

# Lake Miltona



# FALL News

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Directors and Officers for 2014 are listed below. Please thank them for volunteering their time for Lake Miltona.

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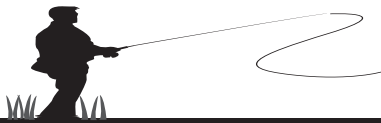
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### A Message from the President

Docks are out, cabins are getting closed up, lake residents are battling leaves and preparing for winter. We would like to let you know of the things the association is working on this fall. First however, I would like to thank everyone for joining our lake association. This year we had a record high number of members signed up. Thank you for joining and we look forward to serving your best interest.

Last summer was a bit chillier and wetter than usual, and this brought a few challenges for our lake. The lake was very high and also pretty churned up, due to the high water and runoff. The sechi disc readings were well below normal and the lake was visibly less clear than usual. We continue to use our lake association funds to monitor and make changes to keep runoff from adversely affecting our lake. We have funded two major runoff prevention projects and have applied for assistance on a third project. We continue to see this as a major mission of the Lake Miltona Association. These projects

are not cheap, so your continued financial support of the association is greatly appreciated!

Be sure to check out the stocking report. We have been approved to stock the most walleyes we have ever stocked as an association. We put your contributions to our stocking funds to work, and we look forward to great fishing in the years to come! Thanks to your financial support, we continue to supplement the DNR stocking program to Lake Miltona. See you on the ice.

Thank You, Steve DeSutter

## 2014 Fundraiser Winners

The Association thanks all who attended the fundraiser. A great buffet was provided by RK's Prairie Catering. Refreshments were provided by the Association and Leaf Valley Mercantile. Prizes were donated by 101 area merchants, worth over \$5,133. 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 120 tickets this year. Thanks Don.

### Dinner ticket drawing winners:

Sharon Jasmer \$100

Jack Fair \$50

Terri Roschild \$50

## 2014 Independence Day Parade Winners

Despite windy conditions, this year's boat parade was once again memorable. Thanks to those who braved the rough water and participated in the parade. One highlight of the parade was the flyby of vintage air show planes. Enthusiasm for this year's parade was high, so start planning for the parade next year. A plaque with the winner's names is located at LJ's Restaurant in downtown Miltona. The awards were as follows:

### Pontoon

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mary Ohland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bob Bezek

### Jet Ski

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Michelle Hines

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Conrad Stenglein

### Boats

No entries

## Fundraiser Results

	2014	2013	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dinner Tickets	6,952	6,758	194
Prize Tickets	3,361	3,251	110
Donations	909	1,583	(674)
Roll the Bones	272	178	94
Total income	11,494	11,770	(276)
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Catering for dinner	3,900	3,350	(550)
Refreshments	505	505	-
Prizes	1,256	704	(552)
Hall rental	216	335	119
Miscellaneous	50	50	-
Total expenses	5,927	4,944	(983)
Net Earnings for Fundraiser	5,567	6,827	(1,260)

## Paid Memberships

Membership trend over the past six years:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
388	375	410	413	408	437

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: [lake-miltona.org](http://lake-miltona.org)  
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.

## Annual Meeting

**Saturday, June 13th, 2015**

**9:00am**

**Miltona Community Center**

Our annual meeting will be held Saturday June 13th, 2015 at the Miltona Community Center. We will update you in the Spring newsletter as to which topics and speakers that will be attending.

## Water Quality Dedication

### Your Opportunity to Help

This past spring a new effort to inform Lake Miliona residents about actions to preserve and improve lake water quality was discussed in the spring newsletter and at the annual meeting. The Lake Miliona Association originates and funds projects to preserve and improve water quality, but individual residents can also help by "doing the right things" around the lake.

Like a similar effort conducted twenty years ago, residents are being asked to take action based on the list below. Rather than sign a pledge like you may

have done in the past, next season (2015) you will be asked to complete a "self-survey" about your shoreline conditions, aquatic vegetation near your shoreline, your "compliance" with the action list below, etc. The purpose of the survey is to highlight opportunities for both the Lake Miliona Association and individual residents to preserve and improve water quality.

When you think about the enjoyment Lake Miliona provided this past season, please also consider the effects of your actions around the lake. The list below suggests some questions to consider, such as:

Does your septic system need

maintenance?

Is your shoreline protected by a vegetation buffer to filter excessive nutrient erosion?

Do you follow the exotic species regulations?

Do you avoid damaging bulrushes (lake reeds)?

Do you use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in a responsible manner?

The self-survey you will be asked to complete in 2015 will help you take a closer look at your shoreline and activities that impact water quality. The survey participants will be recognized by the Lake Miliona Association.

## Nutrients That Support Excessive Weed Growth

This list includes actions focused on reducing nutrients that support excessive weed growth, septic system effectiveness, erosion prevention, and fish/wildlife habitat protection.

Follow regulations and recommendations regarding the installation, use, routine inspection, and maintenance of septic systems.

Preserve bulrushes (lake reeds) that filter nutrients from the lake.

Refrain from shoreline burning and other practices that allow nutrients such as ashes, clippings, and leaves to enter the lake.

Establish and preserve a natural vegetation buffer near the shoreline to prevent erosion and filter nutrients.

Minimize clearing of trees and natural vegetation, especially on shore line banks, in order to prevent erosion and filter nutrients.

Limit the size of impervious surfaces (patios, paved

driveways, etc.) which offer no nutrient filtering and "concentrate/accelerate" water runoff, causing erosion.

Follow the Minnesota exotic species (Eurasian Milfoil, Zebra Mussels, etc.) regulations and recommendations

Limit the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. If you must use them, do so in a responsible manner, and properly dispose of toxic chemicals.

## Fundraiser Donor List 2014

2 Guyz Take & Bake pizza	Geneva Golf Course	Polished Looks Salon
3M	Grand Casino Mille Lacs	Prairie Edge Casino: Granite Falls
Alexandria Country Club	Hayloft	R&R Ready Mix
American Heritage Hunting Club	Herbie's Bar and Grill	REA
Anderson Floral	Hilltop Lumber	RK's Prairie Café
Bettin Pest Control	Holiday North	RND Computers
Black Ridge Bank Miltona	Iverson Insurance	Ron's Warehouse Sales
Boomerang Sports	Jack Pot	Royal Tire
Border States Electric	Jim and Judy's	Sammy's One Stop
Brenton Engineering	Juettner Motors	Scherer Printing
Bug A Boo Bay Resort	Kathy Mense	Shiela's Place Rose City
Bullet Lawn Care	Klimek Bros Well Drilling	Shooting Star Casino
Casey's Amusement Park	Klinder	Spruce Center Bait
Cashwise Liquor	L&O plumbing and Heating	Star Liquor
Central Lakes Restaurant Supply	Lake Miltona Golf	Stubs Marine
Central Marine & Sports	Lakes Gas	Subway
Chet's Lakeside Inn	Leaf Valley Mercantile	Tastefully Simple
CJP Services	Leaf Valley Sportsmen	Tennessee Roadhouse
Corral supper Club	Life Quest Chiropractic	The Old Mill
Corries Sanitation	Lindsay Ecowater	Tires Associates
Crossing Inn suites	Lions Club of Miltona	Trumm Drug
Cullen's Home Center	LJ's	Viking Bay Resort
D Michael B's	LMA	Viking Office supply
Dairy Queen (north)	Mall of America	Wade's Miltona Service
Dakota Magic Casino	McDonald's	Wal-Mart
Dick's Standard	Miltona Bay Estates	Wendy VanKirk-Edina Realty
Don Henning Excavating	Miltona Blacksmith	Woodland Resort
Doolittles	Miltona Custom Meats	Zorbaz
Down On the Corner	Miltona Grocery	
Elden's Food Fair	Miltona Liquor	
Fine Line Laser Design	Mn Lakes Realty/G. & D. Reiner	
Focus Financial	Northland Dairy & Polaris	
Fortwengler Electric	Ollies Service	
Garden Center Lanes	Palmer Plant Kandy's	
Gas Mart Miltona	Pete's County Market	
	Pine Ridge Golf	

**Thank You** to these Merchants who provided over \$5,133 in prizes to our 2014 fundraiser.  
**Please support them!**

## **Fish Stocking Report**

The fall season is fish stocking season. The DNR has stocked Lake Miltona with approximately 2600+ pounds of walleye fingerlings. The electro shock tests came back lower again this fall, and the DNR has decided to supplement their fry stocking in Miltona with additional fall fingerlings. In addition, the Lake Association has applied for and been approved to stock an additional 1000 pounds of walleye fingerlings. So, this fall we will be stocking close to 4000 pounds of walleye fingerlings. Fingerlings are fish that are approximately 6 inches in length. Walleye fry are about the size of a very small minnow. To put this in terms of total walleyes, it will be somewhere around 25000 walleyes stocked. We look

forward to continued, excellent walleye fishing in our lake!

## **Lake Inspection Preliminary Report**

Attached is a preliminary report the Lake Miltona Association received from the DNR in Fergus Falls, regarding our lake access boat inspections. The report is not complete and we will be publishing a more detailed report in the next newsletter. As you can see, the DNR put in a lot of time checking boats at our access.

Total Inspections: 1410

Total Hours Spent at Access: 428.25

Inspections per hour: 3.29

Entering Boats: 785

Exiting Boats: 625

Boats Entering Access w/Drain plug in: 68

This year's grant was for 192 hours and we more than doubled that in inspection time, which is great. Work is still needed on the people who arrive with drain plugs in, Lake Miltona may be the highest violator of that, which may be due to the amount of residential areas surrounding the access.

## **Clothing Report**

After going over the results of the clothing survey from the Lake Association Fund Raiser, we have decided not to offer any apparel choices in 2015. If you are interested in Lake Miltona apparel, Viking Bay Resort, Miltona Gas Mart, and Miltona Grocery have plenty to offer. Thank you for your input.

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## **Lake Miltona Legacy**

Last fall I was contacted by a family, whose grandfather had passed away. They asked me if they could make a donation to the lake association, for the lake their grandfather had loved, on behalf of their grandfather. I said of course, and assured them we would acknowledge them on any level they wished. They said they would talk to Grandpa and determine the level and get back to me.

At the close of the annual meeting last summer, I had a beautiful young preschool girl come up to me after the meeting and said she had a check for me, from her Grandpa. It was on behalf of Grandpa, who had passed away, and they wished it to go towards walleye fish stocking on Lake Miltona, because Grandpa loved to fish. I accepted her check and promised her it would go towards putting walleyes into the lake. They said they wished to not be recognized, but

thanked us for our work. So, to the family of Grandpa, on behalf of the Lake Miltona Association, Grandpa's walleyes went into the lake in November. The family did not want to be acknowledged, but you know who you are, and this is your recognition! Thank you for considering Lake Miltona Association as a way of remembering Grandpa.

Steve DeSutter

President, Lake Miltona Association

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## 2015 Calendar of Events

January 10	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
April 11	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
June 13	Annual Meeting	9:00 am
July 11	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
August 15	Annual Fundraiser	5-10:00 pm
October 10	Directors Meeting	9:00 am