

# Diamond Lake Newsletter

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## *Welcome back to Diamond Lake*

Welcome back to Diamond Lake to all our summer residents. Subsequent to our annual meeting last summer the lake experienced a roller coaster ride of weather.

The straight line winds of last August 26 affected many properties. There was damage to cabins and docks and hundreds of trees were downed and uprooted. The storm lasted only a few minutes, but the clean-up took months and the reforestation will take years.

Our winter was very severe and most locals do not recall a worse one. Heavy snows began in November. Subzero temperatures were ongoing. Our thermometer read -30F or more on many mornings.

On Friday April 18 the National Weather Service notified the Spooner Ag Research Station that the snowfall for the winter of 2013/2014 broke a 115 year old record. Spooner recorded 120.4 inches and Hayward 107.4. The previous record was 95.5 inches recorded in 1898/1899. The Ag station also recorded a record number of days at -20F or more for 24 days. The previous record was 22 days.

On the brighter side the ice caves on Lake Superior were spectacular and attracted visitors from around the world. As many as 8,500 people per day and cars parked for several miles down Highway 13. Lake Superior completely iced over, the first time since 1996.

Hoping you all have a great time on the lake this summer.

Tim Tully,  
President





**Adult snapper**



**Just hatched snapper**



**Painted turtles sunning bathing in the creek**



**Blandings Turtle**

## *Turtle watch*

Turtles are one of the oldest classes of animals on earth. They predated dinosaurs and survived the mass extinction. They have slowly been making their way to and from their nesting sites for hundreds of thousands of years. Unfortunately the international turtle population is declining. 75% of all the world's species of turtles are threatened, endangered or critically endangered.

The main threat to turtles in Wisconsin is habitat fragmentation. Another threat is from nest depredation. Turtles love to set their nests on sunny barren spots, especially along road sides where streams cross. In June their nests are preyed upon by raccoons, skunks, and foxes. They are also very vulnerable to road kill during their nesting trek. The Wisconsin DNR has launched a new program to address this problem and can be found here:

<http://wiatri.net/inventory/witurtles/>

From late May through June female turtles are most active. Be on the lookout for them especially on the roads surrounding the lake. The main spot on our lake is the crossing of 18 Mile Creek on North Diamond Lake Drive.

The two most common species in our area are the Painted Turtle and the Common Snapping Turtle. The Blanding's Turtle with its beautiful yellow throat may also be found. We rescued a 12 incher crossing Highway M near Cable several years ago.

Turtles have an indefinite life span. After they reach maturity in 2-10 years they do not age (like us!) and live many years in the wild.

Please be on the lookout for our ancient friends.

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## Dear Diamond Lakers,

The Diamond Lakers 2014 annual meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 19th at the home of: Sally and Jules Carlson, 47400 N. Diamond Lake Drive. Diamond Lake, Cable Wisconsin. **Please bring a folding or lawn chair.** The presentation will be Moquah Barrens given by Tom Dolittle of the DNR

The business meeting to follow will address the following topics: election of officers and board members, fishing report, loon report and volunteers to host the 2015 annual meeting. I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Sincerely, Tim Tully, President

Reservation Form: **PLEASE RESPOND BY JULY 1st**

[ ] We will be attending the annual meeting and here is my check for \$20.00 for 2014 dues. Please note, currently Paid Membership determines the eligibility to cast a vote and it is one vote per property.

[ ] We would like to stay for the social hour and enclosed is \$ 20 per person for hors d'oeuvres and beverages

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Children under the age of 10 – No Charge)

[ ] We cannot attend the 2014 annual meeting but here is my check for \$20.00 for the annual dues along with the option of a proxy vote: *PROXY VOTE: Section 3 of the Bylaws: Members entitled to vote but unable to attend the annual meeting may vote by proxy. The proxy must be given in writing to any other voting member in advance of the Annual Meeting.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ will not be attending the 2013 annual Meeting of the Diamond Lakers and hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to cast my vote on business that may be brought up during the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Update Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Total:                   \$   20.00

Social Hour \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total:                         \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks out to:**

Diamond Lakers

**Mail to:**

Tim Tully

47545 Chapinwood Rd.

Cable WI 54821

# Phenology

Regular winter birds (chickadees, nuthatches, finches and grosbeaks) were uncommon even at feeders.

Deer were bedded down until April. The number lost to severe weather will not be known until the next census. The DNR will likely recommend a zero antlerless deer quota in 2014.

## March 15

Barred owl calling and many red squirrels out on .

## April 3

Dark-eyed junco seen

## April 7

Robin, small flock of snow buntings, and a white deer with five others seen on North Diamond Lake Drive on.

## April 10

White-throated sparrow and northern shrike seen.

Albino deer seen on lake.

Pair of great horned owls land on north end of lake right before night fall.

## April 15

Sandhill crane, red tailed hawk, and yard up of 50-70 deer near Ino seen.

## April 16

Hooded Mergansers on Dam Road.

Three trumpeter swans fly over Diamond and land in creek. Fly out the next morning.

## April 19

Mallards and common mergansers, in pairs, swim between ice and shore on north end of lake.

## April 21

Pair of Canadian geese join the ducks.

## April 24

Belted kingfisher seen at 18 Mile Creek.

## Public Atlas maps available

The DNR has just published the Public Access Lands Atlas for Wisconsin. The printed edition of atlas for the entire state can be purchased at The University Book Store for \$89.95 or on CD for \$5.95 at:

[uwbookstore.com/MerchList.aspx?ID=15893](http://uwbookstore.com/MerchList.aspx?ID=15893)

or you can download county maps at:

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/PAL](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/PAL)