



FALL 2022

# BOOT LAKE NEWS

## Giving Thanks

After a busy and beautiful summer, fall provided a moment to slow down, reflect, and above all, be grateful. As I finalize these thoughts, we've already received our first snowfall - and it's glorious!

I'm sure that we each have much to be thankful for, but two things that stand out for the Association as of this writing:

### **Fred Luckeroth.**

Our many thanks go out to Fred for cheerfully and tirelessly serving on the board for almost 12 years, with 10 as the Chairperson. His time, talent and numerous contacts throughout the community and lakes associations and organizations have been invaluable. Fred has done so much to ensure the beauty, quality and cohesiveness of the Boot Lake environment and community and we are supremely grateful. He's left big (and many!) shoes to fill; so many that they had to be divvied up amongst all the Board members!

### **Boot Lake**

How can we not be thankful every day for this beautiful lake that we enjoy throughout the year, and many of us are blessed to call 'home'. Each season it lavishes us with beauty, wildlife and unexpected treasures. The loons have now headed south, being replaced with white swans, and skeletal trees reveal views previously hidden among the lush foliage of summer.

We hope you like the new look of the newsletter; with it we're taking this opportunity to share the Board Member profiles. Let us know what you think and what you would like to see in the future!

Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season.

Teri Erhardt, Boot Lake Association Chairperson

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# BOARD MEMBERS

## TERI ERHARDT - CHAIRPERSON

My husband Scott and I moved full time to Boot Lake in 2019. We previously lived in Plymouth and moved here to be closer to some of our family (our daughter Liz and her husband Ryan Ahrendt and their four daughters are the owners of Half Moon Trail resort on the lake). We have two more grandchildren in Denver with our oldest daughter, Britt, and our son Ryan, lives in Minneapolis.

In my spare time I love taking walks, playing pickle ball and gardening, and I have a 'worm farm' in our basement to convert garbage into 'gold' for the garden!

Hope to see you around the lake!



Not my horse; just a decent picture!

“It’s not happiness that brings us gratitude. It’s gratitude that brings us happiness.”

-anonymous

## DAVE RESKI - VICE CHAIRPERSON

I grew up in Fargo/Moorhead and moved to Boot Lake in 2020 from Sioux Falls, SD with my wife Tressie.

We’re enjoying life here on the lake with our Chocolate Lab, Scout. You’ll see her perched on the front of the boat as we make our almost daily tour of the lake. We look forward to making more friends, so please honk/wave as you go by!



## KATHI DOROFF - SECRETARY

Gary and I raised our family (Bree & Ryan) in Fargo ND and purchased our lake lot on Boot in 2000. We spent many summers having fun and working on landscaping and a bunkhouse, eventually beginning construction on our home in 2014.

I retired from Cargill in 2016 and Gary from Industrial Builders in 2018. We moved here permanently in 2019 and I am enjoying gardening, paddleboarding, cross-country skiing (in my novice stage for sure!) and serving with the CHI St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary. We have 2 grandchildren who absolutely love the lake! We are very blessed to have many wonderful neighbors here.

# BOARD MEMBERS, CONT.

## CRAIG NIEMAN - TREASURER

Hi, my wife Jean and I moved here in 2013 from the Twin Cities. We live on the southwest end of the lake, and enjoy all that the Park Rapids and surrounding area has to offer.

I have been the association treasurer for 7 years, and enjoy getting to know our neighbors through this position.

See you on the water!



## CRAIG KULLA - BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

I grew up in North Dakota in the small town of Kensal. Fishing with my dad was some of my earliest memories so naturally it progressed to tournament bass fishing for more than 20 years. I always had an interest in aviation and served an enlistment in the navy then joined the ND Air Guard and retired with 35 years service. I also enjoyed flying gliders and old tail wheel airplanes.

My wife Shirley and I enjoy the beauty of Boot Lake with our dog Marley. We have a daughter Brianna who is in Physician Assistant graduate school in Memphis, TN.



## SUE SHOCKLEY - BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

I and my husband of 45 years, Doug, have spent most of our lives enjoying weekends and summers at Boot Lake. Finally, after retiring last spring, we are able to realize our dream of living full-time at the lake.

Following a rich and fulfilling career primarily in education, my heart has always been in service, and I am now ready to serve my new permanent community as the member-at-large of the Boot Lake Association.

My favorite time is spent with my two children and their families, including three grandchildren under the age of 5. I love spending time in nature – particularly walking and ATVing through the woods surrounding Boot Lake with our newest family addition, my Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Piper. I also enjoy fishing, boating, and just hanging out on the dock and in the lake with my family and friends.

I hope my love for Boot Lake and all it represents will deeply enrich the Association Board and our community.

# MINNESOTA LOON RESCUE NETWORK

by Sheila Johnston (reposted from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association)



Johnston

*Loons will chase fishing tackle. Note the jig hooked into this loon's neck.*

The Common Loon is Minnesota's state bird and it is beloved for its haunting calls and dramatic beauty. Minnesota is home to an estimated 12,000 loons! Alaska is the only state with more loons. With 12,000 loons in the state, it is no surprise that some of them succumb to illness and injury. The three leading causes of loon deaths are human caused: lead poisoning, fishing line entanglement or hooking, and boat strikes. Explosions from private lakeside fireworks displays also pose a grave danger to loons and can injure or kill them. Chicks can be lost after separating from parents in the chaos.

Minnesota has excellent wildlife rehabilitation clinics that are well prepared to care for sick or injured loons, and orphaned chicks. However, finding skilled help with the rescue of a sick or injured loon can be a challenge. The new Minnesota Loon Rescue Network is here to help!

The Minnesota Loon Rescue Network is a network of trained volunteers assisting with the capture and transport of sick or injured loons to Minnesota DNR certified rehabilitation clinics. Our goal is to have teams of trained volunteers in all areas of the state with loon populations. There is also a team of volunteers that can travel to areas without loon rescue volunteers.

Volunteers are needed and lake associations can help!

- Follow our public Facebook group, Minnesota Loon Rescue Network, where you can find information on loon rescue and report sick or injured loons.
- Share the news about the Minnesota Loon Rescue Network with your lake association and friends.
- There are many ways to get involved.
- Loon Watcher: observe and report loons in your area exhibiting signs of illness or injury to the Minnesota Loon Rescue Network
- Spotter: help locate injured or sick loons for the rescue team
- Provide and/or drive a boat for the rescue team
- Operate the spotlight for a nighttime water rescue
- Rescue: capture sick or injured loons
- Transport sick or injured loons to the MLR rehabilitation clinic

MLR will be hosting a training webinar for Minnesota Loon Rescue Network volunteers in the spring of 2023. If you are interested in volunteering, contact [sheilafjohnston@me.com](mailto:sheilafjohnston@me.com).

If you encounter a sick or injured loon, call 612 226-6571 or 816 516-0759.

Or visit us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLoonRescueNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLoonRescueNetwork)



# calendar of events

## OCTOBER

6th - Fall Road Pick-up - Erhardt's  
12th - Ladies' Coffee - Cathy Ovsak  
952-240-7515  
35413 Grouse About Trail

## NOVEMBER

9th - Ladies' Coffee - Sue Rost  
218-732-3553  
53221 Sunrise Lane



## DECEMBER

17th - Ladies' Coffee - Chris Luckeroth  
218-699-3466  
35554 E. Boot Lake Rd

## JANUARY

11th - Ladies' Coffee - Teri Erhardt  
763-439-8449 (please text to RSVP)  
33930 535th Ave

14th - Association Holiday Party  
Sparkling Waters in Bemidji



## FEBRUARY

8th - Ladies' Coffee - Kathi Doroff  
701-639-3501  
53369 Grouse About Trail

## MARCH

8th - Ladies' Coffee - Shirley Kulla  
701-261-4663  
53333 Grouse About Trail

## APRIL

12th - Ladies' Coffee TBD

## MAY

10th - Ladies' Coffee Kathy Alexander  
507-430-2176  
33750 535th Ave



18th - Spring Road Pick-up and Potluck  
Hosted by Gary and Kathi Doroff

## JUNE

Floating Dinner TBD

## JULY

4th of July Boat Parade



Floating Dinner TBD

## AUGUST

13th - Annual Meeting and Potluck  
Hosted by Craig and Shirley Kulla

Floating Dinner TBD

## SEPTEMBER

Ladies' Coffee

OCTOBER 5 - Fall Road pick-up - Nieman's