

Shoreline Ramblings

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Shady Lawn: The Last Resort on Pleasant

GLORIA WARNER

Many years ago there was a resort on every side of Pleasant Lake... Ferguson's, Heaton, Hahn's Casselius, and Shady Lawn. The resorts declined over the 40's and 50's until there was just one resort remaining, Shady Lawn.

If you heard music on Pleasant Lake on weekends you knew it was coming from Shady Lawn Resort on the

Northeast side of Pleasant Lake. The stories shared about Shady Lawn covered many years of visitors and fun.

Our Shady Lawn story starts in 1949. Harry and Helen Hanson and Harry's brother, Howard and Avis purchased Shady Lawn from Herbert Dunn. Harry and Helen eventually bought the resort from his brother and they ran Shady Lawn until it was sold to Floyd and Lillian Esjornson in 1968. In 1990, Ferrell and Compa-



View of Shady Lawn Resort, 1954

ny purchased the property and built what we see today, Shady Lawn Condominiums.

"Life at the resort stories "were shared by Sheila Cordell (the daughter of Harry and Helen Hanson), as their family would leave their home in Minneapolis and spend the summer at the resort. Grandpa and grandma, Julia and Charlie Broberg, were the care-

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Boat Parade a Fun-Filled 4th Tradition

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The 4th of July boat parade (held the evening of the 3rd) was about 15 boats strong this year. The parade included many of the regular participants along with some newcomers who came with some fantastic themes. 1st place this year was taken by the Mader family (Igloo Cooler), 2nd place went to the Hogberg/Hinz/Logeais/Ahsenmacher crew (Giant Bath tub), and 3rd place went to the Nilsons (Pleasant Zoo).

Hopefully the parade will continue to be an annual event and grow in popularity, provid-

ing an opportunity for some friendly competition among those entered and entertainment for the spectators along the shore. After many years of coordinating the event (along with the help of the lake association board members) Dave & Penny Hogberg are looking for someone who would like to take over. Duties include creating a simple flyer for advertising, purchasing the trophies (the association funds this), arranging for judges (judges in the past

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Community Calendar

Farmer's Market continues
Saturday's 8-12, City Hall Square
through October

Downtown Art Crawl
Thursday, October 2

Care Center Fall Bazaar
Sunday, October 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fall Pancake Breakfast
Pioneer Park
October 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Halloween Spooktacular
Pioneer Park
Saturday, October 25, 5-8 p.m.

Community Trick or Treat
Friday, October 31, 3-5 p.m.

Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, November 2

Holiday Home Tour
Saturday, November 22

Kiwanis Christmas
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-Noon

Lion's Club Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
at Lampi Auction

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train
Date/Time TBA



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President's Letter: Weed Control and 501c3 Achieved

JOHN SEDEY

As we are all aware, aquatic weeds are more prevalent than anytime in at least my memory. The board has determined that it should seek expert guidance in learning how it should proceed with our clean water initiatives in the future. For the past several years we have invested in treating Curly Leaf Pondweed, both in the southwest bay and in the area around the County Park boat landing. While those two areas appear to be somewhat under control for the Curly Leaf, other areas are showing signs of Curly Leaf, and the lake in general is more weed infested.

Earlier inspections for Eurasian Milfoil have indicated that we do not have that problem—yet! Continued vigilance is needed. It appears that much of our

weed expansion may be due to natural causes, such as weather; however, we must be concerned about runoff, both community and from our own property. The guidance we will be seeking should tell us the scope of the problem and advise us on how to attack it.

During 2014 our Association board of directors finally achieved its goal of attaining 501c3 status. That means that your contributions to the Association for the Clean Water Fund with your 2015 membership dues are now tax deductible. On that bright note, we have already received a substantial contribution to Clean Water Fund from an anonymous donor. That will go a long way in supporting the increased efforts

we know we need to take.

Finally, your Association is led by a nine-member board of directors with staggered three-year terms. The board meets approximately every other month to conduct its business. All meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.pliamn.com. We encourage you to check the site frequently and to consider applying for one of two open seats on the board. If interested call John Sedey at 651-260-3033.

I hope your summer was a good one, and you got several opportunities to enjoy the lake. We are blessed with this wonderful asset and must do our part in preserving it.

Rhubarb Crunch

Susan Oie's Rhubarb Crunch won the Bake-Off Contest at the PLIA Membership Picnic this summer. She agreed to share her winning recipe. Congratulations Susan!

2 cup flour	1 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup softened butter	1 1/2 cup rolled oats

Mix the above ingredients together until crumbly.
Press half of the mixture into 9x13 pan.

Place these ingredients in kettle:

1 teaspoon cinnamon	1 1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt	3 tablespoons corn starch
1 1/2 cup water	2 teaspoon vanilla

Bring above ingredients to a boil and thickened.

Place 5 cups of diced rhubarb on top of crumb mixture.
Pour clear mixture evenly on top of rhubarb.
Top with remaining crumb mixture.
Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until brown.

Boat Parade

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have been the Miss Annandale Queen candidates) and lining up a large pontoon/boat for the Judges to ride on. J & J Marine has always offered to provide the boat and driver.

If you are interested in taking this on or would like more information please call the Hogbergs at 274-8105. They would be happy to assist you through your first year if needed. Thank you to all who participate and help with the event.



Pleasant Faces: Shady Lawn, the last resort on Pleasant Lake

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takers, and stayed in the main cabin with the Hanson family. There were five other cabins that were rented out for the season. Visitors were from Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. It was like an extended family as the children waited for visitors and summer adventures.

The 50's was the era of the jukebox, and the jukebox would go nonstop at Shady Lawn on weekends. Saturday nights were rocking with the local Annandale people as well as the resort visitors. The parking lot and the hill behind would be filled with cars as people brought their drink of choice and purchased set ups from the bar. Sheila chuckled when she told about some people taking their glasses to fill up with water in the bathroom rather than buying water with ice. Limbo contests were held, and a local resident, Jim Hart, was a consistent winner. Sheila said the floor was so packed with dancers that it would shake. Some Sundays they had old time music with Sam Clayton.



couples that hosted their wedding dances at Shady Lawn.

The Hanson family noticed a transition in the resort traffic in the early 60's. The local bars took over with live bands and the jukebox lost its popularity. It seemed like the crowds got smaller, and the Hanson's felt it was time to move on to a different adventure. They sold the resort in November 1968 to Floyd and Lillian Esjorson.

The resort continued and then changed hands a few times until July 12, 1990 when Ferrell Corporation purchased it with a plan to build a condominium complex. Mr. Ferrell had some interesting stories dealing with the plans for the resort with the Wright County planning and zoning, as this was the first condo association on any lake in Wright County. He chuckled at himself as he shared the story about the county fire departments and the DNR coming

en masse to Shady Lawn. One afternoon he went out to look over the resort and decided to start bulldozing the cottages. He pushed most of the cottages in a pile, and then he decided to start a little fire. Dub found out quickly that the little fire



The Brobergs and Hanson's took pride in keeping Shady Lawn very clean. Helen and Julia kept the cabins clean and Charlie worked on the grounds. Harry commuted back and forth from his job in Minneapolis every weekend. Closing Shady Lawn in the fall meant cleaning all the cabins and painting the floors so they would look good for next season. The hall would be cleared out and all the flat bottom boats would be placed inside the hall for winter storage. They would paint the bottoms of the boats and have them ready for spring as well.

Sheila told about all sorts of celebrations held at the resort. Dub and Judy Ferrell reminisced about the many nights they spent at Shady Lawn in the 50's and 60's. Ferrells, Jim and Sheila Cordell, and Julie and Rich Shoberg were three of many

caused quite a stir. The Ferrell's chose to save part of the main building, and it was used in one of the condos that we see there today. The Shady Lawn Condominium Association, INC. was formed, lots were sold and the seven cabins built are what we see today, as we drive by the old Shady Lawn site.

There is a sadness that the lake resort era didn't continue through the years, but time and lake value changed from the 40's until today. Thanks to Julie Shoberg, Sheila Cordell, Darlene Lund and Dub and Judy Ferrell for their photos, abstracts, and the time they gave me to hear their stories. It is a gift to still be able to share some of the history of Pleasant Lake and to be able to hear the stories from the people involved in the resort era.



Special Mentions

- Thanks to the Annandale Area Community Team for the great Summer Concert in the Park series!
- Are you interested in serving on the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association Board? Terms are 3 years. This is a great opportunity to get involved!
- Thank you to Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Prints in St. Paul, for donating the printing of our newsletters!

Boat Parade & Triathlon

The Boat Parade winners are all shown at right. 1st place this year was taken by the Mader family (Igloo Cooler), 2nd place went to the Hogberg/Hinz/Logeais/Ahsenmacher crew (Giant Bath tub), and 3rd place went to the Nilsons (Pleasant Zoo). The 29th Annual Heart of the Lakes Triathlon was held on Sunday, July 20th. Below, Sharon Peterson and grandson, Charlie, worked in the recovery tent. Charlie Aubitz, grandson of John and Jill Bishop, awaits the start of his first triathlon experience. He swam as a part of a short course relay team. Tina Honsey and son Brett prepare to start their race. Congratulations to all of the athletes and organizers on another incredibly successful event!



Association Picnic

The PLIA Membership Picnic, held on August 9th at City Park, was a fun-filled Back to the 50's themed event. Ed and Jen Mader, also winners of the best 50's costume, organized the event held at City Park. Thank you to all who attended and helped at the picnic. Please join us next year!



Thank you to our current members for your support!

Joel and Jan Carlson	Craig and Amy Miller	Joe and Jody Zylstra	Corwyn Johnson	Kathleen O'Keffe
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A special thank you to those who donated to our Annual Membership Picnic!

Judy's Cottage, In Hot Water, O'Brother's Wine & Spirits, Cafe Jules, Star Bank, Diva's Hair and Body Care, Southbrook Golf Course, Lundeen Ford, Tom & Gary's Bowling Center, All Things Good, Little Jim's Sports, Anchor Dock & Lift, M&M Bus Company, Mike & Susan Carlson/King Solutions, Annandale Embroidery, Kaz Hardware, Marketplace, Annandale State Bank, Oak Realty, Annandale Auto Parts, Annandale Roadhouse, Pottery on Pleasant, Dingmann Marine & More, Miller's Jewelry, Sassy's Salon & Spa, Country Chevrolet and Subway.

