



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

JULY 2023 LAKE REPORT

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings and Happy July 4th week

Everyone has a favorite holiday. Mine is the 4th of July. I grew up in a small town in northern Wisconsin. My parents owned a resort on a chain of lakes. For all of our guests and family July 4th was the biggest weekend of the summer. The fireworks, boat parades, grilling out, & all the other festivities on our lakes bring back great memories of 60+ years ago in Wisconsin. The best thing is being with our kids and grandkids as they create their memories of summer on the lake on the Briggs chain.

The new 2023 Palmer Directories have been delivered to Palmer area residents. The Post office does not allow us to put the books in a US Mailbox. If you have a second box for things like newspapers, we placed the directory in that space. Directories are available at the Briggs Lake General Store. While you are in the store use the coupon in the book for a discount on an ice cream cone.

We encourage you to shop locally and support our advertisers. There are at least 7 coupons in the book offering discounts. In addition to our advertisers, the directories are intended to be informative and educational. The article on the BLCA Conservation Program has information on getting grants for shoreline projects. Other articles like "What can I do about the lake weeds" and "boating safety" are important to everyone around the lakes. The lake maps are very handy. There is a membership form if you would like to join the BLCA or you can join online at briggslakechainassociation.com

We try to keep "The white pages" up to date by cross checking address & owners from the Sherburne County website. Still, we miss some of the property changes. If you find any errors, please mail the correction to Bradkipp1@gmail.com

Speaking of errors and mistakes. We have a big one this year. Due to an error at the printer, a number of names did not get printed on the bottom section of some pages. I can't explain how that happened. If anyone wants a complete white pages listing emailed or wants a hard copy mailed to them, contact Bradkipp1@gmail.com.

A note about the "white pages", we do not put the white pages on the website or post on social media. That would make it too easy for the scammers and telemarketers. We respect your privacy.

A special THANK YOU to Roger & Lynn Miller, our directory editors, for all their time and effort putting together the directory. They are retiring this year. We are looking for a new editing team.

The June annual membership meeting at the pavilion was well attended. We had a cookout with hotdogs, chips, cookies and refreshments. A special THANKS to our [guest speaker Cole Petroski](#), Sherburne County office of Recreational Enforcement. Cole is a big supporter of the BLCA. It was a nice presentation and education on what's new in boating regulations and water safety. He concluded with a question-and-answer session with the group.

Our **next general membership meeting is Saturday August 12th**, 10:00 am at Palmer Town Hall. At the August meeting the 2024 BLCA financial budget will be presented for review and approval. If you have any budget suggestions or questions for next year, please reach out to any board member. In addition, nominations for the 2024 board of directors are on the agenda. The new terms will start at the October meeting.

BLCA Board Member 2023 contact List 6.2						terms ends revised for 2024
						*** review bylaws on term
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	12 Board Members	6 needed for a quorum				

If you are not a member of the BLCA we encourage you to join. The membership form is in the newsletter and on the website.

Summer is great. Enjoy the lake. 😊 Thanks ... Brad



ANOTHER RHUBARB RECIPE



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RHUBARB BARS

CRUST

1 ½ c flour

¾ c cold cubed butter

¼ c powdered sugar

Pat into 9x13 and bake for 10-12 minutes at 350

FILLING

3 large eggs, lightly beaten

2 c white sugar

½ flour

½ tsp salt

4 c diced rhubarb

Pour on top of hot crust. Reduce oven temp to 325 and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until filling is set and not jiggly.

Cool 30 minutes on counter and then put in refrigerator. Chill completely before cutting.

Memberships are still coming in

If you have not sent yours, please do so as soon as possible. Please make sure to fill them out totally. If you did not get a form, please let me know. You can contact me at debjs52@yahoo.com

IF you have a new mailing address, please let me know that also. We need to keep our database up to date.

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SOME NEWS ABOUT BIG ELK LAKE

From Gary Anderson on Big Elk Lake

I just received an email from James Johnson (Freshwater ,SCI) who performs lake wide surveys on all four of our BLCA lakes.

James reported that he found no Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) on Big Elk during his survey this past week. This is very good news!

James also performed a Point Intercept survey (PI) on our lake this Spring. This type of survey assesses the distribution and density of all aquatic plants in Big Elk. I believe that this PI survey was first performed on Big Elk for the first time in 2022 and can be made in the following years to determine if the plant type and density changes.

Also, because of the grant awarded to Big Elk by the DNR, the expenses for James' Spring-2023 surveys (PI and EWM) will be reimbursed back to the BLCA 100% by the DNR.

In review, the current DNR grant that was awarded to Big Elk covered all expenses for the year 2022 and through June 30th of this year, 2023.

We will be looking for future grant money from the County (Soil & Water Conservation District) or from the DNR for the calendar year 2024.

Gary Anderson

BOAT PARADE was today. Everyone send me any pictures you took, and I will send a separate email of all the boats and the winners. Big Elk had 8 boats. Not bad for our small lake.