



### Our sparkling Diamond



Diamond Lake shed its winter coat March 20, 2012, the earliest in Diamond Lake Lodge records. A close second was March 30, 2000. The latest ice-out on record was May 8 in 1996. The peeper photo above is submitted by Tim Tully. The first peepers were heard mid-April this year.

The loons hatched two chicks in Sanderson/Dutton Bay; the first around 11 p.m. May 3, the second around 4 a.m. May 4. Last year loon attacks by eagles forced the loons to incubate three sets of eggs, finally hatching and raising one chick. The fear was the chick would not be mature enough to migrate. The young loon stayed very close to the lake freezing over but was seen in flight about a week before the lake froze over.



*Beth and Scott Johnson's son, Ben, and his twin sons Rainer, left, and Shepard, caught a nice mess of gills and crappies the first week in May.*



*The loon family 2012 is thriving*

# 50th anniversary was a piece of cake

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Courtesy of Jilly Lund Gloria Goeltz feeds her new husband, Earl, a portion of their wedding cake in 1961.



Fifty years later, Gloria and Earl Goeltz replicate their wedding day with a bite from the same cake.

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They say it's lucky to freeze the top of the wedding cake and eat it on your first anniversary. If that's true, then Gloria and Earl Goeltz's good fortune should be 50-fold.

For their golden anniversary this year, they ate a slice of their wedding cake from 1961. And lived to tell the tale.

"We just kept putting it off. We moved it from place to place. It got to be our 50th

year and I guess we thought, well, we better have it now because there may not be that many more," Gloria said.

She and Earl were married in Milwaukee on Aug. 5, 1961. The reception hall staff sent them home with the cake's top tier, maybe 6 inches in diameter. It was a yellow cake with white buttercream frosting.

On their first anniversary, they ate most of it. But they saved one slice, which they wrapped in tin foil and placed in a Gimbels-Schusters jewelry box, also covered with foil. The reason for preserving this one piece? For the heck of it.

In the years that followed, they moved a couple times. Germantown has been home for 34 years now. The couple raised two sons. Gloria, a nurse in the early days, and Earl, an engineer, both are retired. Freezers wore out and were replaced with new ones. But that small square of cake was always there.

They have a chest freezer in the garage. "That freezer is segregated," Earl said. "A quarter of it is my side, and three quarters of it is the family side. On my side is all the venison and the partridge and the pheasants and the ducks. And the wedding cake. I don't think she wanted any part of it."

In mid-August, the Goeltzes celebrated their 50th anniversary.

After all these years, the cake was out of the freezer and thawing on the car ride up there. But what would it look like? And taste like? Was it even safe to eat 50-year-old cake? Think how long the chickens and cows that contributed the eggs and butter to the recipe have been in farm animal heaven.

"I thought it would be like a crouton, all shrunk up and dried out," Gloria was betting.

Earl wasn't concerned. "I'm 76. That ain't going to kill me. I've eaten half-cooked partridge and duck, so I'm not worried about that."

To build the tension at the anniversary party,

Earl read aloud from a love letter he wrote to Gloria as a single man and that she had saved all these years. They met one night at a mixer hall on Mitchell St. when Earl asked her to dance. In the letter, he had predicted correctly they would be sharing a bed 50 years in the future. Then it was time for cake.

"We opened that box up and there wasn't any crumbs. It looks like it came out of Antarctica. It was still the same," Earl said. "You could tell it wasn't fresh, but it wasn't hard."

Gloria dipped her finger in the frosting and put a dab on her tongue. "It tasted like it did 50 years ago," she said.

It was a tradition when Earl was growing up to put cake in a bowl of milk because there wasn't always money for ice cream. So that's the way he ate this cake. Son Mike and his significant other, Jilly Lund, also took a taste.

"There were four of us who ate it, and we're all still living," Gloria said.

The cake wasn't half bad for being half a century old.

This fragile slice of pastry, like the marriage of Gloria and Earl, passed the test of time.

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A huge hemlock went down in the Jeff Facklis front yard. Julia and their dogs, Luka and Jones, are under the root ball. *Submitted by Julia and Jeff Facklis.*

## Spring fyke netting results

**The Department of Natural Resources conducted a fisheries assessment of Diamond Lake from March 22, 2012 to April 5, 2012.**

**Diamond Lake is a drainage Lake in the Lake Superior basin. The DNR reports the walleye fishery is primarily supported through stocking. The population estimate for adult walleye is slightly lower than lakes with similar characteristics. However, growth rates for walleye are greater than regional average. Walleye that should be 15 inches for their age are actually 20-21 inches.**

**DNR Fisheries Biologist Scott Tosher said, "We are seeing the large fingerling walleye that have been stocked the last 4 years starting to show up as adults. This is a good thing and shows that those efforts may be helping to boost walleye numbers. The plan is to continue the stocking and evaluate again in 3 years. "**

**During 2011, Diamond Lake was stocked with 1,536 walleye, seven inches in length; 1,650, eight inches in 2010; 3,410, seven inches during 2009. There is not a history of stocking listed for 2008. 6,820 six inch walleye were stocked in 2007. Between the even years of 2000 through 2006, a total of 58,705 one and two inch walleye were stocked.**

**The DNR is conducting a creel survey on Diamond this year in keeping with the three-year cycle. Creel clerk Donna Sorensen will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.**

**Also this year, the DNR returned fyke nets in Diamond on June 11 to survey the panfish population.**

**For answers to question about fisheries management activities and plans for Diamond, contact:**

**Scott Tosher, DNR Fisheries Biologist  
6250 S. Ranger Road, Brule WI 54821**

**715 372-8539. Ext 121**

**ScottToshner@wisconsin.gov**

## **The Annual Meeting of the**

**Diamond Lakers Inc.** was held at the Larry and Marie Vorlicky residence, on Saturday, July 23, 2011. Tim Tully, President, called the meeting to order. The meeting was dedicated to Ed McInerney and Seddie Cogswell, both who passed away this year.

### **Minute Review**

The minutes of the July 24, 2010 annual meeting were reviewed as posted on the website and there was a motion to approve.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Larry Sanderson reported on a balance of \$2395. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

### **Diamond Lakers Inc. Website**

The lake association web site continues to provide a communication vehicle for the membership and Tim thanked Bob Jacobel for maintaining this site. Bob reviewed that there had been 28,000 hits on this web site.

### **Waste Management**

Tim reviewed the issues with waste management for residents on the lake and that there is not an option for the smaller container so the only option is to use the 96- gallon container. The other option is to take waste to the Grand View Town Dump, which is open Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday 1 to 7 p.m.

### **Lake Monitoring**

Larry Sanderson reported that there is no change in the lake quality.

### **Northwest Lake Conference**

Tim Tully reported on the Lake Conference and the discussion about the problem with the use of lead fishing gear. Lead fishing tackle can lead to the death of loons, other birds and water fowl related to the consumption of lead fishing tackle.

### **Lake Laws and Issues with Non-Compliance**

The new No Wake is now implemented that establishes a statewide slow-no-wake zone for motorboats within 100 feet of a lake's shoreline. Personal Water Craft need a 200 foot no wake zone from shore, and 100 feet from docks and platforms. For water skiing, boats must be 100 feet from ashore before take off. If there are concerns about violations of the Wisconsin state law, it is best to videotape the violators since the video can

then be used as evidence and the other options is to document time, date, description of the water craft and number of people in the craft and then contact the DNR. The names of the DNR contacts and phone numbers are:

Jill Schartner: 715-739-6734

Amy Egstad: 715-779-4035

### **Fishing Report**

Jerry Robotka reported that there are no changes and that the DNR continue to stock Walleye.

### **Wildlife Update**

The loons have succeeded in hatching a baby loon on the third try. There is also one eaglet this year. There have been numerous other wild life observed.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Jerry Robotka presented the Nominating Committee.

*The following officer was re-elected:*

*Larry Sanderson, Treasurer – Term 2011 -2013*

**New Officer elected:**

**Nancy Rabe, Vice President – Term 2011 – 2013**

Board Member re-elected:

Bob Jacobel – Term 2011 – 2013

New Board Member:

Ed Wallen – Term 2011 – 2013

### **Location of 2012 Annual Meeting**

Tim Tully announced that the 2011 Annual Meeting will be held at the Tully residence on July 21, 2012 at 3 p.m. Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Trankel, Secretary

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference  
2012 *Friday June 22 ~ 7:30am-4:00pm Spooner High School, Spooner \$40 per person (incl. cont. breakfast, lunch, & materials)*

The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference is one of Wisconsin's premier lake events. To be held this year at Spooner High School, the all day program will again be a great opportunity for lake enthusiasts, local government officials and others interested in protecting our water resources to take in a number of educational presentations, visit informative exhibits, and network with conference attendees. Keynote speakers include conservationist Dave Zentner speaking on "Citizen Conservation During Divisive Political Times" and naturalist/author/photographer Stan Tekiela presenting "Fascinating Loons." [Click here for more information or to register online through wisconsinlakes.org.](#)

## Dear Diamond Lakers,

The Diamond Lakers 2012 annual meeting will be at **3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** at the home of Tim and Nancy Tully, 47545 Chapinwood Road, Diamond Lake, Cable Wisconsin.

**Please bring a folding or lawn chair.**

The presentation topic this year will be "Wild Flowers of Bayfield County" by Becky Brown.

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 2012 annual meeting and updates in Wisconsin Law. I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Sincerely,

Tim Tully, President

### **Reservation Form: PLEASE RESPOND BY JULY 6th.**

We will be attending the annual meeting and here is my check for **\$20.00 for 2012 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 2012 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 2012 annual Meeting of the Diamond Lakers and hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to cast my vote on business that may be brought up during the 2012 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**

**PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 6th**



It is easy to overlook how beautiful Diamond Lake is during the winter. Sunsets are often spectacular in the cold weather. *Photo submitted by Monica and Ed Wallin.*



Things are humming along in the Ray and Dianne Klump back yard with 50 birds (maybe, have you ever tried counting hummingbirds?) at the feeder just before dark. *Photo by Aaron Crawford.*



Diamond has its own pair of watchful eagles nesting on the southeast shore. Unfortunately their favorite food includes loon chicks and ducklings. *Photo by Aaron Crawford.*



Green frogs have been rare in the Diamond Lake area for nearly 50 years. They seem to be making a comeback in the last five years. The frog on the left is a first year frog while the other has been around a few years, always a good sign. *Photos submitted by Nancy and Tim Tully.*



Our on-again, off-again winter turned Diamond Lake into a skating rink. The winter offered record-breaking warm spells. *Photo submitted by Monica and Ed Wallin.*



The caddisflies are small moth-like insects having two pairs of wings and aquatic larvae. The larvae make protective cases of silk decorated with gravel, sand, twigs or other debris. Caddisflies are generally thought to indicate clean water. Fish find them delicious.