

FALL 2014 Silver Lake IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION *Caring for the future of the lake*

The Great Big SLIA Beach Ball



The Silver Lake Beach Ball was on the lake for eight days this summer and it is loaded with your names and messages!

The red, white and blue ball even made it out on the 4th of July to float on the lake all day, showing lake residents and visitors alike how proud we are to live in this great country we call the "United States of America".

Thanks to all the beach ball police for keeping an eye out and even repairing the ball when needed. We were able to have it on display at the annual meeting

for all to view and sign if they hadn't gotten a chance when it was out on the lake.

As I sit down to write this article, I wonder to myself, "Where did the summer go?", it is hard to believe it is September already. I hope you all enjoyed our beach ball and regatta and had a wonderful summer on and off the lake.

Well that is all for now. I wish you all a great fall and winter, and when the ice is gone in the spring, let's do it again!
... Chuck Hathaway

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

I am sure many of you are wondering what happened to our summer this year. It's been a bit cooler and a tad wetter than the last few summers, but there were still plenty of days to get out and enjoy our beautiful lake. My wife and I were able to take several cruises around the lake. We enjoyed seeing the children playing in the water and diving off their swim rafts. Many other residents were out enjoying their own cruise, several people were water skiing and wake boarding - kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards were abundant. We stopped to talk to people fishing to see if they were having any luck. We even saw a few people out on their sailboats. There were many campfires by the waters edge in the evenings as well as gatherings of friends for a picnic by the shore.

So even though it was a bit cooler and a tad wetter, there was still a lot of fun to be had by all. That's why we are here!

B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President

IT'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME FOR SLIA

Why Should YOU Join the SLIA?

Because YOUR

- Environment
- Recreation
- Property Values

... are all at stake if the lake isn't preserved and protected.

Because NO ONE else is going to care if it depreciates EXCEPT those of us who live here.

What does the SLIA do for YOU?

- It monitors and treats Invasive Species that invade our waters, along with appropriate water testing to keep our lake healthy.
- It monitors events, development and laws that could impact our lake.
- It publishes a bi-yearly newsletter for residents providing articles on:
 - o Upcoming Social Events
 - o Water Safety rules & practices
 - o Who Do You Call Contact numbers
 - o Wildlife protection
 - o Environmental Issues that could impact the lake quality.
- It issues an e-mail message to all MEMBERS for current issues, social event dates, lost & found, water treatment dates, etc.

What can YOU do to help?

- IF YOU HAVE ALREADY JOINED – THANK YOU!!!
- IF NOT – YOU CAN JOIN NOW by sending in the enclosed membership form with your dues and comments today. You can also volunteer to help with various sponsored activities. Thank you in advance for your support!

Let's all work together now to make our lake a better place to live –

... for ourselves
and our future generations.



Adopt-A-Road Update

Our Silver Lake volunteers cleaned East Silver Lake Road this spring and summer even though Mother Nature did not always co-operate. I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped. A special thanks to the people who couldn't make it on our backup date, and went out on their own to



clean up part of the road! September 20th is our next cleanup date and will mark the third year that we have participated in the program. I am looking forward to seeing you @ 10 a.m. at the Silver Lake Park to finish out this year!

Ron Grin

SLIA Annual Kids Fishing Tournament

We are planning a big change in the tournament for next year. Instead of being on the free fishing weekend (2 days) in June, it will run from Memorial Day Weekend until the Fourth of July. This will give all lake owners children, grand children, etc., a better chance to participate!

It will require a picture of the child and the fish

that is caught sent to the committee with this information: size, weight (if possible) and length. Is this the child's first fish ever caught? More information will be featured in our spring newsletter and on our website. Check out this year's participants belows!

Ron Grin



Matthew Kushman



Nathan Elshaw



Sarah Elshaw



Trinity Troweridge



Christopher Groleau



Logan Rottier



Chase Troweridge



Helen Rose McDonald



Spencer Troweridge



Carson Clark



Abby McDonald



Miyles Palmer

Independence Day 2014 Silver Lake Strong

It was a beautiful day on Silver Lake and we all regattaed!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



1st Place: Machuta Family – “Margaritaville”



2nd Place: Weaver Family – “Hang Loose Silver Lake”



3rd Place: Cupp Family – “United We Stand”



4th Place: Kuhn Family – “4th of July”



Honorable Mention: Berden Family – “Music Of The 50’s”



Honorable Mention: Finch Family – “USA”

REGATTA ENTHUSIASTS ON PARADE



Perry Family – “Merica” Bon Homme Richard



Wood Family – “4th Of July”



Smith Family – “Celebrate The 4th”



Joseph Family – “Peace and Freedom”



Edwards Family – “Tropical Americana”



Kleinrichert Family – “A Family 4th”



Geskus Family – “American Pride”



Breneman Family – American Pride – Land of the Free”



Bogard Family – “Get Lei’d”



Four Winns – “Joining The Parade”



SLIA Lead Boat – Ogden, Seidelman, Knight Families

Thank you to everyone who participated in and watched the Fourth of July festivities. Silver Lake is the greatest place to live!

SHORELINE PARTICIPANTS IN ACTION

It's all about the kids...



and families....



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES



Crewes Family



Bogard Family



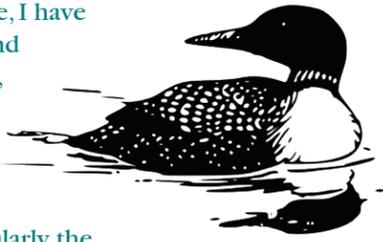
Borucki Family



Britten Family

ADVENTURE IN LOONOLOGY

For most of my life, I have been interested and intrigued by birds, moving to the lake has provided me the opportunity to enjoy the waterfowl, particularly the



Loons. I was fortunate to have a neighbor, **Henry Wise**, as a wonderful mentor, providing tidbits of knowledge to me about them. He had been a Loon Ranger for many years, monitoring several lakes in the area. When he moved from the lake, I sought to replace him as the ranger for Silver Lake!

Unfortunately, this season, our Loons have not produced any offspring. They tried to nest down at the south end, but turtles and kayakers disturbed them and they were soon put off the nest. With the higher lake level, they just didn't seem able to find another suitable nesting site.

Nonetheless, this is going to be an exciting adventure in "Loonology." I am now a member of the Michigan Loon Preservation Association (MLPA) and part of my duties as the Loon Ranger is to report specific data to them each year. Since Silver Lake is a big lake and many of you take pleasure in our Loons, the SLIA board thought perhaps you might like to assist me in the Loon reporting. To that end, I have set up a Loon email address for you to correspond with me at silverlakeloons@hotmail.com.

The type of useful information would be when you first spot the Loon(s) arrival in the spring, (typically mid April - mid May). An important statistic would be the number of pairs of Loons you see. (But, to be accurate, you would have to see all of them at the same time, you could not presume that a pair sighted in one location is different than a pair sighted later in another). If you spot a nest, I would need to know the site. If there are chicks, please provide how many and the date you first saw them. The final bit of data would be when you last see them at the end of the season. The adults normally leave in Sept/Oct. **The chicks do not migrate with the parents, but leave later, perhaps November or possibly December.**

I am excited about this opportunity to be the Silver Lake Loon Ranger and I hope you will join me

in my pursuit of observing and monitoring our Loons!

*Sherry McNamara,
Silver Lake Loon
Ranger*

Remember – if you see someone threatening the Loons, please call the DNR at 231.922.5280!



Welcoming Committee

There have been a number of properties sold on Silver Lake this summer and I have had the pleasure of visiting and welcoming several of them to our community. So that we do not miss anyone, I would greatly appreciate your contacting me if you have a new neighbor. You can email me at kaufmanmk@gmail.com, or call 517-775-2456.

Mike Kaufman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(Fall Membership 2014-2015)

John Drzewiecki	John & Marion Mulligan
Donald & Joann Foote	Mike & Laura Reed
Ken & Ellen Kaufman	James & Shirley Robertson
Michael & Kelly Kazmierski	Tim & Lisa Schaub
Carolyn Keesor	Reid & Jill Wahl
Ryan & Jamie LaFaive	Bradley & Maureen Ward
Robin McAvoy	

Eliminate Purple Loosestrife!!



It's that time of year – the Purple Loosestrife is in bloom! When touring around the lake, you may have noticed this "very beautiful flower" along the shoreline. If you are unaware – this is a very invasive species that can quickly overtake our lake if left to reseed itself.

Either from your boat or on the shore – please carry a bag, cut the flowers from the top and place in the bag to be disposed of, then dig or pull the plant out by the roots! Your neighbors and the lake will be grateful for your "Good Deed of the Day."

Environmental Committee Report – Fall 2014

This seasons' treatment of the Eurasian Milfoil appears to have been very successful. As I stated in the Spring, the EM had hybridized with the native milfoil, making it more challenging to treat. There were about 16 acres of EM treated in early summer (about the same amount as was treated last Summer).

The Fall survey showed that early summer treatment effectively killed the EM in those areas. There were some areas where new growth had appeared, but overall there were only about 5 to 6 acres of EM noted in the fall survey. Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC (the firm we utilize to monitor our lake) requested the DEQ to use a different, more potent herbicide to fight the stronger strain

of the EM on the lake. Together with the cooler summer we experienced this year, we have seen a tremendous reduction in the Eurasian Milfoil this season. Let us not forget that even though we have seen great progress this year, we are still only "managing" the spread of EM in our lake. To completely eradicate it might never happen. The best we can hope for is to minimize the areas that the EM is affecting.

Another issue that I continue to remind you of is the pumping of your septic tanks and drain fields. These systems are great, but they can, and do, fail if not taken care of. Please have your tanks pumped yearly and if possible, your systems inspected to insure that they are working properly.

The last item that I want to bring up is disposal of fall leaves. If you do your own fall cleanup or you hire it done by one of the yard service businesses, please have them picked up and removed from the lake edge. Do not dump, rake, or blow them into the lake. If you do it yourself, this will take more of your time to do, and if you hire it done, it will cost you more – but you will help limit the potential muck build up for 2014.

Fisheries – Bait Alert!

A problem has started showing up in lakes to the south of us (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio), it is the use of **Asian Carp** Minnows as bait for fishing! The left-over minnows that are not used during the day's fishing are unknowingly being dumped into the lakes at the end of the day. **You can guess what comes next!**

Please notify your bait supplier of this practice and hopefully he will investigate what types of minnows he is supplying.

The best practice to follow is to not discard any unused bait into the lake at the end of your fishing day!

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WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations.....911

Boating violations (MC number required) or launch site violations
Central Dispatch.....922-4550

General Marine questions (leave msg)
Sheriff's Marine Division
231-922-2112

DNR Traverse City Office
231-922-5280

Lost and found (Barry Andrews)
231-943-7005 or
TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com

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