

**Fall 2007**

# Little Birch Lake Association

"An Organization Dedicated to Water Quality"



## President's Letter

It seems like the ice just went off a couple of days ago and now we are looking at a lake that is nearly froze again. Best wishes to the snowmobilers in their quest for a pile of snow. Just remember you can't eat it and you have to shovel it. I have not seen a loon in a couple of days. I hope they make it down south and then back again in a couple of years.

As always there is some good information in this newsletter. I hope that you all have time to read it and then give it to the rest of the family so that we can keep every body as informed as possible. We have updates and new information and just things of general interest in this newsletter.

A couple of different committees have been working with the DNR over the summer and as always we have worked with them on the spraying of the different weed problems we have on the lake. I believe with all the things that we do with the DNR they are convinced that we are a lake association that truly cares about the lake that we live on. We should be happy with all the volunteers we have working for us.

We have a few different activities during the year and each year we have more people joining us for some of the fun. You can show your support for the lake association just by coming out to one of our functions and having a good time. You will be able to read about them in the newsletter and I hope next year you make time to join us.

We, the Board of Directors, will continue working hard for the lake and we appreciate all the words of encouragement that we receive from you when you talk to us. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Daniel J Goihi

President

Little Birch Lake Association

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The weather was pretty nice the day Little Birch had its golf tournament. That was enough to get about 25 golfers out. The plan was to play the short par 3 course set up on the course at Melrose and the golfers seemed to like the change. There were some new faces on the links and it sounds like some of them will return next year. Please watch future newsletters for information on time and location for next years tournament.

## Dinner Dance 07

If you were unable to make it to the Dinner Dance, you miss a good one. Even though it was hard to tell who was who with all the camouflage in the Hub. The chow was again very good and the longer you stayed the better time you seemed to have.

There was once again some great items on the auction tables and Jon Brophy and his team did a great job on the party. Many of you liked the items and were willing to spend some money on them. When all the numbers were sorted out we managed to make just over \$5000 dollars.

This is a good thing as the cost of treatment for milfoil and curryleaf pondweed is on the increase. With the lack of rain this summer the low water level helped the milfoil to spread to new areas. The money generated from the Dinner Dance is slated for the fight of the exotic weeds.

Once again the Board of Directors would like to thank Jon and his committee for their great job and to all who attended the Dinner Dance.

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## LOONS

The Little Birch loons had a good summer. Once again there were 3 nesting pair of adult loons and each pair had 2 chicks. There was also one adult loon on the lake that did not mate. All 6 chicks survived the summer and can still be seen on the lake this October. They have been able to fly since early August and will probably remain on the lake into November. The adults have migrated to their winter home on the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic coast from the Carolinas to Florida. They have been gone since early August. Migrating loons can fly from 75 to 110 mph. In the winter the loons lose their haunting call and their bright colors.

A special thank you to Ben Petermeier, Mark & Karen Meyer and Tom Blais for their help with the loon nesting platforms this year. Congratulations to Shar and Dan Gohl for attracting a pair of loons to the nest they put out on the narrow part of the lake after 3 years of persistence on their part. We are hoping that the single loon on the lake will attract a mate and become the 4<sup>th</sup> nesting pair next summer.

## SECHI DISC READINGS

Since May we have taken 36 disc readings. The water clarity of the lake was pretty much a repeat of last year. With the hot dry weather we had an early algae bloom which made the water quite murky in July and early August. When we started taking the sechi discs readings in late May we had a high reading of 11 feet. The lowest reading of 6 feet occurred on July 18th. With the cooler weather, rain, the end of the algae bloom, and decreased water craft activity the lake's clarity has been steadily improving. At the last reading we took in October the water was clear to 15 feet at site 3 near Brinkman's farm.

Little Birch Loon-a-tics

## 07 FISHING TOURNAMENT

Pete once again had good weather the day he scheduled the fishing tournament. We set a record with 41 anglers showing up to try their luck. Almost every one caught fish. There was nothing to put on the wall but every one had a good time. The largest fish were....Northern 22.5", Bass 18.5", Walleye 19", Crappie 11.5", Sunfish 8.5", Rock Bass 8".

A thank you goes out to Dwight and Sharon Anderson for letting the tournament fisherman dock at their cabin for the weigh-in and for the fish fry. The little fire pits helped warm up those with the chills. Another thank you goes to those who brought a dish to share with fellow anglers.

After many of the fish were cleaned, Dennis and Arnie fried the as fast as they could. Many of the fried fish never made it to the table as people watching them fry would eat them as fast as they would come out of the fry pan. This is another Lake Association event that you should try to make and have some fun.

## THE LITTLE BIRCH BOOK

Little Birch Lake is happy to have an ambitious person on the lake. Doris Sackett is that person. She and her team has taken on the task of putting together the history of Little Birch Lake in a book form. This will be a long and hard project.

She has a lot of information but wants more. If you have anything that you think she would like to put in the book or any stories or information on the history of your place on the lake or any part of the lake please send her the information. If you have any pictures of lake happenings to go along with your stories or something you just want to share with every one please let her know .

This winter would be a great time to go through some of your files and boxes to see what you can find. It will bring back some good memories and then you could share them with the rest of us.

Please help us out with this project by sending any information to.....

Doris Sackett

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