

BLACK LAKE NEWS

Volunteers

President -Virgil Smith

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Trepanier

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Ron Dulak

Membership - Sharon
Dulak

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Bob Williams

Newsletter -Sharon Du-
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Banquet -Mary Rocco

Website -Cindy
Trepanier



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT VIRGIL SMITH 989-733-8089

There is a lot of talk around the lake about the long hard winter of 2014. There is also talk about the improved walleye fishery, the planned improvements to the state park boat launch and many other items being addressed by the Black Lake Association. Some of these will be discussed further in this newsletter.

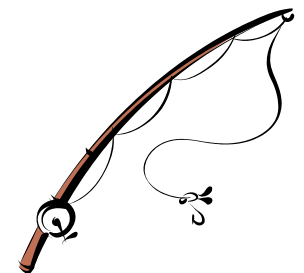
It is impossible to change the weather by talking about it, however , talking about needs and improvements for Black Lake can be turned into action and results by our association. You

are encouraged to talk to an association representative to express your expectations and items you would like addressed. You are also encouraged to be an active participant in order to continue building the legacy of the Black Lake Association.

One item deserving a lot of talk is a proposed change in the governance of the Black Lake Association. The proposed by-laws supporting these changes are available on our web site, www.blacklakeassociation.com. Please take time to read and re-

view these by-laws and provide us with your feedback. This change, if made, requires membership approval and is targeted for implementation during 2015.

The long hard winter of 2014 will soon be behind us and the talk will become about another great summer on Black Lake.



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at Grant Township Hall at 7:30 PM.

May 12
June 9 -Pot Luck-6:30 PM-bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.

July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13



Beach Representatives

Dana Brophy
 Kay Hoefflin
 Lynne Henzler
 Mable Leppler
 Eugene Osantowski
 Dar Grund
 Ray Garrison
 Norman Schwartz
 Mary Bonner
 Mike Kretz
 Linda Smith
 Graham Edwards
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 Bette Hopkins
 Norma Lind
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 Florence Roberts
 Elda Shull
 Kathleen Weir
 Sarah Soule
 Liz Gowland
 Ron Dulak
 Gail Smith
 Mary Rocco
 Marlene George
 Diane Kade
 Gary Shepherd
 Sheila Kraycs
 Lois Overton
 Donna Lory

BLACK LAKE WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

CINDY TREPANIER - 733-6451

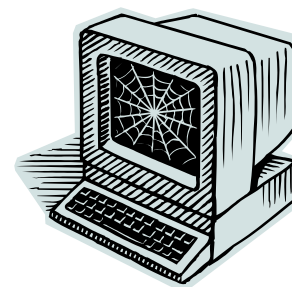
The Black Lake Website is finally up and running. We have had a few problems along the way, but we have worked through them and all systems are go.

All of the pictures sent to us are amazing and show the love for the lake. The association board hopes to have all news and announcements posted

on the site soon. It is a great way to keep members informed and hopefully draw in some new, interested volunteers and memberships. As people ask for articles and information it will be posted on the web pages.

There are over 500 members of the Black Lake Association and we hope to accom-

plish many good things. Please visit our web page and leave your comments and keep sending along those pictures.



Website - www.blacklakeassociation@gmail.com

BLACK LAKE MEMBERSHIP NOTES

SHARON DULAK - 733-2565

Many thanks to all the Volunteers who are willing to give of their time to walk Black Lake beaches, give out membership cards, decals and collect dues. (Just plain, "Thank you", doesn't seem enough.) I know how valuable time is and I appreciate each and everyone of you and all that you do.

Once again I am asking everyone to mail their dues in early. It



really helps the organization and makes the beach representative's job easier. Last year more members than ever mailed their dues in early. Thank you!

We are also in need of

a couple new beach reps, so if any of you are interested, give me a call. I will gladly put you to work. You don't even have to do your own beach which gives you an opportunity to meet new, fun loving people. It is a win-win situation, good for the lake and good for you. Spring is, hopefully, just around the corner. Black Lake beaches will be waiting for you.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ONAWAY STATE PARK BOATING ACCESS

KEITH CHELI - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,
REGIONAL FIELD PLANNER, AICP MDNR

In collaboration with the Black Lake Association and the Inland Lakes Advisory Committee, the DNR Parks and Recreation Division is pursuing improvements at the Onaway State Park boating access site. The existing ramp will be removed and reoriented slightly away from the existing jetty and the flow of vehicular traffic which will be reversed in the immediate launch ramp maneuvering area. These two changes alone will greatly enhance boater launching and loading efficiencies, reduce boater cue and waiting time because of the ability that will be provided to pull a vehicle and trailer ahead

of the ramp in a straight fashion and then back directly on to the ramp. Along with the ramp reorientation, the reversal of vehicular flow is a key element that provides additional vehicular stacking area at the site while alleviating vehicular crossing and congestion points that currently exists during use periods.

The proposal utilizes most of the existing road infrastructure and paved area. The ramp relocation is proposed to be completed with local PDR major maintenance staff. They are currently completing site analysis, calculations and design required for DEQ and US Army Corp of Engineer permit applications. The project schedule will be

determined by the timing of permit approvals, program funding and priority of major maintenance staff work load, with a tentative schedule of post Labor Day 2014. When permits are approved, funding validated and a final construction schedule confirmed a public press release will be provided and coordinated with the BLA to ensure that the public is informed.

The partnership with the BLA and DNR PDR staff has been a key component in clarifying relevant, desired improvements.



RAFFLE WINNERS 2013

Tim Strauss -
Petoskey—Kayak

Bill Crist –Black Lake
BBQ Grill

Jim Cordes –Black Lake
\$100 Tom’s Market

Mike Beuerle -
Black Lake—Casino
Package

Mike Beuerle-
Black Lake—\$100 Tom’s
Market



Featured on EBay
this Sumer

Hand crafted
cedar strip ,
fiber glass covered,
14 foot boat

4 foot wide
3 seats

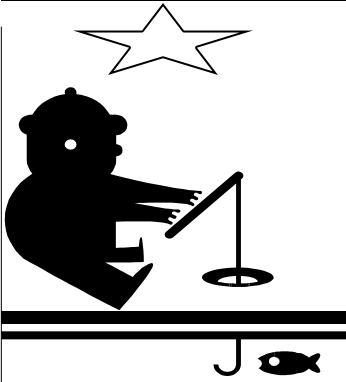
Hand crafted and
donated by
Dominic Bragg
With help from
Ron Dulak

The final glossy
finish
By
Brett Trepanier

All money will go
to the Black Lake
Association

For more info call
Ron—733-2565





The 2014 Black Lake Sturgeon Season Lasted 1 hour and 22 minutes on February 1. Six sturgeon were speared by the time the cannon sounded

Dan Stroup
66 inch, 90 lbs.
Female

Philip Dale Lail
61 inch, 57.5 lbs.
Female

Scott Ash
70 inch, 70 lbs.
Male

Russ Weathers
41 inch, 12 lbs.
Male

Steve Bodinger
51.5 inch, 28 lbs.
Male

Charlie Maltby
56 inch, 34 lbs.
Male

TOWER KLEBER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP/ BLACK RIVER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NEWS

As many of you know, from the 2012 Spring article written by Virgil Smith, the Alverno Hydro Plant, in conjunction with the Smith Rapids, controls the lake level of Black Lake throughout the year. This year, with a lot of fall rain the lake surged up late in the year and then froze early causing a higher than normal lake level. The lake level continues to drop through the winter, but as of the middle of January the lake was still at an elevated level. The early, abundant snow kept the ground from freezing and now, the ground continues to melt the snow and water continues to flow under the ice and snow. The large amount of snow this winter could mean a significant run off in the spring. Every effort will be made at the Alverno Dam in the spring run off/rain season to balance the levels above and below Smith Rapids and keep the lake within the target level. The Alverno Dam will have normal summer maintenance projects

scheduled along with an in depth dam evaluation. Watch for new signs that may have restricted areas during this testing.

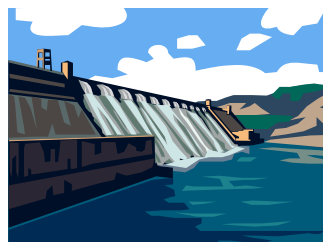
The Kleber Dam has scheduled work on the bridge deck and fencing that could have the road across the dam shut down for up to three weeks in the late summer, early fall. The sturgeon hatchery is scheduled to open again this year and the TKLP, DNR and Michigan State teams will begin work in early April to get the facility operating. Please contact the DNR or view the dates posted at the site for information on it's opening to the public.

The Tower Hydro is planning some concrete restoration work. This could include a draw down of the pond at some time for

work below normal lake levels. This work is still in the planning stages.

If any of this work includes changes in the lake elevations or access changes to recreation areas or roadways, there will be a notice posted in the Cheboygan and Onaway papers, and also at local convenience stores near the dams, if possible. There will also be information signs at the dams.

As always, please keep safety first at the dams. There is a strong current and undertow in the tailrace and at the intake areas of the dams. No swimming or boating is permitted here. The areas of recreational use are posted at each dam. Please stay out of restricted areas and observe all warning signs for safety. Always be aware of water level changes and flow conditions. For safety concerns, call 989-733-5170 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



BLACK LAKE FISHERY COMMITTEE

ERIN MCLEAN - 733-4661

The BLA Fish Committee has had another successful year trying to increase the fishery in Black Lake. Over the past year we have raised enough money to stock Black Lake in the fall of 2014.

This year we will again have our raffle fundraiser to help with the stocking of walleye. We will be raffling off

a kayak, BBQ grill, casino package and gift certificates. Tickets will be available in May.

With the very cold temperatures we have had this year, the ice fishing has been slow for legal walleye. There have, however, been good reports of small walleye being caught all over the

lake. The BLA was also, once again, in charge of the Shivaree fishing contest this year. We had over 100 contest entries, which was great considering the cold conditions on



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2013



AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY AND GRAVEL

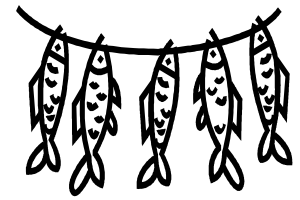
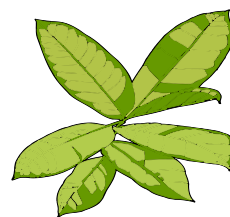
An aquatic plant survey of Black Lake will be conducted during the summer of 2014, by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. It will document the areal extent, species composition and relative density of aquatic

vegetation throughout the lake with particular emphasis on the status of invasive species, such as Eurasian water milfoil. Additionally, gravel substrate areas conducive to walleye breeding will be mapped.

The Association believes that early detection and rapid response are critical for effectively controlling invasive species, both in terms of limiting the

spread and economically.

A healthy lake and fisheries depends on healthy plant populations. Aquatic plants provide cover, food and oxygen, and help prevent erosion of the lake bottom and



News from the Lake Shore

Northern Pike

1st - Damon Marsh
5.80 lbs. 29 1/2"
Onaway, MI

2nd - Sam Spomer
4.15 lbs 26 7/8"
Rogers City, MI

Walleye

1st. - Claud Tucker
4.05 lbs. 21 1/4"
Belmont, MI

2nd -Richard Moulder
3.35 lbs. 21'
Cheboygan, MI

Perch

1st -Jacob Malocha
1.15 lbs. 13 1/8"
Rogers City, MI

2nd-Jesse Szatkouski
.95 lbs 12 1/4"
Rogers City, MI



Black Lake Association Annual Dinner

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Black Lake Golf Club and Grille
2800 Maxon Road, Onaway, Michigan 49765

5:30 -6:30 pm Appetizers and local Black Lake Entrainment
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner and Slide Show
7:30 pm Live Auction
8:00 pm Silent Auction Closes and check out opens

Buffet Dinner will include Prime Rib, Parmesan Encrusted Walleye, Potato, Mixed Vegetable, House Salad, Fresh Roll, Cookie or Brownies, Coffee, Tea, and Cash Bar

\$25.00 per person; Reservations Required by July 12
Limited seating for 100 people.

Any questions, call Mary Pynnonen-Rocco 248-762-0152

We are very appreciative of any donation you would like to make for our auction. Contact Mary to discuss any ideas you may have for an individual or beach donation.

Please reserve _____ dinners for July 19, 2014. I have enclosed (\$25.00 per person) \$ _____ to cover the cost of the dinner.

Name(s) _____

Please return payment along with the bottom of this form before July 12, 2014 to:

The Black Lake Association
PO Box 302
Onaway, Michigan 49765