



Briggs Lake Chain Association

Remembering the past Improving the future, promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare
of the

Briggs Lake Chain (Julia, Briggs, Rush, and Big Elk) and the adjoining and connecting watersheds

FEBRUARY 2023 LAKE REPORT

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Greetings Everyone,

In the summer there is an old saying "When it rains it pours". This winter the saying is "When it snows, it snows and snows and snows and snows. Thank goodness for the short January thaw. I am looking out my window thinking, "Look at all that white stuff. It's beautiful." I have been working remotely for a few weeks and love seeing the beaches in Clearwater, Florida. 😊 Sorry to say I will miss Ice Day on the Chain. This current cold snap should ensure the ice is thick and safe. Enjoy the day and have fun.

January was our annual "kick off" request to join or renew your Sponsorship / Membership to the BLCA (Briggs Lake Chain Association) for 2023. In addition to joining the BLCA we are asking for donations to Ice Day on the Chain, AIS (Aquatic Invasive species) Fireworks, and Fish Stocking on the lakes.

If you didn't get our mailing, please contact Debbie Stacey; debjs52@yahoo.com The new 2023 form is also on the website. <https://briggslakechainassociation.com/>

Shoreline spraying for weeds on all 4 lakes:

The TLID (Three Lake Improvement District) is the organization that manages and pays for weed control in the center of the upper three lakes. The BLCA manages the weed control on individual properties on the shoreline of all 4 lakes. The vendor the TLID used for the center of the

lakes and BLCA recommended for shoreline weed control on all the lakes last year was PLM. The results were favorable. We will continue our relationship with PLM this year.

The forms for weed control on individual lakeshore properties were mailed out a couple weeks ago. I heard that some customers did not get the form and cover letter. Both the introduction letter and the form are on the website. Also, you can email or text me and I will send you the letter and forms.

Big Elk Lake Park Land: Good News, here is an excerpt from an email I got from Gina Hugo, Sherburne County Public Works - Parks Coordinator,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a healthy new year. The County successfully closed on the property formerly known as the Weise Property and is now working to prepare the land for public access.

The work to prepare will be carried out through committee advisement. Committee members will include County staff, Tribal partners, and representatives from Palmer Township, the Soil & Water Conservation District, the BLCA. With the recent acquisition of the 430-acre Big Elk Lake Land, the County has several priority tasks to accomplish prior to public access. The County is required under grant contract terms to provide public access within one year of acquisition (December 22, 2023).

Success will take the combination of unique skill sets and perspectives. Tom Nordin, one of our board members on Big Elk, has volunteered to be our representative on the committee.

2023 BLCA Board members: Pictures of current board, the lakes they represent, and the duties they perform are also in this newsletter.

The 2023 Palmer Area Directory. Roger Miller and his team are planning the next directory. An email will go out to past advertisers with ad specs needed and other info. We support local businesses and encourage them to advertise in the book. If you are new to the lakes or never advertised with us before please reach out to Roger ... email mmcabin2019@gmail.com or call 320 249 6614 to get [more information on running an ad.](#)

Watercraft Inspection Summaries for 2022: Another example of a positive program to improve our lakes many may not be aware of is our partnership with SWCD (Sherburne Water Conservation District) to inspect watercraft going in and coming out of the landings. The inspections are comprehensive, including checking for weeds or AIS on boats & trailers, where was the boat before launching here, and more. The inspections are part of a program for all lakes in Sherburne county including, Briggs, Rush, Julia, Big Elk, Orono, Eagle, Little Elk, Birch, & Ann. The Good News is our chain has an above average compliance of boaters entering and leaving our lakes doing the best practices to prevent AIS (aquatic invasive species) being transferred to our lakes. The graphs and details are on the website. If you are like me and launch your boat in the spring and take it out in the fall, you may not be aware of what happens at the landings in the summer.

Thanks to everyone for your support and **Happy Valentine's Day ... Brad**

PS: Some interesting February Trivia. This coming February cannot come again in your lifetime again because this year's February has:

4 Sundays

4 Mondays

4 Tuesdays

4 Wednesdays

4 Thursdays

4 Fridays

4 Saturdays

This happens once every 823 years.



**5th ANNUAL
ICE DAY
ON THE CHAIN
SATURDAY, FEB 11, 2023
LAKE JULIA**

FISHING REGISTRATION 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fishing Tournament 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Vintage Snowmobile Run 12:00 pm (Starting @ Town Hall)
Golf Tournament 1:30 pm - 3:30pm

BRICKYARD GRILL
KINITSKI'S GRILL & BAR
Johnsonville
Otter
LINCOLN WEDDING & EVENT RENTALS
BRIGG'S LAKE EST. 1941 GENERAL STORE
TRAVIS WILLIAMS State Farm

Pond Hockey, Hole In One Contest, Cornhole and more games...

nüTRL Vodka. Seltzer. Real Juice.
FREE BRATS AND CHIPS. CASH DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

DRESS WARM AND ATTEND ICE DAYS. HAVE A GREAT TIME

Briggs Lake Chain Association- Board of Directors



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Do you have a French drain on or near your property????

Healthy Lakes is trying to identify the location of all storm drains around the lakes so that we can recruit volunteers to make sure they remain clear of debris and can function as intended. These drains were installed many years ago to prevent flooding, erosion, and excess run-off to our lakes.

Brad and Ruth Thom have volunteered to find and make a map of their locations. Please contact them if you have any information.

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When Ice fishing:

Please pick up after yourself. Anything you leave on the ice falls to the bottom when the ice melts. The past few years have been really bad with people leaving their garbage on the lake. Please be respectful of our beautiful lakes.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OUR LAKE NEIGHBORS