

LAKE LETTER

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



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WINTER FISH STOCKING FINGERLINGS ARRIVE THRU GOLD AND ICE



Fingerlings are chauffeured onto the lake on a cold December day

The walleye fingerlings we buy for fish stocking arrived in East Battle Lake this year in December and they were not 'just' dumped into the lake as usual. This time they got more personalized service from those assisting in the job!

First, the weather was colder this year than some of us have experienced with the restocking. The lake door had to be 'opened' so the fingerlings could enter their new home.

The fish stocking fund was at a probable all-time high of about \$6000! Now the big fish we find in summer and in ice fishing are dining on the little walleyes --- and some are growing up to be trophy fish

Our fingerlings are a bit larger than 'fingerlings' as it's the end of the season and they've grown beyond fingerling size. Here, in pictures, is the 2013 fish stocking . . .

East Battle Lake stocks the lake each odd-numbered year while the DNR is scheduled on the even-numbered year. We pay \$1 per fish so the lake is rich now in the wall-eye infants.



Fish-stocking in Progress
This year it was by hand, net and buckets. Big fingerlings heading for the waters of East Battle Lake.



The door is soon to be opened to welcome the fingerlings. The hole is being cut so the 'dumping' can begin, rather the 'stocking' of the 2013 walleyes.

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

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

From your president, **SUE KALSEUM**

Here we are at the end of another season on East Battle Lake, and it is a COLD winter. The EBLWA is already making plans for next year. The lake association has accomplished many things over the last 3 years since the development of our Lake Management Plan.



We will continue to move forward in 2014 concentrating on lake shore management. In particular, the buffer zone between the lake and our lawns. We need to manage runoff **on our property to reduce pollutants before they reach the lake.** It is important to increase opportunities for water to soak into the ground instead of running off.

I look forward to serving as President of the East Battle Lake Watershed Association, and working with all of you to continue to monitor and protect the quality of our lake for the future.

Sue Kalseum, president

East Battle Lake Watershed Association

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Will this ice get loose?



To their new home in EBL



Hope they like their new home!

The 2013 Fish Stocking Story in pictures. The next stocking in 2014 is by the DNR.

Donations in 2014 and 2015 will go toward the East Battle Lake Association Fish Stocking in 2015.

Photographs by Webster Peterson - see more on the website.

MEMBERSHIP

lakeshore owners total 320 sites

*The numbers are down
for this year for
membership.*

**Did YOU forget to send
in your
\$20 membership?**

JOIN TODAY
See page 7

ARE YOU on the LIST?

2013 - 2014

113 - 34%

2012 - 2013

144 - 45 %

2011 - 2012

184 - 58%

2010 - 2011

122 - 38%

2009 - 2010

136 - 43%

**There's still time
to join and show
your support for
the East Battle
Lake Watershed
Association
until May 30, 2014**

Please JOIN Now

You may join today for the 2013-2014

Pay On-line: www.eastbattlelake.org

or

MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!!

P. O. Box 85, Vining MN 56588

Your name should be listed.

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AQUATIC PLANT MAPPING Project Fund Campaign Ends May 30, 2014

The project to map East Battle Lake vegetation as a precaution to be able to identify future invasive species in the lake. This report may be used by Lakeshore Members if or when they need to require information for the county when requesting permits or assistance with any vegetation removal.

The project began as a result of the Annual Meeting 2009 where participants identified and prioritized their needs and concerns for the lake. This was the basis for the Lake Management Plan adopted in 2010.

The total cost of the project was about \$6500. The donations for "Aquatic Plant Mapping" reduces the amount paid for the project from the Operating Fund. Donations can still be contributed to the fund.

THANK YOU, EAST BATTLE LAKERS, FOR SHOWING PRIDE IN OUR LAKE You have shown that those living on East Battle Lake prize their lake. The number participating in the Annual Meeting 2013 was about 80 --- 25% of our property owners! You are helping us do what is necessary to maintain the water quality of our lake.

2013-2014 MEMBER - DONOR REPORT

	Member	Fish	Map		Member	Fish	Map
1	ALBERS,JACKIE			58	MARTIN,MARY A & DONALD R		
2	ANDERSON,MARTIN & KIMBERLY	F		59	MCCLINTICK,STEVEN & NITA	F	M
3	BAUMBARGER,DENTON O & BETTY			60	MCFARLAND FAYE	F	
4	BOCHENSKI,PEGGY R		M	61	MILES,ROBERT J & JANET J		
5	BREEGGEMANN,BRADLEY & SHARON	F	M	62	MOEN,SHIRLEY		
6	BROGARD,RICHARD E	F		63	MOIR,JAMES & MARGARET	F	M
7	BUZZELL, TERRY & KATHY	F	M	64	MONTAGUE,TIMOTHY P & PATRICIA	F	M
8	CHAPMAN,HARVEY E & EILEEN F	F		65	MORSE,JAMES R & WILMA J	F	M
9	CHRISTOPHERSON,EDWARD & SYLVIA	F		66	MOUW, MARION & DARLENE	F	
10	CHRISTOPHERSON,JAMES & SANDRA	F		67	OLSON,CHARLES & BARBARA	F	M
11	CUSHER,GEORGE & CAROLYN	F	M	68	OSTLUND,MARK & KARLA		
12	DAVIS,RICK & BARBARA J			69	PAGEL, CAROL	F	M
13	DE RUYTER,MARK & RUTH			70	PEDDYCOART, ROD & CATHERYNE	F	
14	DIXON,JOHN T & JANE J			71	PETERSON,WEBSTER & KARI ALBERS	F	
15	DOELY, DAVID & CHERYL	F		72	PORT,FREDERICK A & LINDA S	F	
16	EGGLESTON, JAN	F		73	QUINE,STEPHEN & JEAN		
17	EIDE,GARY & ARDELL			74	REDING,JAMES M & LINDA N	F	M
18	EMERSON,CRAIG A & MICHELE S	F		75	REINEKE,JIM		
19	FALLSTEAD,RAY	F	M	76	RICE,JAMES R		
20	FENNER,KEN & COOKIE	F	M	77	RICHARDSON, BILL & RENATE	F	
21	FORYS,DOUGLAS P & ROBYN L			78	ROCKSWOLD,GARY K & WENDY L	F	M
22	FRITZ,ROBERT F & SHARRON A K	F		79	ROETMAN,LOIS & BOB		
23	FURSE, RONALD (BUTCH) & NANCY		M	80	ROTENBERGER, TED & LOIS		
24	GETCHELL,BYRON J & DEBORAH A	F		81	ROWLAND, BILL & JILL		
25	GJERE,GREGORY A & NIKI ANN	F		82	RUST, KEN		
26	GOODRICH,JACK E & SUSAN K		M	83	SCHEID,WILFRED H & ROSE M	F	
27	GREEN,RUSSELL R & GAIL C	F		84	SCHWARTZ, RICK & DIANNE	F	
28	GREENAGEL, TOM & DIANE			85	SCHWARTZ, RON & JEANETTE	F	
29	GROEBNER, JOE & BARB	F		86	SEVERSON,ERIC C & AMY L		
30	HANSON, DAN & DEVRA	F	M	87	SHANAHAN,RON & MARGIE	F	
31	HANSON,RICHARD & EMMY LOU			88	SIMMONS,STEVEN & DEBORAH		
32	HEILMAN, ROBERT	F		89	SMITH, GEORGE & DONNA	F	M
33	HELVICK,ALLEN K & LOIS E	F	M	90	SMITH,LEONARD C & ELEANOR S	F	
34	HERBRANSON,ROBERT T			91	SPIES,GARY & SHARON	F	M
35	HILCHEN,WAYNE P & ANNE F		M	92	STARKJOHN,WILLIAM H & CONNIE J		
36	HILL,ARDELL M	F		93	STEUER,NANCY (YANKAUSKAS TRUST)		
37	HUBER, RICHARD & JEANNE	F		94	TETENS,DENNIS & KATHRYN		
38	JACOBSON,ANDREW & CAROL OVERVOLD		M	95	THOMAS, ARLA		
39	JENSON, KEN	F	M	96	TRANA, RICHARD & MARY	f	
40	KALSEIM,ROBERT B & SUE E	F		97	TJOSTEM,JOHN & KAREN	F	
41	KENNEDY,RICHARD J & MARY L	F	M	98	TWETEN,CAROL		
42	KLETT,KEITH E & KAY F	F		99	VANDER BERG, DAVID & GLADYS		
43	KNUTSON,ALAN C & DENISE M	F		100	VANDER BERG, JANET & DOUG		
44	KOESTLER,KERRY K & SHIRLEY A	F		101	VANDER BERG, JEFFREY	F	
45	KONECK, LARRY & JEANNIE	F		102	VANWOERT, DARRELL & BETTY	F	
46	KORPI,JOHN R & KAREN	F	M	103	VOSS,DANIEL & ELIZABETH	F	
47	KORVER, KEITH & HEIDI	F		104	WALLY, CHUCK & JAN	F	
48	LARSON, LOREN & LUCILLE	F	M	105	WENTZ,WILLIAM R & PAULA J	F	
49	LAURENT,CLYDE J & BARBARA J	F		106	WIEK,DONALD O & JILL	F	
50	LEBAKKEN,CRAIG A & SUSAN M		M	107	WIEK,ROLAND I	F	
51	LEE,LOWELL E & MARCIA O	F		108	WIETECKI,MARK A & DIANE L	F	M
52	LINDBERG,MICHAEL & STEPHANIE			109	WIGERT, JON & ANNETTE		
53	LIPPKA, BILL & JONALYN	F		110	WILSON, STEVE & LORI	F	M
54	LOGE, BILL & JEAN	F		111	WILSON,PAUL & SUSAN		
55	LOKKEN,MERLYN D & KATHLEEN A			112	YOUNG,JUDD D & BARBARA K	F	
56	LUNDGREN,SHIRLEY A			113	ZDRAZIL,JOHN L & VICKY L	F	M
57	MACK, JOHN & KAREN		M		Based on info received as of 12/16/13		

I am not immune from mistakes, so if you were left out of the list, or need a name changed, or other ???, please contact me - by email at <eastbattlelake@gmail.com>

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Walleye Fingerling

SPEAR FISHING IN TWO LAKES in OTTER TAIL CTY

WEST BATTLE LAKE is one of two lakes chosen to allow SPEAR FISHING in 2014. This is a new experimental project with the Department of Natural Resources. ONLY WEST Battle Lake and Cormorant.



ASK THE KIDS

Q. Why are fish so smart?

A. Because they swim in schools.

Q: How do fish go into business?

A: The start on a small scale!

Traveling on Ice . . .

Check for known thin ice areas with a local resort or bait shop.

Test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit.

Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible.

If you must drive a vehicle, be prepared to leave it in a hurry--keep windows down and have a simple emergency plan of action you have discussed with your passengers.



Stay away from alcoholic beverages.

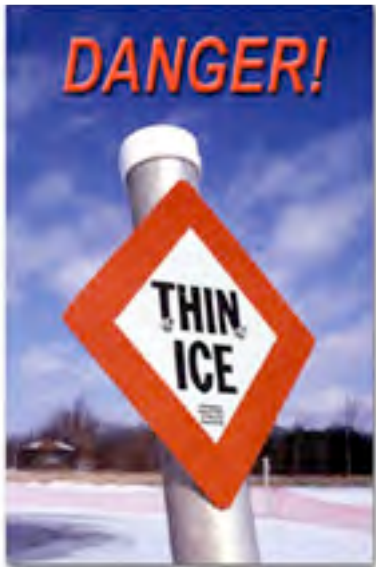
Even "just a couple of beers" are enough to cause a careless error in judgment that could cost you your life. And contrary to common belief, alcohol actually makes you colder rather than warming you up.

Don't "overdrive" your snowmobile's headlight.

At even 30 miles per hour, it can take a much longer distance to stop on ice than your headlight shines. Many fatal snowmobile through-the-ice accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the hole in the ice.

Wear a life vest under your winter gear.

Or wear one of the new flotation snowmobile suits. And it's a good idea to carry a pair of ice picks that may be home made or purchased from most well stocked sporting goods stores that cater to winter anglers. It's amazing how difficult it can be to pull yourself back onto the surface of unbroken but wet and slippery ice while wearing a snowmobile suit weighted down with 60 lbs of water. The ice picks really help pulling yourself back onto solid ice.



CAUTION: Do NOT wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle!
It could prevent your escape thru the window.

ASK THE
KIDS

Q: What is the richest fish in the world? A: A goldfish

Q: Where does a fish keep his money A: In the River Bank!

Q: Where do fish sleep? A: In a river bed

FORGOT TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2013-2014?

Now is the time to come to aid of the association! **SEND IT NOW**

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK PAYABLE TO EBLWA

FALL 2013

SNAIL MAIL THIS MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM
AND YOUR CHECK TO: EBLWA, P. O. BOX 85,
VINING MN 56588

CHECK INFO PLEASE:

_____ CHECK NUMBER

_____ CHECK DATE

CONTRIBUTIONS:

\$ 20 MEMBERSHIP

\$ _____ FISH-STOCKING (DONATION)

\$ _____ VEGETATIVE MAPPING (DONATION)

\$ _____ TOTAL

E-mail: _____

Name(s) _____

Lake Address _____

MAILING Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

Your email helps us to keep you informed about lake issues and useful information for lakeshore property owners.

BITS and PIECES of INFO about ICE

New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially-thawed ice may not.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice. The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to

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Keeping Kids Warm & Alert when Ice Fishing

- Bring a hand auger and have kids try to make a hole.
- Bring a Frisbee or play freeze tag if there is snow on the ice.
- Drink warm sweet liquids, avoid alcohol.
- Bring a variety of bait to try out.
- Bring an underwater camera with a viewing cable that can be fed through your ice fishing hole.



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