

# Lake Miltona



# FALL News

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Directors and Officers for 2011 are listed below. Please thank them for volunteering their time for Lake Miltona.

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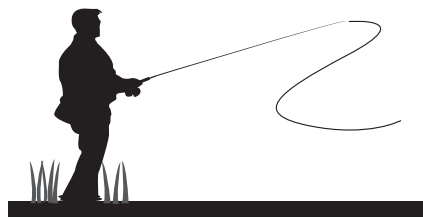
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#### A Message from the President

Are the fish biting? It is that time of the year.

The Lake Management Plan is moving forward. Marlene Schoeneck and students

from Parkers Prairie are working with Gene Rose on monitoring the lake.

Our annual fundraiser was a great success, see the write up inside. Thanks to all the directors who worked to make the event a great time.

Zebra Mussels have been found on a dock in Lake Irene. The DNR has treated a small area with copper sulfate. Success is dependent on

how wide the mussels have spread. Watch our web site for more info.

Get ready for our winter fishing. DNR netting numbers are up to 111.9/hour. This should produce some great catches this winter.

Good Luck,  
Dick Kuehn

## 2011 Fundraiser Winners

The Association thanks all who attended the fundraiser. Total attendance was 260. A great buffet was provided by RK's Prairie Catering. Music played by Centre Sound Systems. Refreshments were provided by the Association and Leaf Valley Mercantile. Prizes were donated by 90 area merchants, worth over \$4,500. Thank you, Mall Of America, for donating the children's prizes.

Director volunteers and member volunteers worked diligently to provide another successful fundraiser.

Don Henning, our advance ticket sales champion, sold 102 tickets this year. Thanks Don.

### Major prize winners:

#### Dinner ticket drawing provided by Leaf Valley Sportsmen:

Cynthia Trudeau \$50

Lynne Glesne \$50

Chuck Ronnebaum \$100.

### Roll the bones:

Jerry Slattery won a half hog donated by an LMA member & processing by Miltona Custom Meats

Mike Wrobel won a \$150 casino package

### Half hog raffle:

Dennis Terhark – hog was donated by an LMA member & processing by Miltona Custom Meats.

## 2011 Independence Day Parade Winners

In November 2008, the Lake Miltona Association received a \$200 donation as a memorial for Ed Williams with no specific designation for its use. The LMA voted to use the \$200 for 4 cash prizes that will be awarded at the Independence Day Boat Parade scheduled for July 3. About 20 boats participated in the parade. Enthusiasm for the parade was high on both ends of the lake. A plaque with the winners is at LJ's Restaurant for everybody to see. The rewards were as follows:

### Pontoon

1st place Randy Hansen	\$75.00
2nd place Julie Swanson	\$25.00

### Boats

1st place Bill Townsend	\$75.00
2nd place Matthew Davis	\$25.00

## Fundraiser Results

	2011	2010
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Dinner Tickets	\$ 6,353	\$ 5,406
Raffle Prize Tickets	1,770	1,775
Donations	873	819
Refreshments	-	58
Roll the Bones	407	375
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,403</b>	<b>\$ 8,433</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Catering for Dinner	\$ 2,057	\$ 1,984
Refreshments & Cups	727	368
Music	350	350
Prizes	300	200
Hall Rental	185	250
Miscellaneous	286	195
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,905</b>	<b>\$ 3,347</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,498</b>	<b>\$ 5,086</b>

(Cash Clothing Sales at 2011 Event = \$125)

(Clothing Ordered at 2011 Event = \$1,017)

Financial reports are published monthly on the web site.

## Fundraiser 2012

Next year's annual fundraiser will be Saturday evening, August 18, 5:00-10:00 pm at the Miltona Community Center. We are planning the event similar to the 2011 fundraiser with the buffet from 5:00-7:00 pm. Again, your area directors will be selling advance tickets during the summer at reduced prices \$13 each – children age 16 and under, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted at no charge.

## Paid Memberships

Membership trend over the past six years:

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
399	383	426	388	375	409

Thru 9/15

Membership in the Lake Miltona Association is encouraged for those in the lake community as well as the general public.

A membership application is available on our web site [www.minnesotawaters.org/group/miltona/home](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/miltona/home) or contact us at P.O. Box 148, Miltona, MN 56354

Lake Miltona Association is a volunteer not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to water quality and ecological balance. DONATIONS AND DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. See IRS Publication 526.

## Muskie Stocking Questionnaire

The Executive Committee of the LMA initiated an email survey in response to a DNR proposed initiative to increase the muskie stocking from 800 to 1400 fingerlings. Our survey was sent to the 277 members for whom we had email addresses. This approach was used due to the short period of time available to obtain the information before muskie stocking would take place. Here is the wording of the survey sent out:

### To: Lake Miltona Association Members

Muskie catch statistics from last spring's DNR population assessment indicate population abundance has declined and there are fewer young fish in the population. These results indicate that the DNR management objectives to maintain the muskie numbers for Lake Miltona are not being met. Stocking was reduced from 1,400 to 800 fingerlings every other year beginning in 1999. This reduced numbers of fingerlings stocked was in response to an agreement with No-More-Muskie to maintain rather than further increase muskie numbers. Since population abundance has declined, if production is available, the DNR wishes to restore the stocking rate of 1,400 fingerlings every other year until such time that management objectives are satisfied.

We are polling our membership to see if they support this DNR

conclusion. Do you support increasing the stocking rate from 800 to 1,400 fingerlings every other year?

**Yes,** I support increasing the stocking rate

**No,** I do not support increasing the stocking rate

Please reply to this email before October 7 so we can tabulate the results of this survey and send them to the DNR before stocking would take place this fall.

Gene D. Rose, Secretary  
Lake Miltona Association

### The results of this survey were as follows:

"No" = 81 (73% of emails returned);

"Yes" = 30 (27% of emails returned);

Failure to reach recipient = 28 (10% of total emails sent);

emails from members not on our LMA original mailing list = 3

The total number of email responses = 280 for an overall response rate of 40%.

At their October 8, 2011 meeting the Board of Directors of the Lake Miltona Association recommended we send these results to Dean Beck, our DNR contact for the stocking activities in Lake Miltona for his consideration. He appreciated our input and asked us to please relay that the DNR has made a decision to defer the higher stocking rate this year. Although they feel the justification is sound, there is discomfort in proceeding with the increased

stocking given the compressed time period for broader public review. Dean said he would put out a general news release next spring in hopes of generating more discussion and input. He also asked if he can attend a Board of Directors meeting to go over the information and address concerns and comments our membership may have forwarded. If there is a decision to bump up stocking, it would occur next fall.

Jerry Wendlandt and Dean Beck prepared a white paper on the muskie stocking question entitled "Muskellunge Stocking Quota Adjustment, Lake Miltona, Douglas County" which contains documentation of the fish population in Lake Miltona. Dean Beck sent us a copy of this paper in a Microsoft Word format. If anyone would like to have a copy of this paper please request one from one of the LMA Directors.

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### Email Address for LMA Members

The article above on our muskie stocking survey provides an example of how the LMA can use an email list of its members to rapidly obtain information or send out information without a large mailing cost to our organization. While many of our members may not want their email address to be published in our Directory, the Board of Directors would find it useful to maintain a private list of email addresses. If your email is presently not listed in our Directory but you would be willing to have it maintained in our closed-to-the-public list please send an email to Ted Boehne, Director for Area 13 (trboehne@yahoo.com).

## Smoke Signals From The Camp

Smokey Timbers is slowly and reluctantly going into at least partial hibernation following the best season yet since the Camp's "rescue" in 2004 and transfer of ownership to the Smokey Timbers Foundation in 2009. Over 1240 guests were hosted at the Camp this season, a wonderful increase of nearly 60% over 2010 which, a year ago, was thought to have been a great year. Even more encouraging is the increasing diversity of groups discovering Smokey Timbers to be a destination of choice – school science groups, high school sports teams, faith-based activity groups, service family gatherings, youth day camps -- in addition to the historic Boy and Girl Scout organizations, church groups, 4Hers, and family gatherings. Reservations for 2012 are already building impressively and it is increasingly apparent that Smokey Timbers is becoming recognized as the unique asset that its supporters have always known it to be.

The annual fish fry for Lake Association members was held on August 6th this year and turned out to be a most interesting and gratifying experience. The day started off with an unbelievable, nonstop rain deluge that continued as the event was scheduled to start. While preparations for rain were in place, incredibly worried organizers could not believe it when guests began arriving despite the ongoing downpour. One of the early arrivals commented, "Smokey Timbers is too important; we would not miss this." What an uplifting statement! As guests continued to arrive, the rain

stopped, the skies cleared and, when all was done, the Camp experienced its most successful fish fry fundraiser ever. The Foundation is very grateful for the support demonstrated that day, particularly given the conditions experienced. Beyond that day, the Foundation continues to sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the Lake Miltona Association and the numerous lake residents who regularly support the Camp and its programs in so many different ways – contributions, donations of goods, and volunteer services.

This Summer/Fall season concluded with a most interesting program provided for by a grant to Smokey Timbers by WesMin R C & D with funding made possible by Tastefully Simple of Alexandria. The program enabled Lake Miltona Assn. Water Quality volunteers, Douglas County Soil and Water and DNR personnel, and Parkers Prairie H.S. biology faculty to provide the school's sophomore students with training that enabled them to carry out relevant explorations of Lake Miltona water ecology. On Oct. 10th students were boated and/or driven to a variety of sites to collect their data. Following analysis of their data, the students will prepare reports, presentations and materials for distribution of their findings. Students at the Miltona Science Magnet School, Lake Miltona Assn. members and lake residents, and others interested in lake ecology will benefit from their efforts. It is envisioned that, perhaps, an ongoing relationship could develop with these students that would support Miltona's Lake Management Plan long term.

The reference to "partial hibernation"

in this article's introduction refers to the Camp's continuing interest in developing cross-country ski trails on the grounds. Weather permitting this fall, it is intended that the Camp's trails be conditioned for trail grooming. The grooming equipment and a groomer volunteer are in place. All that is required is some preliminary trail improvement and Mother Nature's cooperation in providing adequate amounts of groomable snow. The intent is to provide locally accessible, groomed, free-will contribution, and perhaps even lighted trails for traditional cross country ski enthusiasts.

Fundraising, of course, continues to be a major challenge for the Smokey Timbers Foundation. While significant progress has been made in retiring the debt inherited with the transfer of ownership, annual principal and interest payments still make vigorous pursuit of the Camp's worthy objectives difficult. The Foundation found it necessary to renegotiate its debt obligations this past year. While making the obligations more manageable, of course the length of the burden needed to be extended. The desire to retire (a.k.a. eliminate) the debt, and pursue better use of the Camp's resources, however, is always foremost.

If you have ideas for the Foundation, a willingness to assist in moving beyond the debt obligations, an interest in providing services to the Camp, or just want additional information about Smokey Timbers, you can contact the Camp at (320) 766-5290 or by email at [smokeytimbers@gmail.com](mailto:smokeytimbers@gmail.com). As a 501(C)(3) organization, support to Smokey Timbers qualifies as tax deductible per IRS publication 526.

## Fundraiser Donor List 2011

Miltona Custom Meats	North Area Electric	Casey's General Store
Alexandria Motors	North Star Realty	Central Lakes Restaurant Supply
Bug A Boo Bay Resort	Parkers Praiire Sportsmen	Holiday North
Burger King	Spruce Center Bait	Kyle's Barber
Casey's Amusement Park	Styles By Sue	Leaf Valley Sportsmen
Central Marine & Sports	Wade's Miltona Service	Lindsay Ecowater
D Michael B's	Klimek Bros Well Drilling	Pete's County Market
Dairy Queen (north)	Ace Hardware	Ron's Warehouse Sales
Elden's Food Fair	Alexandria Country Club	Backwoods Stitichery
Garden Center Lanes	Carlos Gas Mart	American Heritage Hunting Club
Hayloft	Dock Works	Miltona Liquor
Hilltop Lumber	Miltona Builders	Palmer Plant Kandy's
Lakes Gas	R&R Ready Mix	Pat's Family Hair
Lions Club of Miltona	Geneva Golf Course	Scherer Printing
MainStreet Brewery	First State Bank	Shiela's Place Rose City
McDonald's	Mid-Minn. Fed Credit Union	Tastefully Simple
Menards	Viking Bay Resort	Boomerang Sports
Mills Fleet Farm	Woodland Resort	Westin Station
Payless Liquor	Iverson Insurance	Caribou Coffee (by Fleet Farm)
Subway	Juettner Motors	Depot Express
Target	Mi Mexico	Doolittles
Walmart	Mn Lakes Realty/G. & D. Reiner	Dunn Bros (coffee)
LakeMaps.com	REA	Fireside Bar & Grill
Lind Family Funeral Service	Rig Rite Mfg.	Tennessee Roadhouse
Bullet Lawn Care	The Dish Guy	Border States Electric
Carrie Houseman / Century 21	Cullen's Home Center	Mall of America
Chet's Lakeside Inn	Dakota Magic	Dick's Standard
Corral supper Club	Grand Casino Mille Lacs	Fortwengler Electric
Corries Sanitation	Jackpot Junct.	Parkers Floral
Don Henning Excavating	Life Quest Chiropractic	RK's Prairie Café
Eko Backen	Lucky Acres	Sammy's One Stop
Gwen's	Northern Lights	Stubb's Marine
Herbie's Bar and Grill	Peak Supper Club	Trumm Drug
Jim and Judy's	Pine Ridge Golf	
Lake Miltona Golf	Prairie EdgeCasino: Granite Falls	
Lewis Welding	RND Computers	<b>Thank You</b> to these
Miltona Bay Estates	Shooting Star Casino	Merchants who provided
Miltona Blacksmith	Tires Plus	over \$5,023 in prizes
Miltona Grocery	Woodbury Financial	to our 2011 fundraiser.
Miltona Outpost & Shell Gas	Broadway Floral	<b>Please support them!</b>

### **Does Foam on the Shore of a Lake Mean it's Polluted?**

The foam found in lakes and streams is usually natural. Wind-driven currents frequently create parallel streaks of foam in open water that accumulate along windward shores and in coves. Foam is created

as decomposing plants and animals release organic compounds into the water. The compounds reduce the surface tension of water, causing bubbles to form. Many people blame shoreline foam on detergents, but detergents don't create long-lasting foam since they quickly lose their sudsing

ability. Industrial pollution effluents may have been a more common source of foam on surface water in the past, but these days point source discharges are more closely regulated through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

Info from University of Duluth

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### **Walleye Stocking Report**

The Lake Miliona Association works with the DNR on walleye stocking plans to achieve a balance of all species. The DNR normally stocks walleye fry in the spring and walleye fingerlings in the fall based on the results of previous fall electro-shocking tests. The DNR electro-shock survey in September 2011 yielded a young walleye rate per hour of 112, substantially higher than the 15 per hour rate in August 2010. As a result, the Lake Miliona Association will reduce its walleye stocking plan from 600 pounds to approximately 340 pounds of fingerlings for late 2011 by

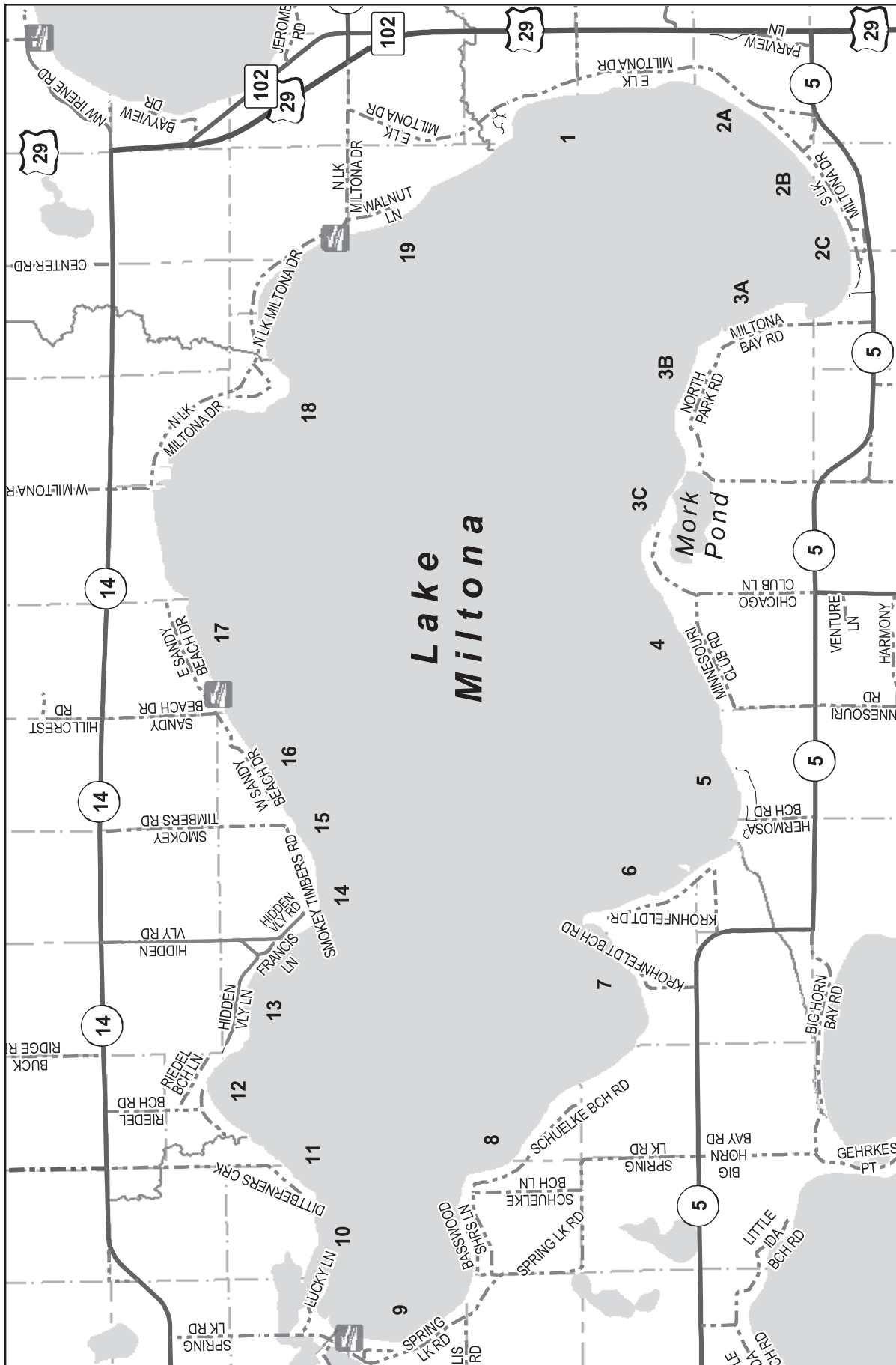
using funds donated to LMA and a supplemental match from Viking Sportsmen of Alexandria.

The DNR planned to stock 2.8 million walleye fry in Lake Miliona in 2011. The actual fry stocked was approximately 2.9 million.

Generous contributions from our members, sportsmen's clubs, guide services and tournament organizers, has allowed us to fund over \$24,000 in fry and fingerlings in the last five years. At the end of 2011, we expect to have a walleye stocking fund balance of about \$2,800, or less than one year's reserve to be used when stocking resumes. Your

contributions over the years have effectively populated Lake Miliona with a healthy supply of yearling and second-year class walleyes. Many 10 to 15 inch walleyes were caught and released this summer to sustain an acceptable population of walleyes in the lake.

The Lake Miliona Association board of directors will again consider a plan to continue to participate, subject to DNR approval, in the Viking Sportsmen matching program. The quantities of fingerlings and fry stocked in Lake Miliona may vary based on an optimum use of resources and management of the walleye population.



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## 2012 Calendar of Events

January 14	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
April 14	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
June 9	Annual Meeting	9:00 am
July 14	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
August 18	Annual Fundraiser	5-10:00 pm
October 13	Directors Meeting	9:00 pm

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