

# LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014

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## *Mark Your Calendars!*

### LSIA Upcoming Membership Meeting ~ Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>!

Time: 6:30 social

Start Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Choo Choo Bar, Loretto

#### LSIA Meeting AGENDA 7:00 P.M.

Call to order	Nate Uselding
Agenda	Nate Uselding
Board introduction	All Board members
Approval of 7/20/2013 Minutes	Nate Uselding
Treasurer report	Matt Den Hartigh
Fishery	Brent Lau
Water level/Outlet/Nav.	Brent Foster
Membership/Directory	Anne Horn
Community relations	Terry Wise
Water quality	Wade Bemmels
Open/Miscellaneous	All

**Nate Uselding ~ President**

Our family moved to Lake Sarah in 2012 and shortly after I joined LSIA. My wife Lindsey and I have 2 daughters, Alivia (6) and Braylin (5) who keep us entertained and busy. We enjoy all water sports along with downhill skiing, golf and anything to do with the Wisconsin Badgers. I am a 2nd grade teacher at Delano Elementary and Lindsey manages Ungerman Construction in Minneapolis.

**Matt Den Hartigh ~ Treasurer**

**Brent and Sarah Lau ~ Fishery**

Brent and Sarah Lau moved onto Lake Sarah in April of 2012. We have one son, Zachary, who will be 2 years old in October. We also have one dog and one cat. Some of our favorite times on the lake are boating/floating with friends, fishing, bonfires, and BBQs.

**Brent Foster ~ Water Level Update**

Brent lives at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Circle with his wife Heidi and 4 children: Brayton(12), Halle(10), Boston(7) and Hilton(4). They have lived on Lake Sarah for 8 years. Brent is a region manager for Allergan Inc. Brent enjoys skiing, fishing, paddleboarding and canoeing on the lake. In addition, Brent and his family host WinterFest each February on Lake Sarah.



**Kevin and Anne Horn ~ Membership Directory**

Kevin and Anne live at 4310 Woodhill Drive and have been Lake Sarah residents since March 2013. Kevin is a Program Manager for Alliant Techsystems and Anne is a Flight Nurse for North Memorial Air Care. Kevin loves to golf! We both love biking, hiking and snowshoeing, and spending time with our family. We have 2 wonderful grown sons and a new daughter-in-law!

**Terry Wise ~ Community Relations**

***Wade Bemmels ~ Water Quality***

Wade Bemmels is a new member on the Lake Sarah board focused on water quality. Wade and Trish live on Shady Beach Circle with their two children, Breckin (9) and Ryder (4). This will be their fourth year living on Lake Sarah, however, they have been spending time with a number of friends on the lake since the early 2000s. They enjoy spending time on the beach, watersports and winter sports. If it's outdoors and active you will likely find the Bemmels Family! Wade attended the University of Minnesota and is a Region Manager for a healthcare company based in Switzerland.



***Greg Koopman ~ Secretary***

Greg and Jill Koopman have been residents of Lake Sarah since November of 2007. They have three children with whom they enjoy boating, fishing and snowmobiling on Lake Sarah. Greg works for IBM and enjoys golfing.

***Fishery Update ~ Brent Lau***

There has been a focus on a couple main items regarding the fishery over the last year. We are active in the removal of rough fish and stocking the lake for walleyes. Edge Bowfishing guided groups on the lake during the spring which led to approximately 120 rough fish removed from the lake which total 1.5 tons. We will also be planning on stocking the lake with 1000 walleye fingerlings again in 2014.

## Water Level Update ~ Brent Foster

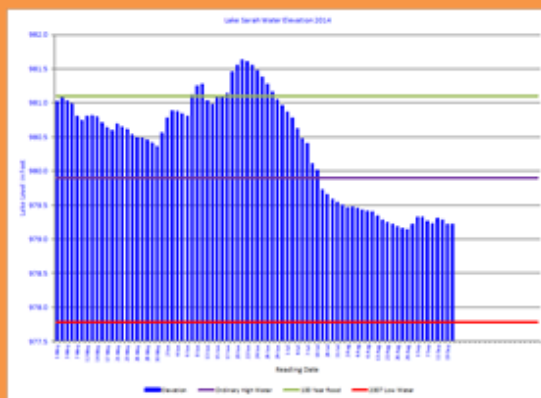
Over the last 4 years, the water level report for the months of June-August have looked nearly identical. When considering the variance on water level throughout the season. At ice out this year, the lake was nearly at the 100 year flood level. Thanks to the work of many, the weir and Sarah Creek were clear for significant outflow leading up the record rain levels in June. At its peak, the outflow of Lake Sarah was 280+ gal/sec. Here are a few additional highlights from this year:

- Peak Water level - 981.63'
- Current Water level - 979.22'
- Days of "no-wake" - 14

In preparation for the adventures that a new season brings, I am recruiting volunteers for 2-week shifts helping to maintain the steady flow of Sarah Creek in preventing dangerous high water situations. Please reach out to me directly at [foster\\_brent@allergan.com](mailto:foster_brent@allergan.com). The needs include monitoring the weir daily along with joining a team of Lake Sarah neighbors to remove bogs and lake debris. Together we can make a difference.

### 2014 Water Level Team Accomplishments:

- Securing loose bogs (teams of 3-4)
- Clearing the debris from the weir
- Removing beaver dams at weir
- Securing a DNR permit and chemically treating Sarah Creek excessive cattails (300' x 15')
- Reducing days of "no wake" to 14 vs 30-40 on other area lakes.



CP Railroad 60" Culvert (only outflow from Lake Sarah)

## LSIA Membership 2015 ~ Anne Horn

Historically the membership drive for the next calendar year has begun in October. This has caused some confusion in the past for some of our members so a decision was made to start the membership drive for 2015 in January of 2015! Thank you to all (145) our LSIA members for your support in 2014. We will have more information concerning our membership drive, fees and group discounts for 2015 in January. Any questions feel free to contact Anne Horn @ [annehutchhorn@msn.com](mailto:annehutchhorn@msn.com).

## Water Quality ~ Wade Bemmels

**CHECK YOUR DOCKS FOR ZEBRA MUSSELS!** Zebra mussels were recently found in our neighbor Lake Independence! Be on the lookout!

### **Please inspect for zebra mussels this fall!**

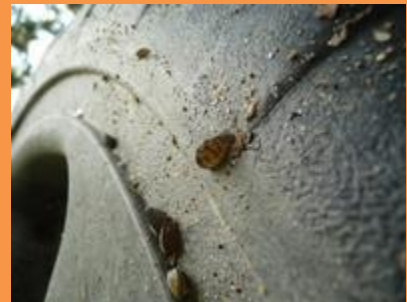
Fall dock and equipment removal time is soon upon us! We want to remind people to inspect all water-related equipment when removed from the water at the season's end. Boat lifts and docks are of particular concern because they sit in the water for extended periods, giving adult zebra mussels a greater opportunity to attach themselves.

Immediately report any suspected zebra mussel discoveries to the local DNR area office. The primary contact for aquatic invasive species (AIS) issues in our region is [Keegan Lund](#) 651.259.5828

Lakeshore owners should also keep in mind that moving docks and boat lifts from one lake to another is a serious issue. State law requires that all boat lifts, docks and swim rafts removed



Gabriel Jabbour - zebra mussels



ZM on plastic dock wheel

from any lake, river or stream remain out of the water for 21 days before being placed into another water body.

More information about aquatic invasive species is available on the [Zebra mussel page](#) of this website and on the DNR website at [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/shoreland\\_owners.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/shoreland_owners.html)



### **Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment was completed in August**

LSIA was granted an opportunity to treat a limited amount of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), in addition to the earlier treatment for Curlyleaf pondweed. This limited EWM treatment was permitted by the DNR for up to 15 acres. LSIA was also fortunate to receive a DNR grant of \$2,000 to help purchase the product, and with some product LSIA has on hand from the 2012 pilot EWM treatment, the full cost of this treatment will be covered by the LSIA.

#### **Summary**

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) was treated on August 12th and 13th at the sites shown on the map. On August 12th, the wind started to pick up towards the end of treatment, it was decided to stop treatment and finish the following day. On August 13th, ideal low wind conditions allowed treatment to be completed.

Post treatment inspection many of the sites still had numerous patches of EWM remaining, some more than others. The North Shore Drive area (sites 11, 13a & b) exhibited the best control. Site 9 had moderate control, with more EWM being found on the northern half of the treatment site. Site 2&3 had some narrow patches of EWM remaining. Site 5 had abundant EWM towards the northern portion of the treatment site, with the rest of the treatment site only have scattered plants. Site 8 had poor control, with abundant EWM found throughout the treatment sites.

These results were expected due to the time of year and plant age. The DNR funded the entire treatment and only required volunteer time. Thank you to all that assisted with the pre-inspection, application and post inspection process.



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***The End!***

***Have a wonderful fall season!***

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