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# **Diamond Lakers Newsletter**

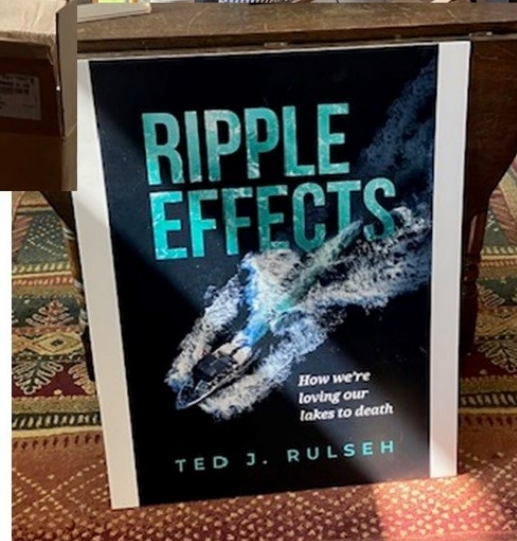
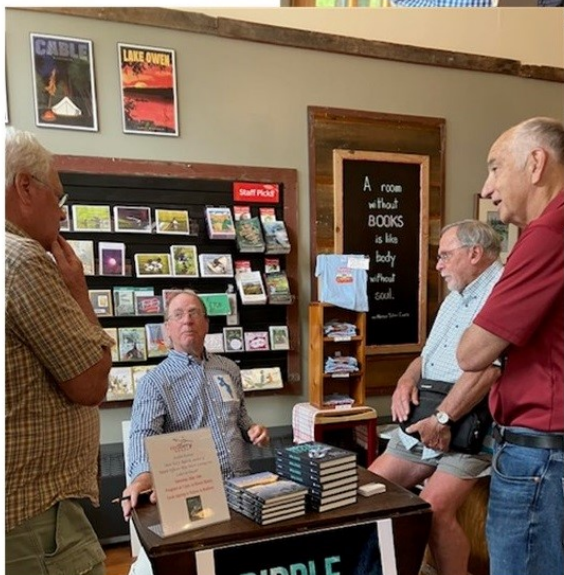
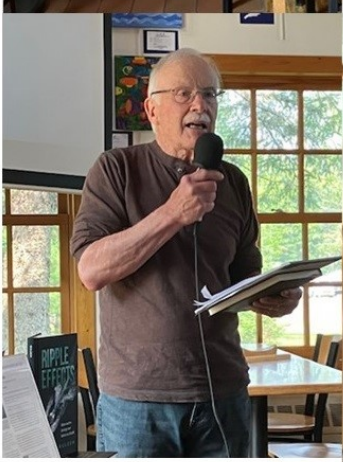
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## Ted J. Rulseh:

The first portion of the July 15 Diamond Lakers gathering was an educational event for our members (with the public also invited). Author, Ted Rulseh, gave an excellent talk on “Protecting Your Lake: the Ultimate People Business”, at Rivers Eatery at 11:00 a.m. He was also available to sign his books, at Redbery Books... *Ripple Effects* and *A Lakeside Companion*.

<https://www.thelakeguy.net/> <https://www.redberybooks.com/>



DIAMOND LAKERS, INC. - 2023 ANNUAL MEETING  
JULY 15, 2023—3 pm; Grand View Town Hall



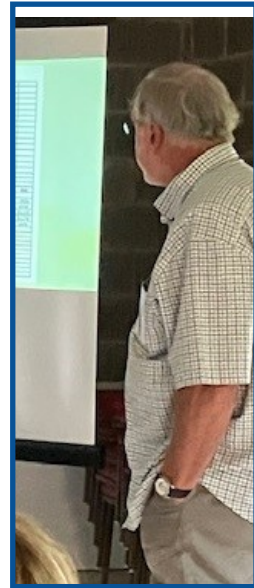
**DIAMOND LAKERS, INC. - 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 15, 2023 –3 pm; Grand View Town Hall**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	
Pat Arndt	N. Diamond Lake Drive
Dina (Wuest) Berray	Canterbury Trail
Jim Biesecker	Chapinwood Road
Paul Brown and Susan Walker	N. Diamond Lake Road
Juels and Sally Carlson	N. Diamond Lake Road
Judy Doonan and Joe Twohy	Twin Pines Lane
Bob Jacobel	Twin Pines Lane
David James	Diamond Point Road
Scott and Beth Johnson	Chapinwood Road
Betsy Kind	Diamond Point Road
Dianne Klump	N. Diamond Lake Road
Tom and Jeanne Kraker	Chapinwood Road
Dennis Kruse	Canterbury Trail
Raye and Rose Lahti	Diamond Point Road
Kris and Trish Leaf	Twin Pines Lane
Jessie and Stan Mischievitz	N. Diamond Lake Road
Cary and Mary Palmer	Twin Pines Lane
Jim and Sally Pathos	Chapinwood Road
Laurie Rabe	Canterbury Trail
John and Cathy Rosebush	Pioneer Road
Michael Slade and Julie Hart	Canterbury Trail
Susan Trankel and Brad Budzisz	Canterbury Trail
Ed and Monica Wallen	N. Diamond Lake Road
Other	



37 individuals, representing 23 out of 57 member households were present.



## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING *HIGH POINTS*

Board Members Present – Scott Johnson, Bob Jacobel, Raye Lahti, Dave James, Ed Wallen, John Rosebush, Tom Kraker, Pat Arndt. Excused – Mark Wilhem

Thirty-seven voting members were present. (See page 4.)

- ◆ President Scott Johnson welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.  
The board was introduced.  
Voting members introduced themselves.
- ◆ 2022 Minutes. Motion to approve, by Ed Wallen. Unanimous approval.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report:  
The Audit is available on the website. All was appropriate  
John Rosebush has been added as a signatory  
[See more of the Treasurer's Report on page 7.]
- ◆ Special Guest—Madelaine Rekemeyer, Bayfield County District 11 Supervisor  
Background: Community Health Clinic, Birkie Foundation Rep,  
Health and Human Services Board, UW Extension

### Challenges in Bayfield County

- Road Repair costs going up
- Affordable year-round housing needs
- EMS—Looking for volunteers
- Lack of childcare

(Madelaine Reckemeyer cont'd)

Few assisted living facilities

Need for public transportation

6th county in population growth

By 2040, one of the eldest counties

Highway Department has proposed to open all county roads to ATV's & UTV's

◆ Nominating Committee and Voting

Raye Lahti—Motion to approve the slate : Pat Arndt, Ed Wallen, Tom Kraker

Jessie Mischievitz seconded the motion

Unanimous approval

◆ New Ordinance

See photo of sign on page 8

◆ Water Quality Report

Trish Leaf and Brad Johnson are new committee members

2022 Grant—Water Quality Baseline has been extended for a 2nd year at no cost.

(Consultant thought 2022 was an abnormal year with low rain fall.)

Diamond Lake is in good shape

Don't get complacent. Keep gathering data and work on water quality

Thanks to those who have already volunteered. Still need more volunteers

Diamond Lake is a contributing member of the Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring Network.

◆ Shoreline Assessment

Thanks to Tod Stiveland for securing a donation

Bay Area Environmental Consulting will do field work the week of August 5, 2023

Analysis to be done by Steve Schieffer.

Will be done by segments of the shoreline (not parcels)

◆ Wildlife Report

Jessie Mischievitz reported on our loons. (See her article on page 11.)

◆ On-line Apparel Store

Trish Leaf encouraged sales in our first on-line apparel store.

Sales close July 31. Items will be available August 31.

◆ Other Business

1. Jim Pathos has volunteered to head up the repair of the damaged Resident Sign at Pioneer Road and Crystal Lake Road

2. July 4 Boat Parade: Voting took place prior to the start of the annual meeting.

The winning boat was "Wheels on the Bus" by PJ Pofahl and Charlie Nauen.

Thanks to Laurie Rabe for taking the pictures.

3. We sang *Happy Birthday* to Juels Carlson, celebrating his 82nd birthday.

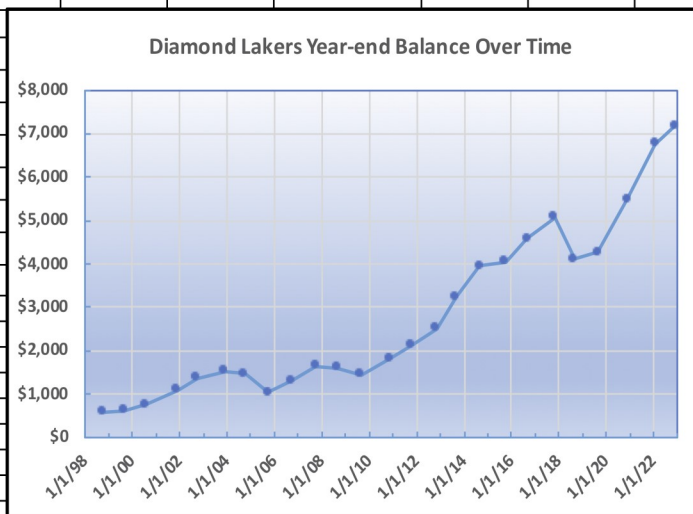
◆ The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Dave James, Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report**, as reported in the Annual Meeting Minutes, page 5

**Diamond Lakers Treasurer’s Report Spring 2023**

YE 2022											
Revenues				Expenses							
\$2,950	Dues and contributions	\$1,355	AIS System								
\$1,000	Grandview	\$270	WI Lakes, Ann Mtg.+fees								
<b>\$3,950</b>	<b>Unrestricted total</b>	<b>\$1,625</b>	<b>Unrestricted total</b>								
\$4,964	DNR Restricted ( <b>\$6600</b> )	\$2,986	DNR Grant								
\$1,250	Gift Loon Restricted	\$820	Loon Platform								
<b>\$6,214</b>	<b>Restricted total</b>	<b>\$3,805</b>	<b>Restricted total</b>								
<b>\$10,164</b>	<b>Total revenue rest+unrest</b>	<b>\$5,430</b>	<b>Total expenses rest+unrest</b>								
\$1,655	DNR anticipated	\$5,963	Restricted funds committed								
<b>\$11,818</b>	<b>Revenue + Anticipated</b>	<b>\$11,393</b>	<b>Expenses + Committed</b>								



Year	In	Out	Net
2018	\$1,675	\$2,631	-\$956
2019	\$2,460	\$2,304	\$156
2020	\$3,605	\$2,383	\$1,222
2021	\$6,438	\$5,162	\$1,276
2022*	\$11,818	\$11,393	\$426

\* includes committed amounts

Both income and expenditures for the year were the largest we have experienced, primarily because of our grant from the DNR for a study of water quality and water budget. A good fraction of those funds were unexpended at the year end because we are continuing grant activities for a second season (\$5963 remaining funds committed). This leaves a modest year-end balance of \$426, continuing our recent trend of small gains in our net worth (graph), now a bit above \$7k - R. Jacobel.



*Diamond Lake is “Good for the Soul”*

## Announcing *The Diamond Lake Stewardship Fund*

The Diamond Lakers Board of Directors encourages and solicits contributions to the **DL Stewardship Fund**, a new budget category that at Board discretion may be directed towards several important goals. These include, but are not necessarily limited to: (1) replacement of worn or outdated instruments for lake water-quality monitoring, (2) support for studies of lake ecosystem and water quality, (3) a 'rainy day' fund for remediation and treatment of aquatic invasive species should the need arise. The experience of nearby lakes has shown that the latter circumstance in particular can be an enormous drain on financial resources, and that having a reserve is essential.

Fully tax-deductible donations may be given together with annual dues, or at any time during the year. They will accumulate in the *Stewardship Fund* as a part of the Diamond Lakers unrestricted year-end balance which has been growing steadily at an average of about \$500/yr. for the past dozen years.

By incentivizing a new category for donations specifically aimed at longer term needs, The Board hopes that we can substantially increase that rate of growth. Results will be reported annually as part of the Treasurer's Report.

**Membership News:** Our membership dues cycle has just been completed and I would like to report that we have reached an all-time high of 59 members, more than 80% of properties around the lake. This is quite an amazing statistic we are told, and something to be very proud of. In addition to dues, we also received **\$525 in additional contributions** this year, which will go into the *Stewardship Fund*. Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support in membership, and special thanks to those who have contributed to the *Stewardship Fund*.

Bob Jacobel  
DL Treasurer



New Ordinance Sign installed by Grand View on July 27, 2023.



## LOONS AND DIAMOND LAKE THRIVE

Jessie Mischievitz

**August 23** - At the time of this writing, Diamond Lake has pulled the white cover of fog back over Herself, after briefly showing signs of Sun waking her up. A lone loon is silently floating on the completely calm water surface.

The Loon pair on the north side of Diamond have vigilantly and successfully brought their two chicks to 10 weeks of age. The juveniles now appear to be nearly the size of the adults, with white patches on their undersides. They mimic the adults—being “loony” when preening, bathing, stretching their wings to make them look much bigger than they are when at rest. There are occasions when one adult will be seen with one juvenile, or the juveniles are seen without any adults present at all. BEWARE, and take it seriously... the adults still sound their vocal alarm when they see an eagle, or an object on the water coming towards their youngsters--be it a jet ski, pontoon, fishing boat, kayak or even a swimmer!

Recently Dr. Walter Piper, scientist and leader of the Loon Project in Wisconsin and Minnesota, observed that this year's chicks are “fat, sassy”. He attributes it to drought conditions of 2023 and lake waters being less “muddy” from less rain runoff, especially in the month of July, when chicks increase their body mass the most. For loons in general, water clarity is a factor that contributes to them successfully providing food for the survival of their chicks.



Diamond Lake can pride itself with its superb clarity, water quality. And that is where you, Diamond Lake Residents, can take a bow. Thank you to the Association Board and Water Quality Subcommittee for its efforts to educate us on what it takes to maintain the water quality we enjoy here--natural shorelines, keeping fertilizers/pesticides/insecticides out of runoff, monitoring our public landing, and putting in place the ordinance that helps protect Diamond Lake from shoreline erosion caused by boats that create large wakes, potentially introduce invasive aquatic species in ballasts, and stir up the lake bottom. Making relatives, friends and renters aware of Diamond Lake guidelines is also respectfully important.

**Thank you** and applause to you Diamond Lakers! Enjoy, be awed, and continue to be conscientious stewards of this beautiful lake we share.

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Greetings, Diamond Lakers.*

*The other night the delightful sounds of laughter and shouts of joy from a group of young girls, jumping from a dock and playing in the water brought back memories of my youth at Whitefish Lake in Minnesota. The joy that our lakes bring us is precious. Diamond Lake continues to bring to all, those enduring joys.*

*Thanks to all the good stewards of Diamond Lake. Keep up the good work to keep our lake pristine.  
“It is good for the soul.”*

*Steve Schieffer will be the speaker at our **July 27, 2024 Annual Meeting**. His presentation will tie together his lake level study and shoreland assessment survey. You won't want to miss it.*

*Scott Johnson*

## July 4th Boat Parade

The annual **Fourth of July Boat Parade** was held on Saturday **July 1, 2023**. This year we had 12 participants. Members did a fabulous job decorating their boats and being part of the festivities. [See website](#). Thank you, Laurie Rabe, for being our official photographer.

After the vote at our July 15th annual meeting, we want to offer a loud CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie Nauen and PJ Pofahl for their “Wheels on the Bus” entry! PJ’s story is at the right.



*After spending several July 4ths watching the Diamond Lake Boat Parade from the safety of our dock (we have been on Diamond Lake 22 years and watched the parade every year it existed), our family decided to take the plunge in 2023 and decorate our pontoon for the parade. We (my husband Charlie and I and our younger daughter Hannah) were brainstorming possible themes in the family room of our older daughter Rachel, her husband Michael, and their cute-as-a-button 2 yr. old son Levi. As we debated various rock-n-roll versus country music themes (we are huge music fans), little Levi popped his head out of his yellow school bus tent, singing loudly, as he does nonstop it seems, the theme song “The Wheels on the Bus go Round and Round”. One of his parents started to gently shush him and then stopped, realizing that our sought-after music theme was staring us in the face, complete with props! And so, our extended family, including my sisters and my mom visiting from Arizona for the family reunion about to take place at the cabin, set to work:*

- *figuring out how to tie the bus tent to the bimini top of the pontoon,*
- *drawing school bus windows and doors complete with life size printouts of all the 7 great grandchildren peeking out from them (it was adorable)*
- *buying yellow T-shirts for all the child and adult boat passengers to wear*
- *securing 28 colorful pinwheels to serve as the “wheels on the bus” going “round and round” in the wind from the boat’s path*
- *inflating and attaching 12 large yellow balloons to the boat’s edges*

*We had a blast planning the whole thing, but that paled in comparison to the sheer joy the 7 great grandkids had piloting the boat and the props in the parade (yes, we made school bus doors that “opened and closed”). We were all thrilled to hear that we won, especially given the creative competition from the pink Barbie boat, the tropical island boat, and all the patriotic red, white, and blue boats. What fun! Can’t wait till next year!*

*PJ*

# DIAMOND LAKE ON-LINE STORE



Many Thanks to **Trish Leaf** for organizing our  
Diamond Lakers Apparel Sale!  
And a special thanks to Derek Wallen  
for his wonderful Diamond Lake Logo!



Thanks to all who participated in the Diamond Lake on-line apparel store- it was a great success! Completed orders started shipping August 30th and individuals were notified of order pick up opportunities. 129 items were ordered on 35 orders with the average order being 3-4 items.

We earned just enough through the on-line sale to cover all set up and artwork fees for the sale, which we are very happy about it! If anyone has suggestions for what they would like to see available next year - if we run a sale again - please let Beth Johnson or Trish Leaf know. Thanks!



**Gathering of Friends 8-5-23**  
Jean Farrow, Susan Trankel,  
Dianne Klump, Angie Burke,  
Jessie Mischievitz, Susan Walker,  
Sally Pathos (and Beth Johnson)



Shepard Johnson, Minneapolis, and his 20"  
largemouth bass caught and released 7-30-23.

# Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Surveillance

John and Cathy Rosebush

Diamond Lakers Inc. is in its third decade as a contributing member of the Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. High quality data, collected by over 1000 statewide network volunteers, goes on to document local, state and national fresh water trends, support academic research, set priorities for lake protection and restoration funding. Our association is involved in all four focus areas of CLMN: 1) measuring water clarity 2) collecting chemistry, temperature and dissolved oxygen (see Spring of 2023 newsletter 3) identifying and mapping native plants (see Spring of 2022 newsletter) and more recently 4) monitoring for Aquatic Invasive Species. AIS preventive measures began in earnest in 2018 with the installation of camera surveillance and signage at the public boat landing. A boat inspection and cleaning station located just southeast of the landing will soon be fully functional. Early detection of AIS populations (especially high risk Eurasian Watermilfoil, Zebra Mussels & Rusty Crayfish) is necessary for productive and inexpensive management. Our association sponsored workshops May 2022 and June 2023, led by Andy Teal, AIS coordinator for Bayfield County and Alex Selle, DNR AIS coordinator for Lake

Superior Basin. Beginning summer of 2024, plans include bringing together volunteers who will periodically search high risk lake bed sites with results overseen by WI DNR. This data can then direct future official lake surveys.

Naturalist, Ted J Rulseh in his book *Ripple Effects*, encourages optimism: “There are remedies for most of what ails our lakes...The remedies in a large part depend on all of us doing the right things - one property, one home, one boat at a time”.

Contact John if interested in searching for, retrieving, identifying and reporting on AIS in Diamond Lake. [jrosebushjr@gmail.com](mailto:jrosebushjr@gmail.com)



## DIAMOND LAKE SHORELINE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Preface: As an important part of DL’s Strategic Plan, we are committed to the maintenance and improvement of DL’s water quality. Toward this end the DL Board of Directors and its Water Quality Committee secured an anonymous donation of \$2,000. to fund a shoreline assessment, the first ever done in the history of DL. This assessment is a prelude to a dedicated and directed long-term plan of shoreline restoration and improvement. These goals are integral to the future maintenance of DL’s excellent water quality.

Completed: an initial gathering of shoreline assessment data by “Bay Area Environmental Consulting, LLC”. These data were achieved in August, 2023 and submitted to Steve Schieffer, “Ecological Integrity Services, LLC” for analysis and evaluation. We expect that Steve will submit his analysis and evaluation to us in the Fall, 2023. The Board has requested that data on DL be submitted as segments of the DL shoreline, not parcels. Eventually the results will used to secure grant funding for various shoreline improvement projects. The details of the latter and how DL stakeholders can participate will be presented to members by the Board and should be forthcoming in late 2023/early 2024. Stay tuned!! Ed Wallen



Alex Selle,  
AIS Specialist for  
Lake Superior Basin, DNR

AIS TRAINING



Andy Teal,  
Bayfield County AIS Coordinator,  
(with Mary Palmer)



**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Training**  
was held June 9, 2023

Attendees: Ray Lorenz, Mary and Cary Palmer,  
John and Cathy Rosebush, Beth and Scott Johnson,  
Ed and Monica Wallen

This training was a preface to the formation and  
inception of a Diamond Lakers AIS surveillance crew,  
to be led by Diamond Laker, John Rosebush.

(See page 12)

# WATER QUALITY TESTING

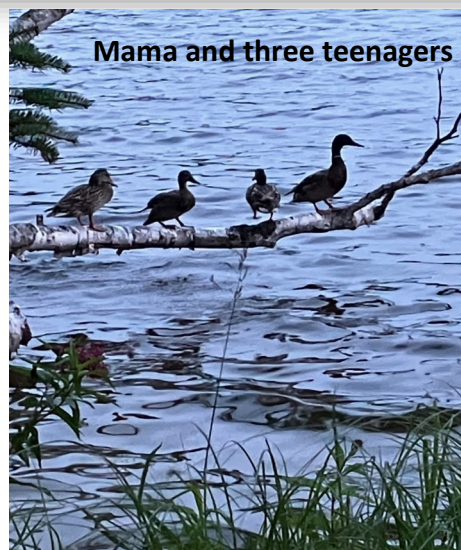
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The Wisconsin DNR maintains an archive of citizen-collected water quality data from Diamond Lake, in recent years headed by DL resident Ed Wallen.

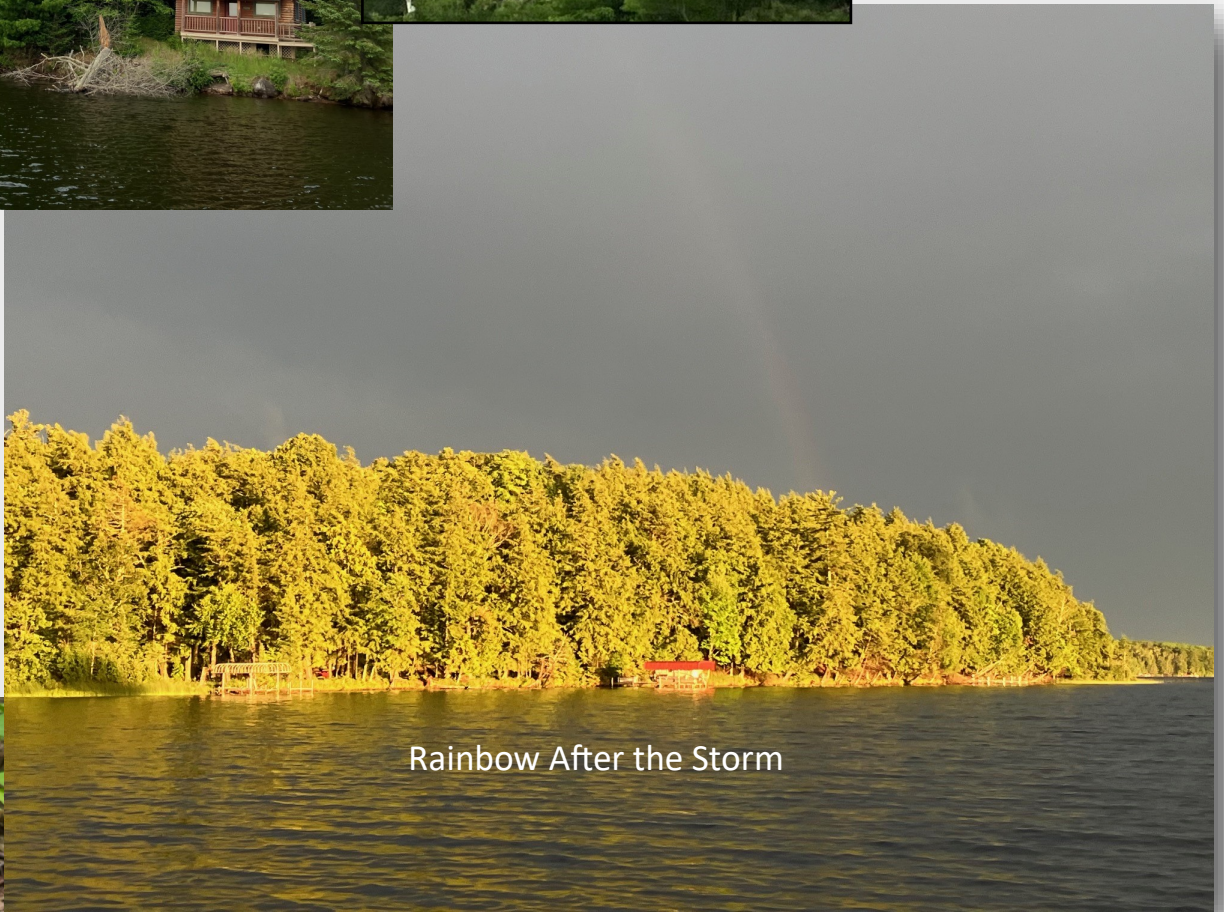
With Ed and Monica's help, Diamond Lakers have volunteered to monitor the water quality of the lake on a monthly basis.

Here Ed and Monica Wallen and Scott and Beth (not pictured) Johnson participated on July 24, 2023, taking samples from the 2 inlets plus the deep hole. In addition, each sampling involved taking dissolved oxygen, temperature, and Secchi readings.

Following sample collection, there is processing and preparation for shipping, followed by shipping the next day.



## Our Eagles



Rainbow After the Storm



**Indian Pipe Plant**  
Kris and Trish Leaf  
7-24-23

## DISCOVERING OUR HISTORY



Jean Hansen, a volunteer at the [Cable/Namekagon Historical Museum](#) in Cable... has been busy cataloging old postcards. She recently sent a couple of cards to Beth Johnson in hopes that our DL membership could identify the subjects. See below. In addition, Jean has shared a terrific article about the copper spear point that was found on the shore of Diamond Lake,



an artifact from the “Old Copper Indians” who lived in this area about 3,500 years ago. See the article, in full, on the Diamond Lakers’ web page “[Visiting Our Past](#)”.



Is this the same as the Seibert property that now belongs to Pat and Renee Harty on Pioneer Rd.?

Here is a postcard that Bob Jacobal recognized. See his comments below.



(Above, right) That one is easy. It's the log cabin on our property, just to the south of our main house. Built by Charles, Julius and Walter Moore in 1938 or '39 (who built a number of cabins around the lake). It's pretty well documented with photos, notes, and lumber receipts given to us by the Johnson Family in an album of old photos and remembrances they gave to us when they visited in 2019. In fact it looks like the same picture, or one taken from exactly the same location, that's in our album. Bob Jacobal



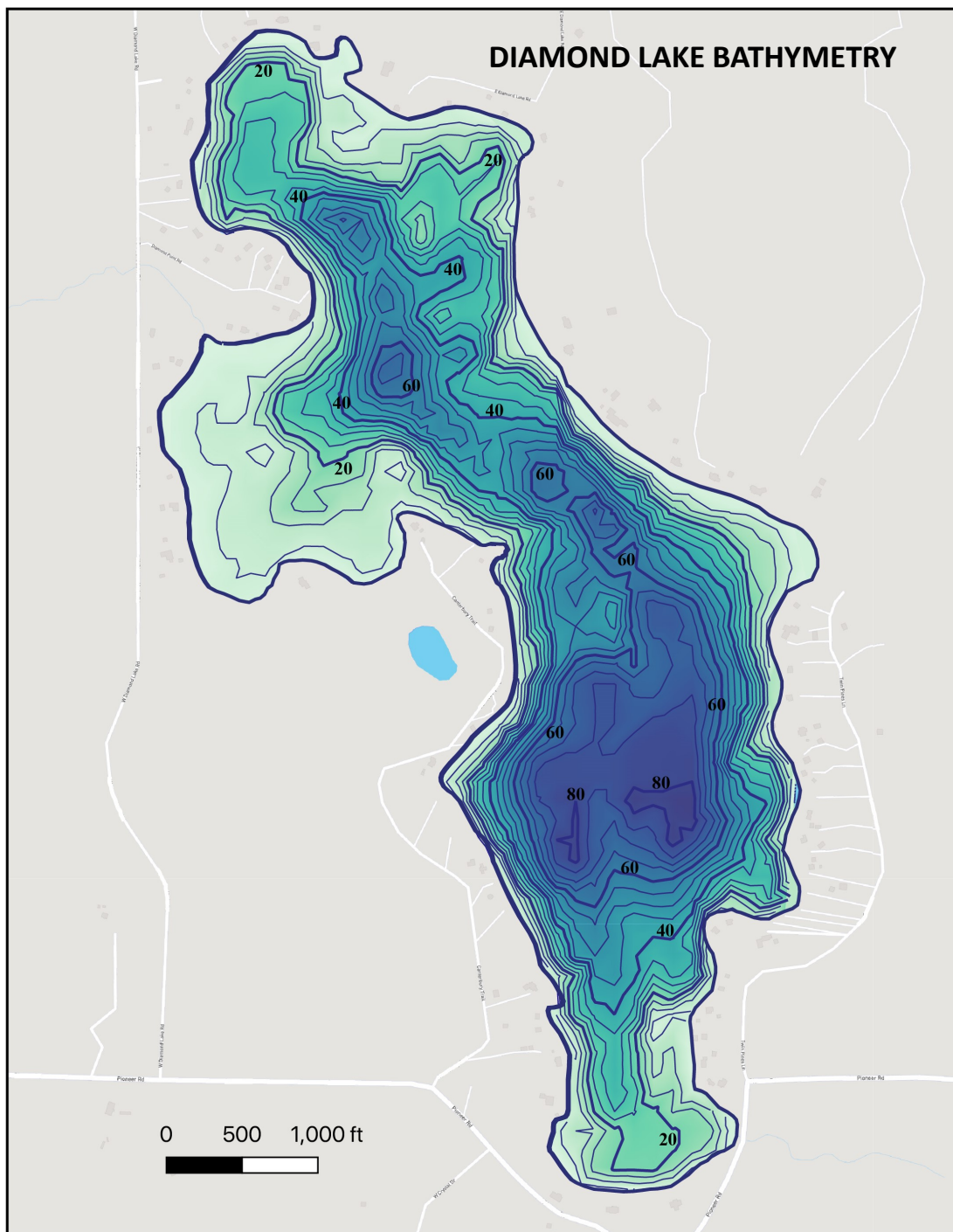
I found several pictorial views from the air that dad had ordered.... including Diamond, Crystal, Namakagon, and Porcupine....just prints but very informative. The pictures are faded, so are likely older...

Having gone through pics of Diamond so I'm quite wistful again - and though it's grand to see our kids and grands frequently (*in the State of Washington*), I miss our home and the water. So I'll call Hidden Graphics tomorrow to feed my longing virtually.

Warmly,  
Audrey Sanderson

*Audrey (Dutton) and Larry Sanderson  
sold their N. Diamond Lake Dr. home  
to Paul Brown in 2019.*



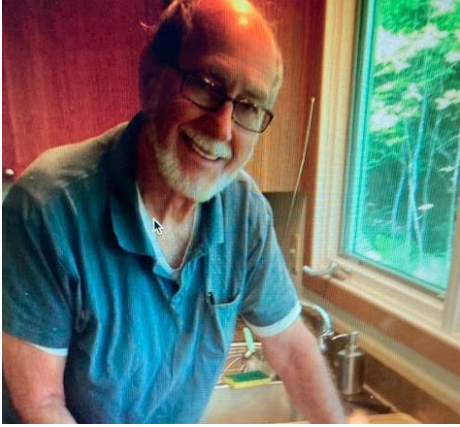


**Depths are based on 877 points surveyed in 2021 by M. Berg. Five foot contour intervals are derived from a densely interpolated raster image (colors) using QGIS by R. Jacobel 2023**

For those who might be interested, here is a new digital map of the lake bathymetry. This is based on the 800 plus depth points acquired by Matt Berg as a part of our plant survey in 2021 and some contouring with GIS software.

While the actual depth points are accurate to better than one-foot, the points are separated by about 10 feet, and thus the con-tours have some uncertainty - especially near the margins of the lake. Still it is an improvement over the older bathymetry map on the DNR website which contains some potentially proble-matic errors. Bob Jacobel

## REMEMBRANCE



Herb Lauritzen (1931-2023)

It is with sadness that we share that Herb Lauritzen passed away on August 21, less than two weeks before his 92nd birthday.

Herb and his wife, Ruth Lauritzen have been part-time residents of Diamond Lake since 1987. Their cabin is located off Diamond Point Drive, between the Kind and Lahti cabins.

[Click here for Herb's Obituary.](#)

## RELATIVITY

*Hourglass, you were a fascinating toy,  
little did I understand  
when but a boy  
your slowly sifting sand.  
But now I watch with steadfast gaze,  
and in each crystal sphere I see  
the passing of my youthful days,  
and promise that the future holds for me.  
At last! Your grains have fallen through.  
With eager hand I turn to you now,  
start life anew.  
My past is buried in your sand.*



*Composed by Harris Palmer on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.  
Entitled "Hourglass"*

*Ah, here we are again, old friend.  
Once more I hold you in my hands.  
Older now, how well I know  
the meaning of your amber sands.  
But wait – slow down!  
There's work to do  
and I have plans - -  
Remaining grains, you are so few.  
Oh no, not that!  
It can't be true.  
Mute, impassive, numbered sands.*

*Sequel composed 43 years later, after a brush with death.  
Title changed to "Relativity"*

Harris Palmer (1913-1986) is the father of Cary (Frosty) Palmer. He purchased land in the Twin Pines Lane area in 1945. The properties are currently owned by Cary and Mary Palmer, David and Susan Reichert, and Kris and Trish Leaf





## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our Officers are:

President: Scott Johnson  
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