

Shoreline Ramblings



A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association

Winter 2012

Pleasant Faces & Places

Memories of Long Summers on Pleasant Lake!

As a young boy, **Richard "Dick" Meyer** would spend his summers at the Cassellius resort on the Northeast end of Pleasant Lake. Each summer, beginning when Dick was around 5 years old, his family would rent one of Cassellius's classic cottages for the entire summer. The family would spend a good portion of their summer enjoying early morning sunrises, fishing, and swimming in Pleasant Lake.

Dick grew up in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul, where his father worked for a printing company in downtown St. Paul. At an early age, Dick became good friends with another young boy named **Harvey Fraber**, who also lived in the Frogtown neighborhood. Little did they know at the time, that this early association would turn into a lifelong friendship spending time on Pleasant Lake.

When the two became teenagers, Dick invited Harvey to join him on his summer vacations on Pleasant Lake, and they spent long, lazy summers enjoying all that the lake had to offer. This is where the two developed their love of fishing, which they still enjoy today. The two tell of stories of the Cassellius Resort, their traditional 1930's vintage cabins, the abundance of fish, and the best fishing holes on the lake.

After graduating from high school and spending two years at the U of M, Dick was drafted into the Army and spent the next few years serving our country during the Korean War, stationed in Seattle and Tacoma, WA.

A year later, Harvey was also drafted into the Army and served for a total of two years, spending time in Korea.

After serving their country, Dick and Harvey

Bass Fishing Contest

On August 18, Pleasant Lake held its first Bass Fishing Contest. There were a total of six boats that participated in the contest. The award was given to the boat with the largest five Bass fish. Every boat caught at least one Bass. There was only one boat that caught all five fish. The winners, on a Pontoon boat with their dog, were: CJ, Jack, Katie, Beth, Diane Nilson and Jake Mader. When asked the key to their success, CJ said, "The winning formula was to



Bruce Way & Ryan Haugland w/dandy Bass

throw numbers in a boat and therefore surround the fish with bobbers!" They fished several locations on the lake and were using night crawlers, large sucker minnows and regular fat-head minnows.

Over all it was a nice day on the lake to fish.



Admiral Dave got him one!

Thank you to Admiral Dave Warner for organizing the tournament. We'll look forward to more boat entries next year.



Pleasant Faces, cont'd...

began renting cottages themselves at the Cassellius resort, continuing their family tradition of summers on Pleasant Lake.

This summer tradition continued until late 1969, when Harvey discovered a property for sale on the site of the old Hahn's resort on the south end of the lake. Harvey met with the owner, partnered with Dick and the two purchased the property they still own today. The property had two cabins from the original Hahn's resort and they utilized them for several years. Beginning in 1983, Harvey and Dick hired builder Jack Purcell to build and construct the cabins they continue to enjoy today!

A lifelong association with roots on Pleasant Lake describes Dick and Harvey's friendship. Their love of fishing, bantering back and forth, started at an early age and continues in full force today!

Hahn's Resort

Like the resort that Dick and Harvey grew up on, Hahn's resort was also an important part of the summer scene on Pleasant Lake. This resort was located in the midst of today's Basswood Street and had at least 9 cabins and the main lodge which was located on the corner of Lake and Pleasant Avenue.



now owned by Dave and Penny Hogberg, Ray and Karen Larson, Jeff and Rebecca Harkman. Dick and Janette Meyer,

Harvey and Maureen Fraber and Cathy Petersen. Over the years, cabins were progressively removed as the property owners built new homes and cabins. This past summer, the Hahn's
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resort Lodge was moved and the property split between two adjacent homeowners. One last cabin from Hahn's resort still remains. It is owned by Ray and Karen Larson.



Last version of Hahn Lodge

Tim Hable had the opportunity to visit with Kenny Rudolph and his remembrances about the resort.

The owner, Bert Hahn purchased the resort from a Mr. Dunton and the lodge became the home of the Bert Hahn family. Bert was a retired Minneapolis police officer who moved here with his family. Kenny commented on the basketball net and backboard on the old pictures as there were 3 or 4 boys in the family, and they were all tall basketball players. Photos of the old resort are provided by Judy Ferrell and her Annandale history collection.



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Be sure to visit our website at: www.pliamn.com

Lots of info here... more pictures, meeting minutes, back issues of this newsletter, etc.

You can also post your favorite lake-themed photos by sending to pliamn@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendar...

Annual Meeting

May 18th

Pleasant Lake Summer Social

Sat, Aug 10th

a Summer **Fiesta** is in the works!

PLIA Summer Social

The Summer social was another rousing success and loads of fun for all that attended. This year's theme was all about Hawaii, so leis' and grass skirts were what all the chic attendees were wearing! Games, music and craft projects made for a fun and busy afternoon. Jen & Ed Mader did another wonderful job of coordinating the food, prizes and activities and I must say, watching Ed grill chicken in his grass skirt was a sight to behold... *there oughta' be a law...!* This year's crowd numbered around 90, with 27 members represented. We'd certainly like to thank our sponsors for the generous donations of door prizes.

All Things Good; Anchor Dock; Annandale Marine; Bayer Built Woodworks; Commercial Construction of MN; Dingmann Marine; In Hot Water; Oak Realty; Tom & Gary's Bowling Ctr., and the families of Mike & Susan Carlson, David & Toni Boie and David & Penny Hogberg.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Board Notes...

The board is currently wrapping up the **501C3 application** and will be sending it in within the next few days. After that it takes approximately 8 weeks for review/ approval.

The Officers Elect for 2013 are:

President: John Sedey
 Vice President: Dave Hogberg
 Secretary: Jim Peterson
 Treasurer: Jeff Harkman

Our mission *"To preserve and maintain good clean water and to protect the environment surrounding the lake."*

Lions 50th Anniversary Medallion Hunt

If you followed the clues and progress of the medallion hunt just a few weeks back, you probably already know that the mystery was solved by the *Super Slueth* team of Jake and Faith Mader and their parents Jen & Ed. It was a family event as they eagerly awaited each new clue in the weekly Advocate, and after the 4th clue, they had it pretty well narrowed down to the the HC ramp of the Park Pavillion, where it was found. *The family has decided to donate the \$200 prize money to the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association.* "It wasn't really about the money, it was the challenge of the hunt and the family activity that we enjoyed most." said Ed.

We **Thank You** for this generous donation.



Please NOTE...

On the back cover of this newsletter you'll find the **Membership renewal form**. (*The membership year is from Jan 1 to Dec 31.*)

This past year (2012) we had 73 paid members, (*only 56% of possible properties*). This is down from 78 in 2011. If you are one that simply forgot to renew, or haven't become a member for another reason, we hope you'll reconsider and join the Pleasant Lake family. 100% participation would be awesome! *Reality may be something less, but surely it should be better than 56%.*

It is truly a blessing to live on Pleasant Lake, but as you know, there are many threats pending that could seriously change the lake as we know it. Strength is in numbers, and as we face what lies ahead, we need all of your input and support to face the challenges to our precious lake. I'm guessing that \$3/month is not keeping anyone from joining. Some may just be waiting for an invitation. So consider this that! Please, **please...** join your Pleasant Lake family today.

(Most of us are pretty nice folks once you get to know us!)

TO:

Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



Membership Renewal

Member Name (last): _____ (first) _____

Primary Mailing Address: _____ () _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ () _____

Lake Address: _____ () _____

email address: (please print clearly) _____

Membership year runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31st

* Your support allows us to continue our programs of improving Water Quality, however, dues alone are currently not enabling us to treat all of the area that should be treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed. Any additional donation you could make will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and this invasive plant in check.

Annual Membership Dues : \$ 35.00
 (Not Tax Deductable)

* Water Quality Improvement Fund : _____
 (Voluntary Donation)

Total : \$ _____

Please remit checks to:

Pleasant Lake Improvement Association
 PO Box 71
 Annandale, MN 55302

Thank you, for your support!

or drop off at:
In Hot Water