

LAKE



LETTER

E A S T B A T T L E L A K E

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Your presence is requested

HOG ROAST (FREE) FOLLOWS ANNUAL MEETING

IT'S A NIGHT AT THE LAKE --- AT ISLAND CAMP

Elect Officers, Meet our Neighbor; Tour the Camp



June 27 is the night the residents and guests around East Battle Lake are invited to join together. The evening begins with President Sue Kalseim gaveling the meeting to order at 4 pm. Election of officers for 2015-2016 and area directors for 3-year terms will be the main agenda item.

The Saturday evening meeting will be held at Island Camp, the largest shoreline owner on the lake. The invitation from the Camp came giving us a place to enjoy a catered dinner and a lovely place to meet up with neighbors and friends.

In recent years the Annual Meeting has been held as a breakfast meeting but with an invitation we could not pass up this year it has become a dinner meeting. The dinner will be served by the camp staff about 5 pm following the Annual Meeting. The hog will be prepared and served by Doug from B&D. The camp staff will spill the beans, serve the coleslaw, chips and homemade desserts prepared by Board Members.

Following dinner, tours of Island Camp will be led by camp staffers. The Camp is 63 acres on East Battle Lake. In 2012 an additional 273 acres across from Mason Lake was purchased. Those interested in touring may be transported there by bus or even horse-drawn cart!! or tractor? or ???

In place of a speaker the focus will be on meeting other lake members and to hear what and how our lake owners can use Island Camp Facilities. The loon platform will be on display along with construction plans.

RESERVATIONS are requested by **JUNE 23** (note extended date) with the number in your party --- have company? Include them. IF you would like to travel to the meeting by boat to the Camp please make your *boat mooring reservation* also.

ANNUAL MEETING and SUPPER

June 27, 4 - 7 pm, Luther Island Camp

RSVP by June 23 to waterfans@msn.com or phone 218-769-4461



*Protecting water quality for fishing, boating, swimming for us . .
and for the next generations*

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

See you at the Annual Meeting

Sue Kalseim, president

First, I want to thank all the Board Members who have completed their terms. We appreciate the time together brainstorming and developing strategies to keep East Battle Lake the clean, clear and quality lake it is now. It takes each officer's input from you, the watershed owners, to come to the best decisions. THANK YOU!

Our sympathies to the Board Member families who have lost a loved one — to Jane and the family of Area 6 Rep John Dixon and to the family of Denny Baumbarger, husband of Area 1 Rep Betty Baumbarger. May our words say 'thank you' and may you know how much we appreciate you and those you are now missing.

Our wishes for a full recovery to volunteer Doug Forys who was involved in a serious auto accident and is facing a long period of recovery. Also volunteer Keith Klett and husband of Kay, Area 2 Director, suffered an accident which will also require longterm recovery. Take care, patients and caregivers — our thoughts and prayers for recovery.

And, now I want to encourage everyone to COME TO DINNER JUNE 27 after we all attend the ANNUAL MEETING at 4 pm. If you could volunteer for a position on our Board please give me a call! OR volunteer at the meeting.

Contact me at 218-583-4626 or sue@suellen gifts.com

Come, Enjoy ISLAND CAMP, the largest EBLWA Property

Island Camp, established in 1952, is located on a secluded 67 acres surrounded by East Battle Lake. The camp is about ten miles west of the city of Henning and ten miles east of the city of Battle Lake. Development of the camp and its facilities has continued throughout the years, from the early construction of cabins, to the construction of the Education and Retreat Center (ERC) in 1981, to the completion of the Martha Cabin in 2004, to the new roof on the recreation hall and chapel in January 2006. Camps and retreats are offered during all four seasons,

Christ Serve Ranch was added to the camping program in 2012. It is located on Hiway 5 across from Mason Lake. This site has 273 acres with space for housing Leadership Programs, Horse Outreach Programs, and Equine College. The Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center is being developed and has a number of exhibits already in place — a soil exhibit, a beehive exhibit, a woodpecker tree exhibit and more.

Tours will be available for both sites of Luther Island Camp.

The town and lake of Battle Lake, Minnesota, was named after a big battle between two tribes. Who were the tribes? What can you tell me about the two tribes and the battle?

Battle Lake, Minnesota, was first established as a railway village in Otter Tail County. Near this lake and East Battle Lake a desperate battle was fought, about the year 1795, by a war party of fifty Ojibways, coming from Leech Lake, against a much greater number of Sioux. A graphic narration of the battle, in which more than thirty Ojibways were killed, is give in Warren's 'History of the Ojibways.'

Minnesota Historical Society Collections, Volume V, 1885, pp.336-343, is available in your public library.

ASK THE FISHERKIDS

What did the fish say when he posted bail?

Why don't fish like basketball?

Which fish can perform operations?

What do you call a fish with a tie?

What do you get when you cross a banker with a fish?

"I'm off the hook!"

Cause they're afraid of the net

A Sturgeon!

so-FISH-ticated

A Loan shark!

Please keep for reference — on refrigerator?

WATERSHED BOARD of DIRECTORS

Executive Committee - (one year term)

eastbattlelake@gmail.com - P. O. Box 85, Vining MN 56588 - www.eastbattlelake.org

President ... Sue Kalseim - 218-583-4626 (2015) Secretary ... Jean Loge - 218-769-4461 (2015)
Vice President ... Dick Kennedy - 218-769-4286 (2015) Treasurer ... Webster Peterson - 612-804-9406 (2015)

EBLWA WATERSHED AREA REPRESENTATIVES (3-year terms)

AREA 1 43233 220th St > 21865 450th A
Betty Baumbarger - 218-769-4331 (2016) resigned
Barb Young - 218-769-4327 (2015)

AREA 5 45456 Liberty Ln > 45008 Liberty Ln
Butch Furse - 218-583-4705 (2015)
vacant position (2016)

AREA 2 21658 450th Av > 22419 Chippewa R
Wayne Hilchen - 217-254-9701 (2016)
Kay Klett - 218-769-4462 (2017) resigned

AREA 6 24543 Liberty Dr thru 23534 Castle Trl
Vacant position (2015)
Russ Green - 218-583-2421 (2017)

AREA 345754 Chippewa Ln > 23289 Chippewa Rd
Cheryl Doely - 218-769-4112 (2017)
Eleanor Smith - 218-769-4245 (2015)

AREA 744399 Castle Dr thru 45011 230th St
Dick Brogard - 218-583-2793 (2015)
Vacant position (2017)

AREA 4 .. 23982 Brandborg Creek Rd > 45602 Killdeer
Doug Forys - 218-583-2574 (2015)
Vacant position (2017)

AREA 844594 230th St > 43844 Blackjack Dr
John Zdrzil - 218-548-8901 (2016)
Sue Kalseim - 218-583-4626 (2017)

AREA 9 Lutheran Island Camp
Ken Erlander - 218-583-2905 (2017)

REPRESENTATIVES-AT-LARGE (3-year term)

Barbara Olson, 218-769-4296 - Editor, Publicity (2016) asks for replacement

Leonard Smith, 218-769-4245 - Water Testing Coordinator (2017)

VOLUNTEER TEAM LEADERS (appointed annually by president)

LOON WATCH: Tom Greenagel

FISH STOCKING: Clyde Millerbernd, Keith Klett

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: vacant

WEB MASTER: Craig LeBakken

CLEAN ICE COORDINATOR: Doug Forys

REP to Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA): Chuck Olson

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR - Chuck Olson

THERE ARE NO TERM LIMITS, EACH ELECTED POSITION CAN BE RE-ELECTED

Two active members of the EBLWA are recovering --- both from serious accidents.

Doug Forys of Area 4 has a long recuperation ahead of him.

Keith Klett of Area 2 and husband of Area 2 rep is incapacitated these days.

**ASK THE
FISHER KIDS**

How do you make an Octopus laugh?

With ten-tickles (tentacles)

Why did the vegan go deep-sea fishing?

Just for the halibut!

EAST BATTLE LAKE MEMBERS and DONOR LIST

June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015 - -- MEMBERSHIP by name plus Donations to Fish stocking=F

CHECK! Is YOUR name here? It should be! Please call any changes to 218-769-4296. THANKS!!!

ALBERS, Jackie F
AMUNDSON, Lee/Ruth
AXELSON, Jim/Gloria F
BALDWIN, George/Helen F
BAUMBARGER, Betty F
BEALS, Roger/Jan
BERGLUND, Michael Roy
BISTODEAU, Don/Janet
BOTTKO, Bruce/Mary
BOWLING, John/Sara
BOYENS, Scott F
BREEGEMANN, Bradley/Sharon
BRETH, Tom/Joan F
BROGARD, Richard F
BRUNN, Rich/Mary F
CHAPMAN, Harvey/Eileen F
CHILDRESS, Karen
CHRISTOPHERSON, Ed/Sylvia F
CHRISTOPHERSON, Jim/Sandra F
CRICE, Douglas/Carol F
CUSHER, George/Carolyn F
DAVIS, Rick/Barbara
DE RUYTER, Mark/Ruth F
DIXON, Jane
DOELY, David/Cheryl F
DREYER, Jon/Lisa F
EGGLESTON, Jan
EIDE, Gary/Ardell
FALLSTEAD, Ray F
FENNER, Ken/Cookie F
FORYS, Douglas/Robyn F
FRITZ, Bob/Sharron
FURSE, Butch/Nancy
GARFUNKEL, John
GOODRICH, Jack/Susan F
GREEN, Russell/Gail
GREENAGEL, Tom/Diane
GROEBNER, Joseph/Barbara F
GUTZMER, Lew/Loretta F

HANSON, Dan/Devra F
HANSON, Peter/Elaine F
HANSON, Richard/EmmyLou
HAUGEN, Ronald/Jane
HELVICK, Allen/Lois F
HILCHEN, Wayne/Anne F
HJELLMING, Gordon/Sheryl F
HOLMES, Tom/Janie F
HOFFMAN, Edward/Cheryl F
HUBER, Richard/Jean F
INVIE FAMILY F
JACOBSON, Andrew/OVERVOLD, Carol
JOERGER, Joseph/Cynthia F
JOHNSON, Richard/Krista F
KALSEIM, Robert/Sue
KENNEDY, Dick/Mary F
KIBBLE, William/Jennifer F
KLETT, Keith/Kay F
KNUTSON, Alan/Denise F
KOCON, Lawrence/Diane
KOESTLER, Kerry/Shirley F
KONECK, Larry/Jeannie
KORVER, Keith/Heidi F
LAURENT, Clyde/Barbara F
LEBAKKEN, Craig/Susan
LEE, Lowell/Marcia F
LINDBERG, Michael/Stephanie F
LIPPKA, Bill/Jonalyn F
LOGE, Bill/Jean F
LOGE, Carl/Brenda F
LOKKEN, Merlyn/Kathleen
LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP
MACK, John/Karen F
McCLINTICK, Steven/Nita F
McFARLAND, Faye F
MILES, Robert/Janet
MOIR, James/Margaret F
MONTAGUE, Timothy/Patricia
MORSE, James/Wilma F
MOUW, Marion/Darlene

OLSON, Chuck/Barbara F
OSTLUND, Mark/Karla F
PAGEL, Carol F
PETERSON, Webster/Kari Albers
PUTNAM, Charles/Connie
QUINE, Stephen/Jean
REINEKE, James/JoAnn
ROCKSWOLD, Gary/Wendy F
ROCKSWOLD, Gordon F
ROETMAN, Bob/Lois
RONKEN, Erik et al F
ROTENBERGER, Ted/Lois
SABA, Mark/Lisa F
SAETRE, Rollie/Jan
SCHEID, Wilfred/Rose
SCHMIDT, Kenneth/Virginia
SCHWARTZ, Rick/Dianne F
SEABURG, Greg/Noella F
SHAW, Bruce/Rachel
SINNER, Roger/Bettye
SMITH, George/Donna F
SMITH, Leonard/Eleanor F
SPIES, Gary/Sharon F
STARK, John/William/Connie
STAVE, Randy/Caryl F
TETENS, Dennis/Kathryn
THOMAS, Cheryl
TJOSTEM, John/Karen
TWETEN, Carol
VERNON, Bruce/Carollee
WALLY, Chuck/Jan F
WENTZ, William/Paula F
WIEK, Donald/Jill F
WIEK, Roland F
WIESE, Bruce/Carol F
WIGERT, Jon/Annette
WILLIAMS, Thomas/Tammy F
WILSON, Paul/Susan F
YOUNG, Judd/Barbara F
ZDRAZIL, John/Vicky F

EAST BATTLE LAKE's most common emergent aquatic plants are common cattail and hardstem bulrush. These emergent plants provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat and are critical in maintaining good water quality. Emergent plants also provide critical spawning habitat for several fish species including northern pike, largemouth bass, and panfish. They also serve as important nursery areas for many species of fish. Because of their ecological value, emergent plants cannot be removed without a DNR permit. East Battle Lake is a popular angling lake

Anglers can help maintain the quality of fishing by practicing selective harvest. Selective harvest encourages the release of medium to large size fish while allowing the harvest of the more abundant smaller fish for table fare. Releasing the medium to large fish will ensure that the lake will have enough spawning age fish on an annual basis and will provide anglers with more opportunities to catch large fish in the future.

For more info: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=56013800>

MEMBERSHIP since 2009

lakeshore owners total 320 sites

The numbers for membership are 114 for this year

CAN WE BREAK THROUGH and increase membership for 2015-2016

JOIN TODAY!!

ARE YOU on the MEMBER LIST?

2014 - 2015

114 - 36%

2013 - 2014

154 - 48%

2012 - 2013

144 - 45 %

2011 - 2012

184 - 58%

2010 - 2011

122 - 38%

2009 - 2010

136 - 43%

2015 - 2016
MEMBERSHIP
&
FISH STOCKING
DONATIONS
ACCEPTED NOW
on-line
by mail
at the meeting

Your name should be listed as a member on the page with member listing.

*Please contact to correct any errors
eastbattlelake@gmail.com or 218-769-4296*

Top 10 Places to Boat and Live

Minnesota is dubbed the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," and the state owes a lot of that number to Otter Tail County. The county officially contains 1,048 lakes, the most contained in a single county in the United States.

"People love to live on lakes up here," says Bill Kalar of the Otter Tail County Land and Resource Management Department. "Every year we have more waterfront homes being built. We've got no shortage."

What the area loses to a short summer, it more than makes up --- who doesn't spend at least one day on the water--- with some of the most passionate boaters in the country. You'd be hard-pressed to find a single person in the county who hasn't been on a lake at least one day.

Otter Tail County, MN was given the honor of being listed as one of the [Top Ten Places to Live and Boat according to Boating Magazine](#), the worlds largest powerboat magazine.

MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING 2014 are available at www.eastbattlelake.org

BOARD MEETING MINUTES are there also

Questions about anything for the meeting, please
call

218-583-4626 or 218-769-4461.

So, why do we call our organization . . .

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION?

To answer this question requires us to look back almost 60 years

Early Association Formation

Several episodes motivated the formation of the East Battle Lake Watershed Association going back more than fifty years into the early 1960's. A herd of cows was observed skinny dipping on the west shoreline of Vining Bay, across from the Vining Creek inlet. Several property owners came together to form the 'East Battle Lake Association' to file an official complaint with Otter Tail County and to resolve the situation with the farmer.

A few years later a hog farm was established along the road going north from Vining, known today as 457th Avenue. The swine enjoyed wallowing in the mud in Vining Creek resulting in a major pollution inflow into Vining Bay. Action by the fledgling East Battle Lake Association through Otter Tail County officials led to closing down the hog farm operations.

A development proposed for several properties in the north shore area near Brandborg Creek was denied by the County Planning Commission. Representatives of the East Battle Lake Association participated in the public hearings.

Incorporation

The 'East Battle Lake Watershed Association' was incorporated in 1994. The basis for including the total watershed area as part of the corporation was that activities within the watershed area can impact the long term quality of East Battle Lake, whether it is agriculture, building development, or recreation. Information to outline the boundaries of the watershed area were extracted from maps and 'wetlands inventory' documents procured through the 'Soil Conservation Service' in Perham, presently the 'East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District.'

Current Activities

Since incorporation in 1994, the Association has established ongoing programs to measure clarity and water samples for phosphorus and chlorophyll-A. A fish stocking program stocks walleyes in odd years integrated with the DNR stocking program in even years. Recent programs include loon counts and a beaver activity watch.

The Association attempts to send a representative to all County Planning Commission hearings that involve action on a variance for an

East Battle Lake property owner, not always to object, but to support the property owner when appropriate.

A project proposed in the Lake Management Plan to map aquatic plants growing in the lake was subsequently completed. Funding came from the incentive funds granted to the Association after the Lake Management Plan was completed. Additional funds required to complete the mapping project were self-funded from donations generously given by members and friends.

Note 1. This article was excerpted from The 'Lake Management Plan', published in 2011 by the East Battle Lake Watershed Association, funded as part of the 'Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership' program that included several lake and river associations in Otter Tail, Becker and Douglas Counties.

Note 2. The "Lake Management Plan" is available on the East Battle Lake website,

www.eastbattlelake.org

Chuck Olson, Past President

East Battle Lake Watershed Assoc.
Representative, to Otter Tail Coalition
of Lake Associations (COLA)

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS - <http://www.co.ottertail.mn.us/1035/CodeRED>

What is CodeRED and Why Is It Important To Me?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message and e-mail regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

For additional information, visit Otter Tail County's CodeRED

For your convenience you may pay your dues and make donations online using a credit card. If you wish, you may select 'recurring annual dues payment' for paying your dues annually. Our service provider for online payments is PAY PAL. And, while you are online, check out the information that is available: meeting minutes, financial reports, The Gallery of EBLWA Photos and more.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2015 - 2016

Now is the time to come to aid of the association!

SEND A CHECK OR PAY ONLINE THRU OUR WEBSITE

PLEASE PAY ONLINE at EastBattleLake.org

OR Send a check payable to:

EBLWA, to PO Box 85, Vining MN 56588

E-mail: _____

Name(s) _____

Lake Address _____

MAILING Address _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone(s)** _____

I prefer to receive notices/newsletters to the email address above? *yes* *no*

Thank you for your email address. It helps us to keep you informed about lake issues and useful information for lakeshore property owners.

Contributions:

\$ 20.00 **Membership**

\$ _____ **Fish-stocking
donation**

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

Check number: _____

THE EARLY BIRD DUES AWARDEES



Jim/Sandra Christopherson

Clyde/Barbara Laurent

Bill/Renate Richardson

Bill/Connie Starkjohn

Webster Peterson/Kari Albers F

Chuck/Jan Wally

Chuck/Barbara Olson F

Craig LeBakken

Kenneth Schmidt

Joe/Barb Groebner F

Marion/Darlene Mouw F

Tom/Tammy Williams



A note arrived with Emmy and Richard Hansen's membership check . . .

"The first Watershed newsletters were written and mailed from our home in Hopkins — Keep up the good work!"

The Board thanks you and we try to keep up

NEWSLETTER
EAST BATTLE LAKE
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BARBARA OLSON, EDITOR
PO Box 85, Vining MN 56588



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ANNUAL MEETING SAT JUNE 27
: Come for the Meeting at 4 pm - Stay for dinner
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DIRECTIONS to LUTHER ISLAND CAMP
DRIVING TO ISLAND CAMP located at 45011 - 230th St, Henning MN
From Hiway 210, turn **NORTH** onto Hiway 5 into Clitherall, follow for 3 miles. Turn east (right) onto 230th for 2.1 miles and you have arrived!
For BOATING - make reservations for a parking spot at the camp. Make these reservations when you RSVP: waterfans@msn.com or call 218-769-4661.



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IT'S SUMMER ---
time to come
to the lake for sun,
reading, fishing and a bit of
Fun & RELAXATION !!!



EAST BATTLE LAKE IS CLEAR OF INVASIVE VEGETATION, FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES - THE LAKE WATER IS OF GOOD QUALITY
--- Aquatic Vegetative Mapping Report 2012