



Briggs Lake Chain Association

February 2025 Lake Report

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Greetings & Happy February!!!



I hope everyone is safe & healthy this time of year. Like me, some of you are snuggling up during the colder days and enjoying a little warmer temps and sunshine and venturing outdoors for winter activities. Some may be able to travel somewhere to a warmer climate to get through our MN winters and some may venture up north to really embrace all that winter has to offer. Whatever makes you most happy and creates memories, go for it!!!

Remember to please be safe when out enjoying winter activities, especially when out on the ice. Watch the MN DNR and local sheriff's departments websites and announcements for ice thickness monitoring levels, for thin ice warnings and how to be prepared for an emergency situation. www.dnr.state.mn.us We want everyone to be safe this winter season.



Upcoming Winter/Spring events 2025:

- **Ice Day on the Chain** – Saturday, February 8th -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for setup/cleanup.
- **Spring Guest Speakers 2025 (1 of 4 events)** - Carp Management Solutions & Sherburne County Soil and Water - watch newsletter, website and Facebook for details
- **McDonald's Meats Pork Chop/Brat fundraiser** – May/June TBD, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details and **volunteer needs**.
- **BLCA Spring Hwy 25 Ditch cleanup** – April/May TBD, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details and **volunteer needs**.
- **Spring Garage Sale weekend** – May TBD, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details.

REMINDERS:

- We are still in need of additional BLCA committee members/lake representatives for all 4 of our lakes (Briggs, Elk, Julia and Rush). We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers, fresh ideas and solutions to continue our water conservation to heal our lakes and evolve with the ever-changing environment.
- The BLCA is still in need of Palmer Directory editor(s) to join the editing team that began work in January for the 2025 directory.
- **Please plan on attending** your monthly BLCA meetings at the Palmer Townhall, the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30am. To learn about and assist with water conservation, enriching activities, food and fellowship.
- See www.briggslakechainassociation.com for all the meeting details for your BLCA & Healthy Lakes committee's and the TLID (Three Lake Improvement District). As well as, previous meeting minutes, water testing results/details, budget documents, upcoming events and tips and tricks for seasonal lake conservation.

ALSO look for informative posts on our **BLCA Facebook page** and the **BLCA on Instagram**.



If you would like to volunteer with us as a committee member or for one of the above-mentioned positions contact me, Shelly Alger-Peyton, via call or text at 612-283-8362 or via email at sdreimer@frontier.com. I look forward to volunteering alongside you to conserve our waterways in 2024!!!!



- *Shelly*

Did you receive your 2025 BLCA Sponsorship packet in January?

January is our annual "kick off" to join or renew your membership/sponsorship to the BLCA (Briggs Lake Chain Association).

You can complete forms & payments online, or if you prefer you can always mail them in.

If you know of any new property owners or would like to learn more about renewing your previous sponsorship, please contact a BLCA committee member or myself so we can reach out to you/them and discuss membership details, water conservation and the various programs we have in place to protect our waterways through the BLCA and Health Lakes committees along with our TLID (Three Lake Improvement District). ***If you have not received your BLCA Sponsorship packet, please contact a board member for assistance.***

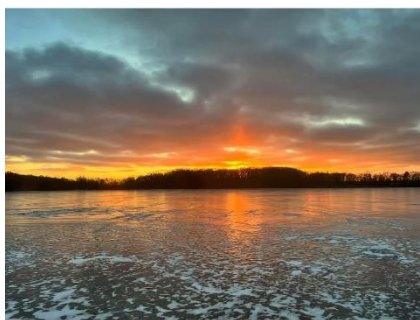




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Beautiful sunset from the ice house! 📷 — with **Doug Zych**.



the MN DNR on your behalf.

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 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 is recommended for shoreline weed control on all the lakes for the last 3 years has been PLM.

*** REMINDER: PLM's Individual Aquatic Plant Management/Spraying** applications were mailed out in November 2024. *If you did not receive an application and/or would like one you can contact PLM directly at 218-270-3338 or download an application from the main page of the BLCA website at www.briggslakechainassociation.com*
*** The deadline to return your application and payment is April 15, 2025. This is so PLM can apply for required permits from**

**** If you or your someone you know in the area is not receiving our "Lake Report" monthly newsletter, please Shelly or another board member so we can keep community members notified of volunteer opportunities, community events, new projects and high water/no wake emergencies.**



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Sunny skate on Rush today!



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Jim Kuphal · 1h · 🌐

The sunset looked like a beacon across the lake this evening and the Swans looked like pink Flamingos flying overhead.



BLCA Mission statement:
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 adjoining and connecting watershed.



BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION 2025 BLCA SPONSORSHIP FORM

Briggs – Big Elk – Julia – Rush Lakes

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New to the Lakes: A BLCA sponsorship (membership) donation is a Tax Deductible 501C3 non-profit.

Do you have to pay \$40 sponsorship to receive the monthly newsletter, high water alerts and other notices? No, the BLCA will email the **BLCA Lake Report Newsletter and notifications** to all residents that have provided an email address below.

Complete the Information Below

Or register with payment online at www.briggslakechainassociation.com (click the green box on the homepage)

Sponsors will receive a document for tax purposes and a membership placard to display.

Name(s) _____

Lake Address _____

Own: _____ **Rent:** _____ **If Renter, Owners Name(s)** _____

Mailing Address (If Different) _____

Phone Number #1 _____ **#2** _____

The first phone number will be listed in 2025 Palmer Directory

Email Address #1 _____ **#2** _____

BLCA Membership Donation	Recommended Donation of \$40	Your Donation: _____
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)	Recommended Donation of \$40	Your Donation: _____
<i>The Three Lake Improvement District will treat and manage AIS (Curley Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil) in common areas of the upper lakes for 2025. Your AIS donation helps the BLCA pay to survey all lakes for AIS and spray for milfoil in Big Elk Lake. Other BLCA prevention includes boat inspections, volunteer milfoil hand pulling, monitoring signs of zebra mussels, golden clams and AIS education.</i>		
Briggs Lake Fireworks – 2025 TBD Donations and BLCA Funded		Your Donation: _____
<i>Donations for the fireworks display on Briggs Lake are extremely important and must be received by June 1, 2025. Donations received after that date will be credited to the 2026 display.</i>		
Fish Stocking - The BLCA will match up to a total of \$600 in donations to stock our lakes		
Big Elk Lake Walleye/Sunfish stocking - BLCA stocks the Walleye and Bluegill		Your Donation: _____
Upper 3 Lakes Fish Stocking - Sunfish (DNR stocks Walleye in the upper 3 lakes)		Your Donation: _____
Ice Day on the Chain – February 8, 2025 - Donation and BLCA Funded		Your Donation: _____
THANK YOU for your SPONSORSHIP		TOTAL: \$ _____
or Mail completed forms & payment to: BLCA, 4180 105th Ave, Box B, Clear Lake MN 55319		
Please see the other side for volunteer opportunities.		