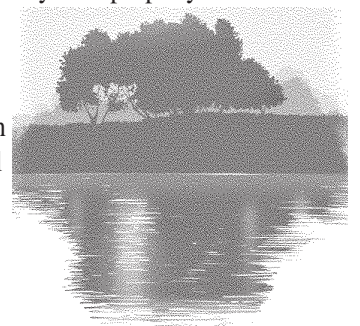


A few loons are molting and beginning to don their winter coats of gray. Other gray ones are the immature loons. They still swim out front and out on the lake, sometimes gathering in a circle or group. If one sees them in a circle, whooping it up, they're just having a party, according to Pam Perry of the DNR who spoke at a public meeting Friday night. She also told us that the adults fly south first when all their flight feathers have grown in. The young ones leave on their own later, their inner time clocks telling them when and where to go. Absolutely amazing!!



The GLPOA is going to participate in the yearly Minnesota Loon Watch Survey. I (Gloria Benson) agreed to collect the information and send it in fall and spring. That means that all of you interested in loons please watch and call me or e-mail me with your observations of the fascinating birds—numbers of adults and of those seen at one time, their nests, their eggs, their young, where on the lake they were observed, the date they were observed, etc. My e-mail address is [mdeyata@tds.net](mailto:mdeyata@tds.net) phone number— 796-2323, address— 14090 Indian Beach Road.

Minnesota has more loons than any other of the contiguous states, second only to Canada in North America. We have 12,000; Maine is second with 6,000. Michigan and Wisconsin are third and fourth in numbers. As Green Lake doesn't have as many bays as some lakes, our nesting sites may be somewhat limited. This is the type of information the survey is interested in—how many we do have. I would think there would be some by the outlet, in all the rushes and reeds there. Do we have any nesting platforms? One year a property owner on the southeast side had a nest close to shore. They made sure everyone walked the long way around to their dock for boating or swimming.



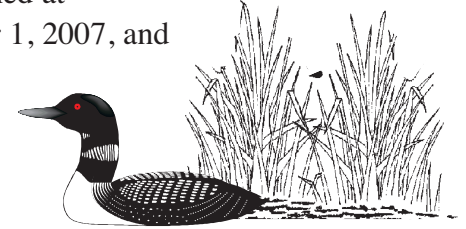
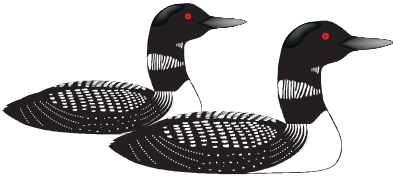
This will be the last issue of *The Breeze* until next May. We wish everyone a safe, health-filled autumn and winter and look forward to springtime. Those who remain here never know what kind of winter we'll have, obviously. Those who leave for a few months have safe traveling and enjoy the environs wherever you are. May gentle breezes go with you.

*Gloria Benson*

# MINNESOTA LOON WATCHER SURVEY

The Green Lake Property Owners' Association is going to participate in the Minnesota Loon Watcher Survey. Any resident of the area is invited to report numbers of adult loons, numbers and locations of nesting sites, numbers of nesting pairs, chicks hatched, those surviving to August, and whether the loons were observed on 1-2 days or throughout the summer.

Gloria Benson is collecting the information for the survey. She may be reached at 796-2323 or by e-mail at [mdeyata@tds.net](mailto:mdeyata@tds.net). The surveys are sent in by November 1, 2007, and new results will be sent in next spring.



## GLPOA BEGINNING HISTORY

During the early years of the 1960s a group of men from the east side of Green Lake discussed the possibility of starting some type of organization which would assist in the control and development of Green Lake.

These gentlemen continued to meet formulating Articles of Incorporation for a proposed association.

After much discussion the final document was approved and signed on the 10th day of December 1964.

The first Board of Directors were E. N. Farness - Spicer, Lloyd F. Johnson - Willmar, Nels Miller - Spicer, M. O. Hanson - Spicer, John Spicer - Spicer, Erroll Wanamaker - Spicer and Jay Putnam - Spicer.

The official name of the organization, according to Article I, will be the Green Lake Property Owners Association, and its registered office will be Spicer, Minnesota.

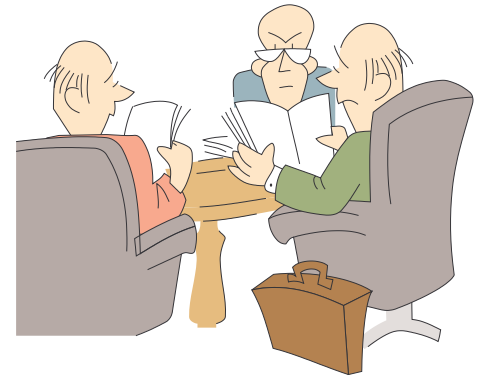
Article III states that "Members of the association shall consist of property owners on Green Lake and all persons interested in the improvements of Green Lake." This Article has not changed since 1964!

Special interest is found in Article IV which states, "Membership dues shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year."

Article VIII stated, "The Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting and shall consist of no less than seven nor more than eleven."

Article X states, "Ten or more members shall constitute a quorum at the annual or at a special meeting of the membership. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any Board of Directors meetings."

Of special interest within Article XV it states, "In the event of the dissolution of this association, all of its obligations shall first be paid; the remaining assets shall be given to the County of Kandiyohi to be used for park and recreational purposes."



These Articles of Incorporation of the Green Lake Property Owners Association were signed by each of the above listed Board Members on December 10, 1964.

These Articles of Incorporation sent to the State of Minnesota Department of State, were recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 23rd day of February, 1965 for the incorporation of Green Lake Property Owners under and in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Non-profit Corporation Art, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317.

The legal act was signed on the 23rd day of February 1965 by Joseph L. Donovan, Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota and certifies that the Green Lake Property Owners Association is a legally organized Corporation under the laws of Minnesota.

# 4th Annual Crow River Clean Up Day

Greetings Crow River Partners!



Help us spread the word about the 4th Annual Crow River Clean Up Day. The clean up is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 8 am until Noon in various locations around the Watershed. Any individual or group can participate! Examples of past participants include: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Groups, Schools, Sports Teams, Community Groups, 4-H Clubs, Businesses and Sportsmen Groups.

Volunteers are asked to arrive dressed in "clean up" attire and ready for work! We will be removing trash and other debris from the river and its banks. With drought conditions, this is a great time to get in the water and remove that washing machine, tires, traffic cones, carpet, fluorescent light bulbs, oil filters and abandoned car parts.

In the past 3 years, over 712 volunteers from 14 communities have participated in this event. Their efforts have resulted in the

removal of over 20 tons of garbage in the Crow River Watershed.

Please contact me for more information. Thanks for your support in the Crow River Clean Up Day! *Diane*

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