

TWO INLETS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Fall Newsletter September, 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FROM GLEN WOLTERS:

Hi, All:

Another change of season. Days have been cool and nights cooler. The Martins are gone, as are the adult Loons. Most of the tourists are history, and soon the snowbirds will begin their own migration.

Other changes have occurred this past summer. Doug and Dorothy Lennier have sold their home and will complete their return to Texas next week. Two Inlets and Bear Paw Resorts had their first summer under new ownership. Several of our long term neighbors are experiencing severe health issues, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our friendly "AIS" inspector, Ted, reports most of his encounters with users of the public access have been friendly, but he stressed he is there to "educate". The most common violation is transporting of bait or fish in water. You need to dump your water when you arrive at the lake and refill with lake water, then reverse the process when you leave. Also weeds hanging from your boat trailer are a "red flag" for law enforcement to pull you over. Also of note at the access is the sign bracket is broken, possibly from winter plowing. DNR maintenance has been made aware.

The final loon count was 4 nesting pairs resulting in 3 chicks surviving to present. While this seems low, it does seem in line with other lakes in the region. The DNR says the high mortality is the result of West Nile Virus, predator fish and eagles.

The 4th of July parade was a huge success with 26 boats participating! And the fireworks displays were spectacular. Thanks and congratulations to all, especially the Stephan family. Many a small town would have been jealous.

Our Purple Martin program continues to grow. Every apartment in established houses was occupied. If you would like to start your own colony please give Glen a call for the plans. A word of advice is that you need to place the houses out the day after ice out.

The web site is in the process of being updated. Thank you to Val Schooley and Debby Facey. Your lake association is only as active as its members. If you have ideas, concerns or other news, please contact an officer so it may be addressed.

Ditch pickup is set for Saturday, Oct 5th. Meet in front of Brookside Resort at 3pm, and then retire to Clancey's for a social gathering at 5pm. Please RSVP to Susan @ 699-3244.

Don't work too hard at putting away the toys of summer. It'll get done. As we approach the revered season of blaze orange be safe and enjoy the solitude of our piece of heaven.

Glen

Fun Facts courtesy of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer:

Bird species found in cold climates tend to have smaller bills than those living in warm climates.

Common Loon:

Their bill is like a needle nose pliers. Some people think a loon's bill looks like a dagger or a spear; and it's true that this water-loving bird will sometimes use the bill as a weapon. But more often, a loon uses its bill like a needle- nose pliers, opening its mouth wide and snapping down on a fish, a frog, or other prey-animals it hunts and eats under water. Tiny ridges called denticles on the top bill help the bird hang on to its slippery prey.

Loons also use their bills to turn their eggs in the nest and to tell other loons "I like you" or "I don't like you." And a loon's bill comes in handy for smoothing and spreading water-resistant oil on its feathers.