

# THE GREEN LAKE AND DUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION

## SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



### SAVE THE DATE!

*The GLADLA Annual Meeting is on Saturday, August 22, at 9:30 AM, at the Interlochen Public Library. Our speaker, Scott Hedberg, is from the Michigan Loon Preservation Society.*

A special thank you to Dorie Curry from Green Lake for painting this watercolor for our newsletter.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, ROGER EDGREN

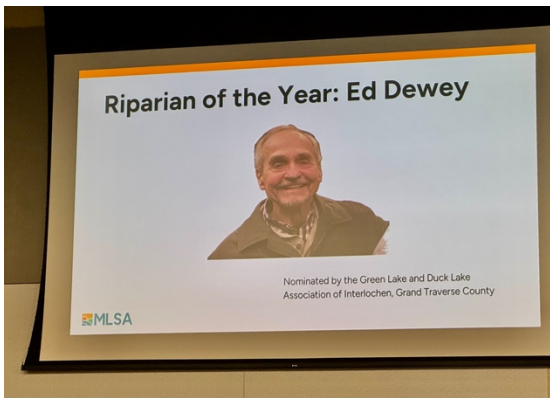
Greetings to all. I hope you're enjoying our summer, which began too late! As we "kicked off" our season, we had unprecedented spring flooding that impacted all of northern Michigan, including our lakes. At its highest point, both Duck and Green Lakes were 15 - 20 inches higher than normal. The water slowly receded, and is currently at normal levels for this time of year. Green Lake Township continues to manage the Duck Lake level in accordance with the court-ordered target levels.

The spring season began with board members attending the annual Michigan Lakes and Streams Association conference in Muskegon, and the Northwest Michigan Watershed Coalition meeting in Benzonia. As always, these meetings are well attended by lake associations from across the state, and provide valuable insight and information to your board for our strategic and tactical projects each year.

Two topics that were covered again this year were current pending legislation regarding septic systems, and Wake Surf boats and their impact on lake bottoms. Michigan is the only state in the country without a septic law. Many states are reviewing Wake Surf studies and associated legislation. You can find all the details you like on these topics through internet searches. Please remind your neighbors to be good stewards of their property and have septic systems checked regularly. As far as Wake Surf boats are concerned, we believe all boaters, be they surfing, fishing, or skiing, should be mindful of disturbing the lake bottoms. High speeds or acceleration in shallow water will disturb the lake bottom and have negative impacts on the quality of our lakes.

We hope you are enjoying the communications that we send through email blasts, and posts on Facebook and Instagram. We plan on seeing you at our annual meeting on Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 AM at the Interlochen Public Library. One item of discussion at that meeting will be the recently created Duck Lake Improvement Association. See you then, and enjoy our lakes!

Roger



## RIPARIAN OF THE YEAR

Ed Dewey received the Riparian of the Year Award at the Michigan Lakes & Streams conference in May. He has served on the GLADLA board since 2012. Ed's noteworthy accomplishments include guiding our association to become a non-profit and increasing our visibility by forging partnerships throughout the Betsie River Watershed.

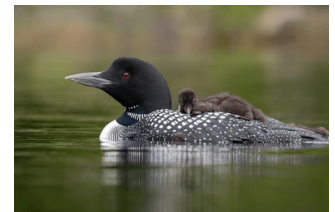
## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES BOAT WASH BLITZ

On July 11, the GLADLA participated in a boat wash at the Interlochen State Park, Duck Lake, sponsored by the Benzie Conservation District and EGLE. In the photo: Doug Griesse, his grandson, and Ed Dewey. Other volunteers included Rich Garvey, Lisa Taylor, and Sarah Hehir. The group washed around a dozen boats and engaged with several others, handing out educational materials and talking about the health of our beautiful lakes. All the visitors were receptive, and expressed their support of our mission.



## MEET OUR LOON RANGERS

Our Loon Rangers, Chris Ross (Duck) and Doug Griesse (Green), participated in a first-ever statewide loon count on July 18. Appointed by the Michigan Loon Preservation Society, our Rangers monitor loon activity by monitoring nests, tracking chick survival, and educating the public about respecting and protecting these amazing birds. Loons choose large lakes with good water clarity and low disturbance. They return every year to nest and raise their chicks.



Lead sinkers are a major cause of death in loons because they swallow lost weights and pebbles from the lake bottom. A single lead sinker can kill a loon in mere days. Eagles are also poisoned by eating fish that have swallowed weighted lines. Safe alternatives to lead are tungsten and stainless steel.



From left: Joan Panter, Rich Garvey, Marietta Hamady, Ed Dewey, and Emily Anderson.

## MICHIGAN LAKES & STREAMS

Topics at this year's MLSA Conference ranged from waterfront landscaping to loon nesting platforms to state and federal water policies. Healthy shorelines and aquatic plants are repeat favorites. With 72 Michigan lakes and 283 people in attendance, it's a great opportunity to meet other riparians and learn from their experiences and challenges with keeping their lakes safe and healthy.

GREEN AND DUCK LAKES CELEBRATE 250 YEARS THIS FOURTH OF JULY 🇺🇸



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**GLADLA Annual Membership Dues and Donations Form**

Annual Membership Dues are **\$25**. Dues and contributions are used for water testing, plant surveys, bi-annual newsletters, and education. Funds are kept separately for each lake. Indicate where you'd like your membership fees or donations directed:

**GREEN LAKE**\_\_\_\_\_

**DUCK LAKE**\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\$25 Friend \_\_\_\_\$50 Supporter \_\_\_\_\$75 Champion \_\_\_\_\$100 Advocate \_\_\_\_ \$125 Patron \_\_\_\_\$200 Benefactor

**Green Lake Invasive Species Fund (for treatment of invasive species as required.)**

*(Duck Lake's Invasive Species treatment is covered by a Special Assessment District)*

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