



Gun Lake News

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Adopt-a-Highway
Sept. 19
8:30 a.m.

2021

MEMBERSHIP DUES

To pay your \$25 annual dues please give it to any board member, or send it to the address below. Make checks payable to the Gun Lake Association.



Dayna Stuber
 7507 -113th Avenue
 North; Champlain, MN
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Summer Picnic

Our annual picnic was held on Saturday, August 7th at Jim and Pam Ditter's house on Gun Lake. The weather was a little on the chilly side, with light sprinkles off and on. We all gathered in the large garage and outside under the canopies, to enjoy the wide variety of great food brought by the sixty plus Gun Lake members and their families. The hot dogs and fixins were furnished by the Association. A big thank you to Jim and Pam for hosting the picnic and for donating two items for auction, with the \$145 donated to the Curly Leaf Pond Weed fund. After we finished eating some people went down by the lake and others enjoyed visiting with their Gun Lake neighbors.

Next year we will look at changing the picnic date to the second Saturday in August. This will move our event away from the Riverboat Days activities in Aitkin, which is always held the first weekend in August. The hope is to allow more people to attend our annual picnic each year going forward.

On-Line store is a big success!

By Sonja Carlson

A variety of Gun Lake merchandise was for sale this summer in an online store. A total of 234 items were ordered resulting in \$1,170 being raised to support controlling Curly-leaf Pondweed. Thanks to everyone who purchased items and supported the cause!

Another on-line store is in the works and will be announced on Gun-Lake.org once plans are in place.

Boat for Sale



Boat for sale - 1995 16' Lund with a 40 HP Mercury motor, trolling motor with mount, live well, rod storage, interchangeable seats and cover. Trailer is included. \$5,000.00 If interested, or need more details email Tyler at tyler@encompass-health.com

Boat Storage

Storage on Gun Lake at Kathy Nyhus (former Jim Saba house) is \$10 per foot. Storage spaces will be limited - and will be first come first serve. If interested send an email to tylern@encompass-health.com

Board of Directors'' Meeting

September 4th 2021 –at Dan and Judy Witt's home

Attending: Jan Blair, Bob Carlson, Tom Streitz. Judy Witt, Sonja Carlson, Jim Ditter, Dayna Stuber, Don and Verla Donat, Jack Stevenson, Ray Williams

1. Next 210 highway road trash pickup: Jack Stevenson, Saturday Sept. 18th at 8:00 am
2. Annual boat parade will start at 11:00 a.m. next. year – For 2022 need new parade lead boat
3. Picnic hosted by Jim Ditter see story on page 1. Decided to move date to second Saturday in August 2022 to avoid conflicts with other events,
4. Tax Status 501 (C)(3) – Tom Streitz /Dayna Stuber Paperwork filed with IRS June 1st , \$275, filing fee
5. Is Gun Lake in Aitkin or Palisade: based on post office addresses NW lake homes in Palisade, SE homes in Aitkin; all located within Aitkin County.

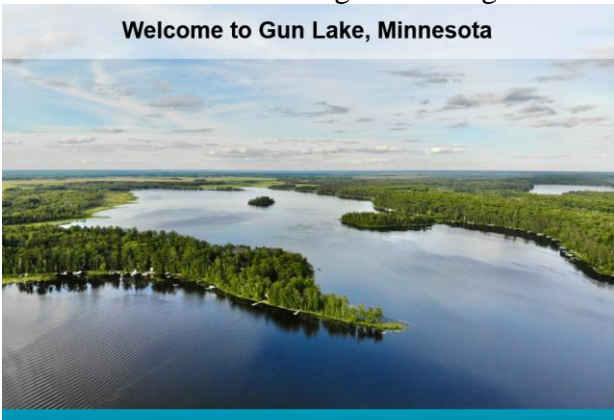


by Judy Witt

In the spring a bear got into our feeders and did lots of damage to them. So we started taking the feeders in at night. After several weeks we decided to start leaving them out again. Bad idea, the bear got them again, so we put up a camera to see what was wandering around the yard at night. This guy showed up on August 5th at 9:45 PM to see if we left feeders out for him. Not any more, we just keep the trash and feeders inside at night.

Gun-Lake.org gets a facelift

The Gun Lake Association website has been revamped to feature aerial images of the lake (compliments of Jacob Mehr) along with a variety of lake resources, the latest news and upcoming events as well as community resources. Check it out at gun-lake.org.



- Home
- Membership
- Lake profile & care
- News
- Calendar of Events
- Night skies & local

Lake life...where else would you rather be?

Welcome neighbors and friends to the Gun Lake Association website - your resource for the latest news and upcoming events along with lake and community resources.

Originally named Manomin (Ojibwa for wild rice), Gun Lake is located 12 miles northeast of Atkin with an elevation of 1,214 feet, or 370 meters above sea level. The northwest side



Annual Meeting Raffle

Two items donated by Jim Ditter including a polished wood map of Gun Lake, and a table decoration as part of a giveaway raffle that raised \$145



2020-2021 Board of Directors

Judy Witt -----	President
Tom Streitz-----	Vice President
Dayna Stuber -----	Treasurer
Bob Carlson-----	Secretary
Ken & Bonnie Good	Lois Peacock
Don Donat	Jack Stevenson
Barb Wernli	Ray William
Ed Fossen	Jan Blair
Sonja Carlson	(open position)

www.gun-lake.org

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.

Gun Lake Association Mission Statement

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

MEMBER VOLUNTEERS:

Barb Wernli , GLA Picnic
Lois Peacock - ALCARA rep./assist on GLA picnic
TBD - Lead Boat Parade
Bob Carlson, Judy Witt – newsletter, CLP team
Don Donat – Lake buoy location spotting
Ray Williams, Jack Stevenson
 Adopt-A- Highway co-coordinators
Jack Stevenson/Bruce Cadwell – GLA event sign installers
Ray Williams – Lake water level reading & recording

Hurrah for Muskrats MN Con. Volunteer Aug 2020

Muskrats are not really rats, but rodents like squirrels and beavers, which all have long front teeth. Muskrats have two layers of fur: long heavy guard hairs, which protect the soft inner layer of hair. This under-fur traps tiny air bubbles that helps the animal float. Underfur also helps keep the muskrat's skin dry and warm. With this protection, they can remain active throughout most of the year.



In winter, several muskrats may cozy up inside a lodge to stay warm. Instead of storing food for winter they swim out daily to find fresh plants, and sometimes will eat critters like cray fish. In extreme cold they keep inside for days and can chew on the walls of their home. Since the lodge is made of the same plants they can eat.



