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Annual Meetings

KLID and KLHA boards have decided to hold their annual meetings on August 8, 8:00 am **virtually using Zoom**. Here are some notes from Jim Rusch, KLHA President, and Tom Hansen, KLID President about the meeting arrangements.

- Use this link to join the zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84316972021>. It will be posted to the website also. If you have not used Zoom before, you might try to log in early or do a trial run zoom meeting in advance of the meeting.
- The KLID meeting will start at 8 AM with KLHA starting immediately after. We encourage everyone to log in by 8 AM as we expect both meetings will take no more than an hour.
- Meeting agendas will focus on essential topics. These include:
 - Board member elections (KLID) and interim appointment (KLHA),
 - Approval of changes to KLID assessment (decreasing), and
 - Approval of the KLID budget (KLHA budget was approved via ballot voting in conjunction with the annual mailing)
- Meeting materials will be made available prior to the meetings. See this [link](#) for KLID meeting materials.
- If you have not done so already, please send your KLHA membership form and dues and the KLID Board of Directors Election ballot. We do need a quorum at the annual meetings so please plan to attend if available.

Directory Update: You can download a copy of the latest directory [here](#). For any corrections, please contact Jan Lodico.

Missing Shallow Water Buoy

The shallow water buoy off "Hansen's Point" is missing. If you have seen the buoy please reply to this email with its location. Jim Rusch put in its place one of the channel markers that we weren't using. He added some white paint and red tape to the channel marker but it is not quite as visible as the missing one. We will leave this in place as a stop gap until we can find or replace the shallow water buoy.

Social Committee Lake Activities Update

Unfortunately we are going to cancel the Mexican Fiesta and Chili Cook-off this year. Given the current Covid situation and guidelines, it does not seem feasible to socially distance at these events. Hopefully, we will be able to hold a full summer of activities next year.

However, there is still time to enter your photo in the **Kimble Photo Contest**: The deadline to enter your photo's has been **extended through Aug 3 to allow one more weekend** in this

contest showing the beauty of Kimble Lake. To date we have 17 entries. Contest rules below.

1. Unaltered photos must portray Kimble Lake scenery or lake life activities. Limit of two entries per person. Please make sure you stay a safe distance, at least 75 feet, for pictures of the loons.
2. Email photos by August 3 to Kimble.Kontest@gmail.com with subject line: "photo contest".
3. Please include your full name and phone # along with your submission(s) and a title or description, if relevant.
4. Photos will be assembled and made available to the KLHA community for voting within the first two weeks of August.

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

First Cabin on Kimble - Forstner Cabin

Many of you know that the first cabin on Kimble is the Forstner Cabin, built by Jeff Forstner and Val Usle's grandfather, Henry Forstner. The cabin is located at 9958 S Kimble Rd. near the south east corner of the lake. According to Jeff's dad, Floyd, the majority of the construction took place over Labor Day weekend in 1947. The cabin was pre-assembled at the family fire truck shop and then disassembled and brought on flatbed trucks to the lake where it was reassembled. Floyd recalls that the location was selected due to the sunset views and the land was purchased from Ed "EJ" Hauge.

The cabin was originally 24 feet by 16 feet and the original bathroom was added later. In 2002 a 16 x 16 addition was built with a loft above accounting for the higher roof height. The cabin has remained in the family for 73 years and has been used by 5 generations.

Here is a picture of the "original" cabin that hangs inside today and a recent picture with some of the family enjoying a weekend at the lake.



Reprinted here is an excerpt from Henry's autobiography that describes the process that led to the cabin being built.

"For some time, the family thought about a cabin at a lake and then we decided, sometimes rather loudly, on the size and arrangement. Then early in 1947, material then being hard to get on account of the war, I finally got enough straight bridge planks for outside dimensions, to go ahead with my plans. We were then building fire trucks, and a lot of the work was done after hours by me to keep down the cost. I decided to make it a prefab or ready cut job. I had the planks tongue and grooved and cut them myself to the various lengths. After dimensional work was done, then for the bunks, tables, stools and cabinets, etc.

And now we were all set but the place to put it. We then made several trips north to look for a clear water lake. We found such a lake at Kimball, located between Cross Lake and Pequot Lakes near the Ideal Store. The two Lakes, Cross and Pequot have thriving little towns. Whitefish and Cross Lake are large nearby lakes. Through them flow the Pine River with a dam at Cross Lake, from where it flows into the Mississippi River. This dam raises the lakes considerable and started heavy springs so only 200 yards from our chain of lakes, we have a steady stream of spring water flowing from Cross and Whitefish Lakes. The chain of lakes is Henry, Star, Little Bass, Big Bass, Kimball, Long (editor note: Long was renamed Ossawinnamakee later) and on to the Mississippi. Also these lakes seldom vary over 6", even with heavy rains. So having the lake and the lot bought, we were the first cabin on Kimball Lake. Then sometime in August, we took our

hunting cabin up for temporary quarters, until the cabin was complete. The next thing was to run in the foundation. Then we got Gene Forstner, with his truck, to bring up the material. Most all around the land was timber of different kinds. To come into the cabin site, Gene had to travel all the directions except straight up, to get to where our cabin was to be. After unloading, Jake, Frank and myself that week, got the framework up, also the roof boards and several plys of tarpaper. And in another week we were ready to move in. The rest was finished mostly on weekends. I was always prone to overload myself, and then I did not realize the wight of the yoke I put on. Then in 1958 we built a 6' by 8' addition and put in plumbing. That same year I built a 36 ft. suspension dock which withstood the elements for 10 years. And now with Floyd's boys growing up, I am going to shift some of the weight to someone else's shoulders."

Fishing Kontest Results

Eight teams participated in the 7th Annual Kimble Lake Fishing Contest. With water temperatures in the 80's and the heat index near 100, it seemed like a better day to be a fish than a fisherman! But our contestants proved both persistent and productive.

Team Gregersen (Joel and Nathan) claimed honors for the Largest Walleye - 18", Largest Northern - 24.5", and Largest Crappie - 10", adding to their already impressive collection of KLFK hardware

Team No Jiggity (Davee Olson Family Brothers-In-Law, Chris Knutson and Jordan Sinclair) were the Bass Masters, landing a total of 12 Large Mouth Bass, including a 20 incher - good for Largest Bass honors - and an 18" honorable mention. They also picked up at 9.5 inch Rock Bass good for Largest Phunky Phish!

Robert Reiser Fishing Masters (Greg Reiser, Dan Reiser, Philomena Reiser, Lucia Reiser, Anna Reiser, Amanda Reiser, Ozzie Lillemoe, Amanda Lillemoe, Tait Lillemoe, Linda Reiser) claim honors as the Pan Fish Masters, boating a total of 13 Sunnies and Bluegills, including three 8 inch Sunnies - good for Largest Sunny or Bluegill honors!

Famous Fabulous Federer Fishing Family (Grandpa Dale and Grandson Corbin Federer) had a fabulous day of fishing, with Corbin doing most the catching while Dale wielded the net and baited the hooks. Corbin won some hardware for his 8" Sunny and also landed a nice 14" Bass.

The Chuck Maday Team were the first team on the lake in an effort to beat the heat and were rewarded with a number of nice fish including the Second Place winning Northern, along with some nice Bass and a Rocky or two.

The Wangsness-Panian Team reported an uncharacteristically slow outing, but did land a 9.5 inch Rock Bass - good for second place and some KLFK hardware to keep the streak alive - They also boated a couple decent bass.

The Morse Team also reported a respectable outing, including a 16" Bass and a 7.5" Sunny - caught as the sun was setting on a beautiful 4th of July Saturday.

The Mathewson and Sons team (Rob, Ollie, and Jace) rounded out this year's tournament.

Congratulations to our prize winners and Thank You to all the Teams for helping make memories in the 7th Annual Kimble Lake Fishing Kontest.

Thank you Jim Rusch for organizing this fun event. Here are some pictures from this year's event.



Reiser Lillemo Pan Fish Masters



Chuck Maday



Chris Knutson and Award Winning Bass



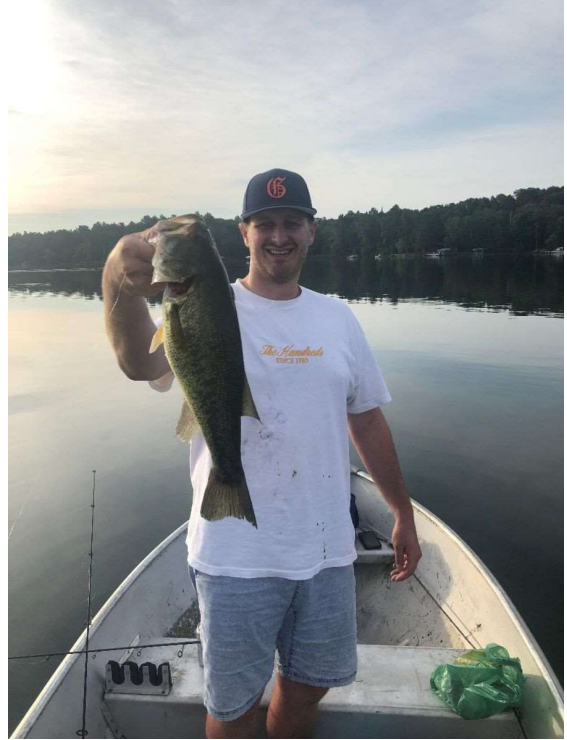
Corbin Federer and Nice Bass



Corbin Federer and Award Winning Sunny



Team Morse Captain and 16 inch Bass



Jordan Sinclair and Award Winning Bass

Boat Parade

There were at least 15 boats that participated in this year's parade with many groups on shore celebrating Independence Day as the parade motored by. Afterwards, participants enjoyed ice cream sandwiches courtesy of the the Baumgartner family (thank you, Sally & Jeff!). To achieve social distancing, boats pulled alongside the Mohr's dock to pick up their ice cream and were greeted by a surprise visit from Santa. Here are a number of pictures from this year's parade.







Loon Update

Thank you to all for being careful boating around the loon babies. Both babies are doing well and have grown so fast. In the past couple weeks, the babies have gotten their white feathers and have started to dive and catch their own food. Recently, Karen and Dave were kayaking across the lake and the loons came right up near the kayak where Karen snapped and enlarged this picture.



Short Notes

1. We are always interested in additional volunteers to **monitor the access**. If interested contact Tom Mahoney or Dave Rysdam. We could also use a couple volunteers to help review video from the access.
2. We still need a **newsletter editor**. If interested reach out to Dave Rysdam
3. **Kimble Marketplace**. If you have something to sell, give away or are looking for something, please notify Dave Rysdam to be included in the next newsletter in late August.
 - o Kathy and Blake Mohr have several pieces of furniture to give away (Kathy must be cleaning out the stuff Blake has saved over the years :)). The following items are available for pick up at no cost. Tan recliner, 2 swivel rockers, round white patio glass top table with 4 blue chairs, round brown wood dining room table with chairs, sofa with cabin print, 2 bookcases with glass doors, 3 drawer dresser with tv hutch. Text Kathy 651-269-9273 if you are interested and would like to see pictures of these items or stop by to look at them.
 - o Jim Rusch has an 18' Old Town canoe for sale - \$200 OBO. Please contact Jim at 612-961-0120.

Pictures from Around the Lake

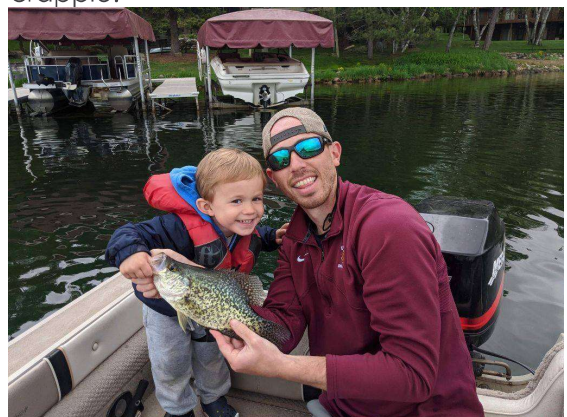
If you have a picture to share, an article, an idea for an article or something else to share, please reach out to Dave.

Here are some pictures submitted for publication since the last newsletter.

Paul Schoen pulled the Mathewson Clan on a group ski recently. Thanks for the great show!



Oliver and Rob Mathewson holding the 5 pound northern that Oliver caught and reeled in by himself recently. Jace Mathewson caught this nice crappie.





This Monday, the Mohr's and Rysdam's were out for an evening pontoon ride and ran across two eagles on shore. We watched the juvenile Bald Eagle eating his dinner for over 15 minutes from near shore. In this picture, the second eagle was chased away from stealing his meal.



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OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

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The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association was formed in 2002. Membership costs \$40 per year, due at the time of the annual meeting. Join today! Simply download the [KLHA Membership form](#) and send payment to:

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