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2021 Events Calendar

Annual Meeting

10:00 Saturday May 29

Fleming United Methodist Church at Co Rd 5 and Highway 210

Boat parade July 3

Picnic Aug 7

Highway Pick-Up

- **May 15th** Ray. Williams

- **Sept 18** Jack Stevenson

Meet at the intersection of Highway 210 and Gun Lake Road. 8:00 a.m.

Find us at Gun-Lake.org

2021

MEMBERSHIP DUES

To pay your \$25 annual membership dues you can give it to any board member, use the enclosed envelope, or send it to the address on the back page. Make checks payable to the Gun Lake Association.

To help us rid the lake of this invading weed, there is an additional request for \$50 for CLP

Adopt-a-Highway

On Saturday September 19, twelve people met at the corner of highway 210 and Gun Lake Road for the annual fall cleanup. The crew picked up trash on two miles of highway 210, one mile East and one mile West of Gun Lake Road. Thank you to all who showed up to help. It was nice to have plenty of people; more people makes less time spent to get the job done. We look forward to many helpers again at our first cleanup of 2021 on Saturday, **May 15th**.



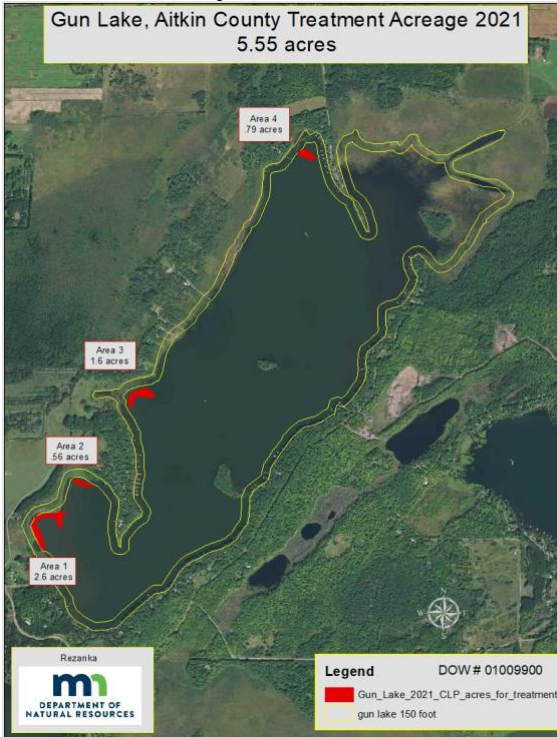
Pictured: Curt West, Russ Peterson, John Strantz, Scott and Stephanie Nelson, Jim Ditter, Ken Good, Doug and Yvonne Quady, Jack and Terri Stevenson, and Ray Williams (photographer, not pictured)

We were saddened at hearing of the passing of a good neighbor, Lee Nelson. He was one of the early organizing members of the Association, involved in many aspects and decisions. He and Mary hosted the annual East West water-volleyball game on their beach. The picture on page 3, was taken in about 1990. The game always drew a crowd.

Lee got up one July forth morning,, hung a flag on his boat, and our annual boat parade was born.

CLP

The MN DNR completed their mapping of Curly-Leaf Pondweed for 2021, map is shown below. This exotic and invasive weed species is found on about 5 acres, which similar to last year.



We have a DNR permit to treat the red areas. Lake Restoration Inc. will spray the CLP like last year, as soon as the water warms up to the optimal temperature. The strategy is to treat the CLP before the native plants get growing to help return the lake to its natural plant mix. The CLP population grew from non-existent to being the most numerous weed in the lake, occupying 50+ acres. In just a couple decades. These last locations are proving stubborn.

Board of Directors' meeting topics

1. The association's bylaws will be undergoing review and update.
2. Status of CLPW – We did not win a grant again this year. The DNR survey is complete, we have the DNR permit, the contract with LRI is waiting for signature.
3. Lake level readings –the lake froze over on Dec 13, 2020, and ice-out April 5, 2021, Lake height is up 7" from fall, at 1,208.8 feet above sea-level
4. Loon sightings already this year
5. This year's dues will remain at \$25 per membership, with a CLP ask of \$50 since we've had a couple good years of treatment results.
6. 501 C (3) status is something we really need apply in the coming months.
7. A vision for an updated web site were presented. An example web page handed out, still need some professional web designer's touch
8. New association logo designs were presented, selection will at annual meeting .

Lost Deer

From Mn Conservation Volunteer May/June 2021

A couple out walking last May, came upon a fawn which started to follow them. Based on behavior and timing DNR deer expert Glenn DelGiudice suspects the fawn was less than a week old and was imprinting on the girlfriend. The best thing to do is move quickly away. Most important : Never try to rescue what seems to be an abandoned fawn. The mothers hide them, some times not too well. Mom was likely foraging nearby.

East Side vs WestSide volleyball game in about 1990 at Nelson's



Mission Statement

The organizational purpose of the Gun Lake Association is to advocate the appreciation, conservation, and restoration of Gun Lake and watershed. The intention of the association is to objectively represent all reasonable viewpoints on environmental issues affecting the wise stewardship of our lake

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Help us keep our mailing list up to date. If you know of new people on the lake we would like to get their address. If you have new neighbors, you could let them know about the Association by leaving a copy of this newsletter.

You can send \$25 membership dues to Dayna Stuber at 7507 -113th Avenue North; Champlain, MN 55316, checks payable to **Gun Lake Association**

Volunteers

Lois Peacock - ALCARA representative, GLA picnic
Bob Carlson, Judy Witt – Newsletter, CLP Team
Jack Stevenson & Bruce Cadwell – GLA event sign installers
Barb Wernli GLA Picnic
Joe and Janet Pipp Loon Watch (new)
Yvonne Quady, Ray Williams. , Jack Stevenson Adopt-A Highway project coordinators
Bonnie/Ken Good – GLA picnic hosts
Ray Williams – Lake water level reading & recording

Sleepy loons

From Mn Conservation Volunteer May/June 2021

Loons do indeed sleep while floating on the water says DNR wildlife Expert Lori Neumann. In fact the only time you will find them on land is when they are building their nests and incubating eggs. If you see a loon with its head tucked under its wing, it's taking a snooze. Loons sleep mainly during the day when they are less vulnerable to predators

Hole Sweet Hole

From Mn Conservation Volunteer May/June 2021



Minnesota animals large and small make their homes in hollowed-out spaces in trees.

Some people might think a big old rotting trees with holes in the trunk, has outlived its usefulness... but its usefulness has just begun.

Young healthy trees have a solid core of dead wood known as heartwood.

Sometimes a tree gets a nick in the bark or breaks a branch. The injury might allow wood-eating fungus to grow and eat the heartwood. The result is a perfect home: out of the weather, and a spot to hide from predators. People used to think trees with broken branches as undesirable. Cavity-nesting animals started to disappear. Today people see them as “bird hotels”.

The Association is still looking **volunteers** for several activities:

- Lead Boat Parade & Award
- Picnic set-up
- Cabin Tour – need organizer
- Future President candidates

