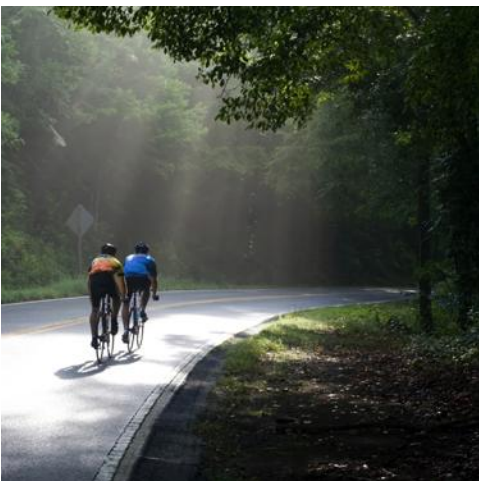
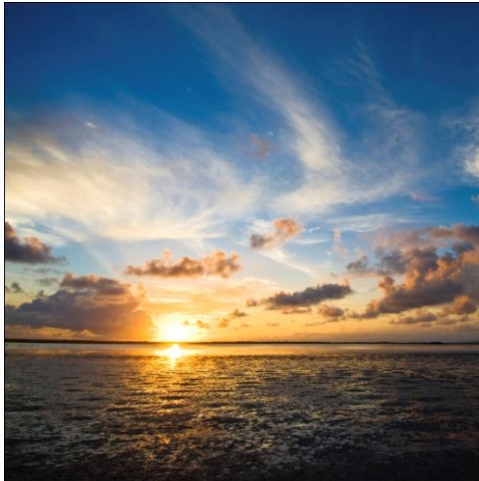


# LONG LAKE NEWS

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## President's Message

Spring is a time of renewal. The world around us awakens and begins the transition into the summer season we so love in Northern Michigan. It has been an active and productive year for your Long Lake Association Board. We're busy renewing our efforts to protect and preserve Long, Mickey, and Ruth Lakes. Your board takes seriously the responsibility and stewardship entrusted to us by you, our lake riparians. We remain committed to serving your needs and improving the quality of life in this special spot we call home.

### Our New Look

We've invested time and energy in refreshing the Long Lake Association website ([www.longlakeassociation.com](http://www.longlakeassociation.com)) to make it easier and more cost-efficient to maintain. In addition we've updated the look of our newsletter. I'd like to thank Jake Kaberle, Dennis Wiand, and Tanya Berg for their work in that regard. We hope you enjoy the enhancements to both and we welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can continue to make these important communication tools even more useful to our members.

### Your Support Matters!

Protecting and preserving our precious lakes requires the ongoing commitment and support of all of us. I want to thank the board for the countless hours they invest monitoring, managing, and enhancing the quality, safety, and recreational enjoyment of our lakes. But the board can't do it alone. We need and appreciate your support as well. Stay informed about issues that affect our lakes. And please support the important work of the association by renewing your membership. Without your help, we simply can't continue to ensure that Long, Mickey, and Ruth Lakes are among the most special and desirable places to live and play in Northern Michigan. I encourage you to use the enclosed envelope to renew your membership or to become a new member. Our membership form is also available on the association website.

We also need and welcome your ideas and your participation. We encourage you to attend our events and volunteer in areas in which you have an interest. Hope to see you at our Discussion Meeting and Welcome Back to Paradise event on June 13<sup>th</sup>!

*Jo Marie Marks, President*



## Lake Management



**Phragmites**

2010 presented a new challenge with the discovery of 7 stands of Phragmites affecting 8 properties. This highly invasive species poses a threat to native plants and wildlife. Through a survey of lake properties and with the help of association members who learned to identify this invasive plant, 5 stands were confirmed as the invasive variety and treated chemically by Savin Lake Services October, 2010. We will be able to assess the effectiveness of this treatment in June. Late in the season 2 smaller stands were located by a LLA board member just south of the Girl Scout Camp. Those locations will be dealt with this year.

We will survey the lake during May and determine which areas of Eurasian Watermilfoil will be treated chemically in June. We were pleasantly surprised last year to find 2 large infestations of EWM had reduced in area by more than half. Samples from one of these sites was taken to the MSU Cooperative Extension Grand Traverse and The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. Both sources independently surmised the damage was consistent with a fungus or bacteria and the plants were likely susceptible due to the presence of weevils and their borings into the plant. These findings are suppositions of biologists and would require further study to be conclusive. All in all, the lake has been maintaining a level of well less than 10 acres of EWM for better than 5 years.

This year we are scheduling water quality testing to be done with an on-site hydro-lab. This will be carried out by the Great Lake Environmental Center and was last performed 3 years ago.

## Water Safety

The Long Lake Association wants our members to know we take water safety very seriously. For years, we have maintained a Water Safety Committee focused on promoting and encouraging water safety education, measures, and regulations in accordance with the State of Michigan water use and safety laws.

This year, we welcome Sergeant Brandon Brinks as the new head of the Marine Patrol. He replaces Sergeant Christopher Oosse. Sergeant Brinks plans to continue work on maintaining a strong Marine Patrol presence on Long Lake, including devoting an additional boat to weekend patrols during the peak season.

For many years, Long Lake Association has invested \$3,000 annually to cover the cost of additional patrol. In 2010, Marine Patrol officers logged 268 hours on Long Lake. This made Long Lake the most patrolled body of water in Grand Traverse County, including Grand Traverse Bay.

Top lakes include:

**Long Lake, 268 hours**

West Bay, 246 hours

Spider Lake, 198 hours

Arbutus Lake, 151 hours

East Bay, 140 hours

Silver Lake, 120 hours

Duck Lake, 85 hours

Green Lake, 84 hours

Each year we encourage our members to provide input on whether more or less marine patrol is needed on Long Lake. We also appreciate your views regarding the annual investment LLA has historically made to cover the costs of additional marine patrol. Please feel free to contact Gerry Chefalo at [Gerry@chefalolaw.com](mailto:Gerry@chefalolaw.com) with any comments or feedback.



## Annual Discussion Meeting and Welcome Back to Paradise

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Boone's Long Lake Inn

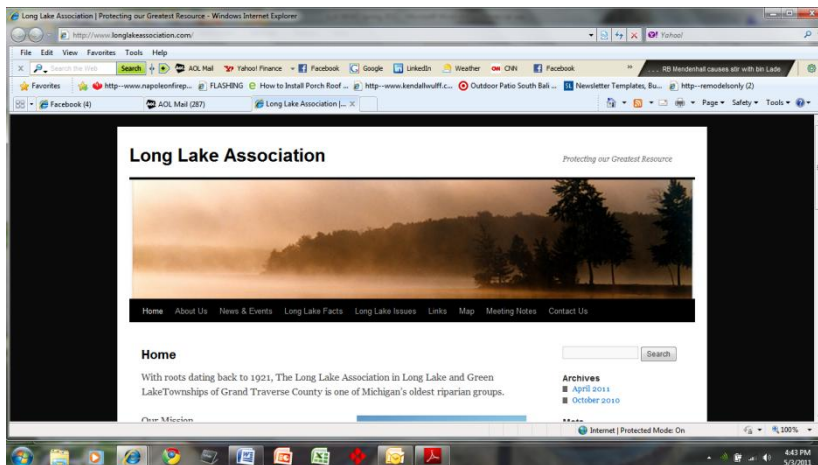
Discussion Meeting: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Welcome Back to Paradise: 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM (Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar)

RSVP to Jo Marks by June 6th  
[kjomm@charter.net](mailto:kjomm@charter.net)  
 231-943-3918

The meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about our lakes and the current activities of the association. Meet board members, talk with other association members, and reconnect with friends at Welcome Back to Paradise. Please join us in kicking off the summer season!

## Visit Our New Website



A big thank you to Jake Kaberle for redesigning the LLA website. The site is still under construction and thus a work in progress. Stay tuned for updates and further enhancements throughout the year. If you have suggestions, information, or photos you'd like to submit for consideration for the website, please contact Jake at [kaberle@chartermi.net](mailto:kaberle@chartermi.net). Our goal is to make our website as relevant and useful as we can for our members. We welcome your ideas on how we can continue to improve this resource tool to better meet your needs.

## Did You Know?

Michigan actually has more lakes than Minnesota. Here are a few fast facts about our Great Lakes State:

- 36,000 miles of streams
- Over 10,000 inland lakes
- 3,288 miles of shoreline

Source: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)



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**Time-Sensitive Material Enclosed:**

- Membership Dues Statement

**Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- **2011 Annual Discussion Meeting**  
**Welcome Back to Paradise**
  - Boone's Long Lake Inn
  - Starts at 5:00 PM
  - **RSVP by June 6th**

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