

GOLA - Goodrich & O'Brien Lakeshore Association

2016 Newsletter

Board Officers & Members

Co-Chair Goodrich:	Mike Rancour
Co-Chair O'Brien:	"H" (Harold) Peterson
Secretary:	Sara Story (O'Brien)
Treasurer:	Mike Story (O'Brien)
O'Brien Board Position:	Steve Chuba
O'Brien Board Position:	Dan Menden
Goodrich Board Position:	Kathy Royce
Goodrich Board Position:	Miles Johnson

Account Balances as of 5/15/16

General Fund:	\$7298.92
Walter Israel Fund:	\$1264.27
Emergency Fund:	\$2021.79

2016 Association Meeting Dates

Saturday, 5/28/16 at 9:00 am (social meeting)

Saturday, 7/2/16: at 9:00 am

Saturday, 9/5/15: at 11:00 am

Members are encouraged to attend the Legion'

Annual Pork Chop Lunch following the September meeting. All meeting are at the Crosslake American Legion Club.

How can I help?

- 1) If you are out walking and see the culvert between the lakes accumulating debris, you can remove it.
- 2) We are looking for a water quality tester for Goodrich. See Mike, H or Miles for details.
- 3) Are you a techie? Help updating the GOLA website with new news, and modernizing the format would be appreciated.

GOLA Website and Twitter

The lakeshore association website can be located at <http://www.golamn.org>.

The hosting service is being provided by Crosslake Communications at a reduced rate. This site is the fastest way to get information out to members. Bring your ideas for content to the meetings or send an email to rancourm@aol.com.

There are links on the website to several sites of interest to lake residents. The DNR, Minnesota Waters and WOPOA sites have extensive relevant content.

Please follow GOLA updates on Twitter at [GOLA@golalakeassn](https://twitter.com/GOLA@golalakeassn)

What is the MAISRC?

This may be the answer to our prayers about invasive species on our lakes. In 2012 the Minnesota legislature appropriated funds to create an Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota. They are now up and running and doing a lot of very interesting and productive research in reducing and preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Zebra mussels, milfoil, carp, spiny water fleas, are all coming our way and we need tools for our defense. These good folks are working on that. We would suggest that you visit their web site at www.maisrc.umn.edu to learn more about them and what they are doing for us. You can also follow them on social media. Meanwhile do what you can to prevent the spread to our lakes by draining, drying and clearing your boat between lakes.

Road Construction

Now that winter is finally over it's time for our other season, road construction to start. County Road 36 between Bonnie Lakes Road and County Road 114 will be closed starting Monday, 5/23. It is expected to be finished by Friday, 6/3. Actual completion will depend on the weather. You can check current status at the county website here:

<http://www.crowwing.us/149/Current-Projects>

County Road 36 between County Road 114 and 6 is planned to be reconstructed in 2017. You can see Crow Wing County's 5-year road plan here:

<http://www.crowwing.us/150/Future-Projects>

Annual Membership Dues

We encourage everyone with property on the lake to join our association. The last page of the newsletter has a form to submit with your annual dues. Dues are \$20 per year per household. The last year you paid dues is in the upper right of the address block of the newsletter. Please make your checks out to GOLA and mail to PO Box 674, Crosslake, MN

56442-0674. Contributions to the Walter Israel fish fund are tracked separately and by lake. If you send fish fund contributions along with dues, please let us know how much for each. The next stocking will be in the fall of 2016.

Water Quality Testing

Volunteers continue to test the water routinely during the summer. We are looking for a volunteer for Goodrich—please let us know if you are interested. The information collected is available on the NR website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>

The Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPO) also maintains a website with a lot of lake information at:

<http://minnesotawaters.org/whitefishareapropertyowners/>

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates
<http://mnlakesandrivers.org/2012/06/28/msrpo-become-minnesota-lakes-and-rivers-advocates>

City of Crosslake
<http://www.cityofcrosslake.org/>

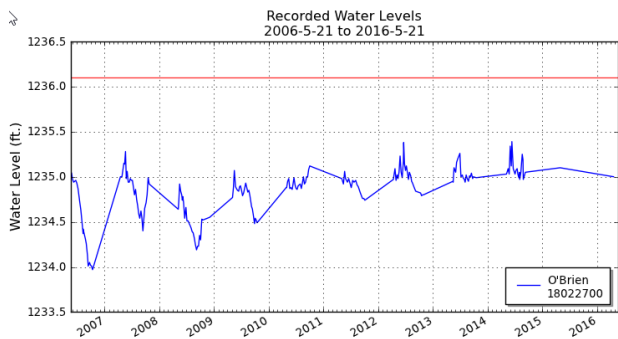
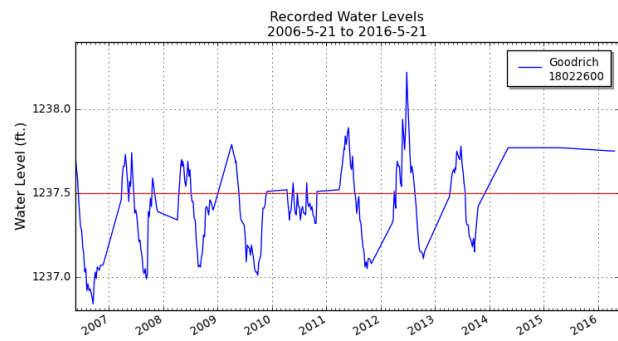
Crow Wing County
<http://crowwing.us/>

Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.explorebrainerdlakes.com/visit/index.htm>

Scout Camp Cuyuna
<http://www.twinvalleybsa.org/camping/cuyuna>

Crosslake Communications
<http://www.crosslake.net/>

Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts
<http://www.glapa.info/>



What's the weather like at the lake?

Have you ever wanted to really know what it looks like, or just longed for a glimpse of a lake? It's not our lake but its nearby. Here is a link from the WAPOA site that has a live video feed looking at Lower Hay Lake on the Whitefish chain.

<http://www.pinenest.info/>

Other Links

Here are some other links you might find interesting:

Goodrich Ice Records

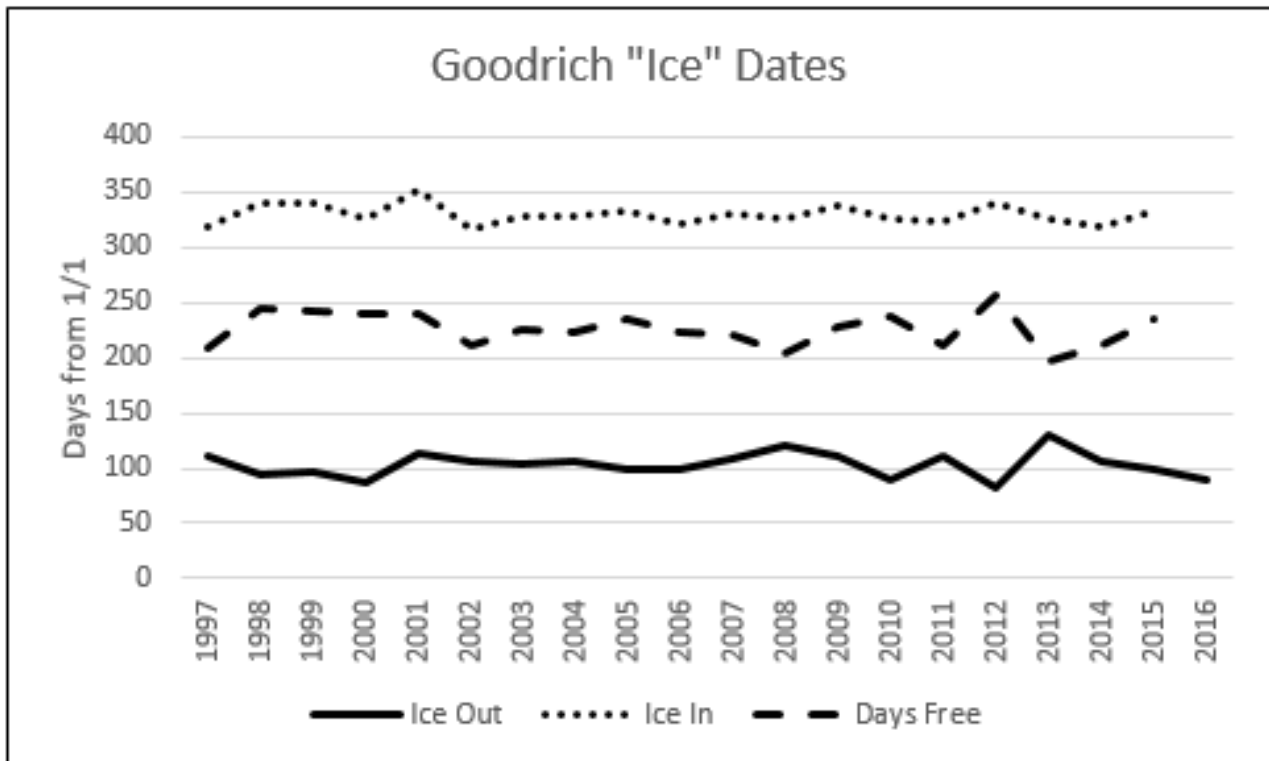
Kathy and Dick Royce have kept ice in and ice out records since they came to Goodrich in 1995. The graph shows the number of days after January 1st to “ice out” on Goodrich, the days after January 1st to “ice in” and the number of days between “ice out” and “ice in”.

In 1998 the lake froze over on November 20, but then the ice melted and it didn't refreeze until December 7.

Maybe it takes some more high powered scientific analysis but from the graph it seems the ice formation hasn't been greatly impacted by global warming.....yet.

If anyone has records going back further for Goodrich or any Lake O'Brien data please send to Mike Rancour at rancourm@aol.com.

Ice Out	Ice In
4/21/1997	11/15/1997
4/6/1998	12/7/1998
4/8/1999	12/6/1999
3/27/2000	11/21/2000
4/25/2001	12/20/2001
4/17/2002	11/13/2002
4/14/2003	11/25/2003
4/16/2004	11/24/2004
4/10/2005	11/30/2005
4/9/2006	11/19/2006
4/20/2007	11/27/2007
5/1/2008	11/21/2008
4/21/2009	12/5/2009
4/1/2010	11/24/2010
4/22/2011	11/20/2011
3/24/2012	12/5/2012
5/10/2013	11/24/2013
4/17/2014	11/15/2014
4/9/2015	11/29/2015
3/31/2016	?



2015 & 2016 GOLA Members & Fish Fund Contributors In Alphabetical Order

Helena & Clint Anderson
Ron Arnold
Lindsay & Jeffrey Balmer
Sur & Bob Borne
Tana & Timothy Boyce
Linda & Douglas Calhoun
Janice & Jerome Christensen
Mary Clement
Patricia Cormaney
Michael & Craig Dahlberg
Margaret & Steve Dahms
Julie & Todd Daniels
Edward & Kathleen Deegan
Emily Dorweiler
Joe and Melanie Dotty
John & Lynn Dougherty
Al & Maureen Durand
Bob & Kathy Ecklund
Mark & Jan Erickson
David & Susan Fisher
William Foley
Michael & Dorothy Follese
Ronald & Cindy Hanson
Joe & Pam Hauglie
Paul & Shana Heisler
Chet & Karen Herrboldt
Francina Hicks
Chuck & Denise Hicks
Donald & Deborah Huberty
Ron & Sharon Huff
Randy & Michele Johnson
Rudy & Mary Johnson
Pat & Miles Johnson

David & Sandra Karle
David & Pauline Ketcher
Peter & Brenda Klinkner
Daniel & Martha Koshiol
Vance & Karen Kuritz
Carol Larsen
Tom & Elizabeth Luskey
Betsy Maranda
Pat & Bob Mattson
Ron & Beverly McGill
Mary Jo & Dan Menden
Jeanne & Bob Meyer
Kelly & Travis Negaard
Joanne (Kubala) & Dewayne Nelson
Norman Nelson
Ellen & Jim Nelson
Michelle & Steven Noble
Colleen & Mike Page
Jean & Harold Peterson
Bonnie & John Pottratz
Kathy & Mike Rancour
Kathy Royce
Ralph Schaum
Jeanine & Mark Smith
Marvin Souba
Toni & Jay Squires
Sue & Bob Stock
Sara & Michael Story
Wendy & John Studer
Fran & Doug Taulelle
Dana & Darryl Thorvilson
Jim & Deanna Tilsen/Wiener
Terese Vandereyk

Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association

Check here if information on the mailing list is correct. Add any additional information below.

Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City State & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Lake Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Lake Address: _____

Special Crosslake Mailing Address (P.O. Box): _____

Email Address: _____

Please send the annual newsletter to me via:

_____ email _____ U.S. postal mail _____ I'll download it from the website

Check here to opt out of including phone numbers in the directory.

Please mail to: Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association
 P.O. Box 674
 Crosslake MN 56442

Yearly membership dues are \$20 _____

Fish Stocking (Walter Israel Memorial Fund) O'Brien _____ Goodrich _____

GOLA Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the general welfare of the property owners and residents of Goodrich and O'Brien Lakeshore especially with respect to the natural resources associated with Goodrich and O'Brien.

Why should I join GOLA? What are the advantages for me?

- The primary job of the association is to protect our lakes. It's the lake that gives our property its value. It is GOLA's responsibility to monitor lake levels water clarity and water quality. These findings are reported to the Corps of Engineers three times a year. A nearby lake recently reported excessive nitrogen in their water. The Corps traced the problem to cattle farm up stream on a creek that flowed into their lake. Corrections were made and the lake is back to normal.
- We stock our lakes with walleye as they do not spawn naturally in either lake. If you catch one thank the association, the contributors to the Walter Israel Fish Fund, and the volunteers that have coordinated the stocking. That is the only way the walleyes get here.
- GOLA works to educate our members through our meetings and correspondence on the importance of shore land policies and regulations that help to keep our beautiful lake clarity.
- We have been involved with beaver control as they can and do affect our lake levels.
- Our association works to make solid connections with other groups that can be of help in achieving our goals. Groups we connect with are the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, the city of Crosslake, Fairfield Township, Crow Wing County, the Army Corps of Engineers, the state DNR, and the State of Minnesota. An individual can bring an issue to any of these groups, but a group representing 200 or more has a larger voice.
- GOLA encourages sociability among the good folks who live on and near the shores of the Bonnie Lakes. The association meeting is a good place to make new friends and chat with your neighbors. We all come to the lake to have a good time. Some fish, some boat, some like quiet, some like noise, some like to ski, some just sit by the water. We all get what we want, just not all the time.

While some are not always happy with things that happen on our lakes, or things done by the association we do a lot of good. GOLA is a democratically operated association, so come to the meetings and have your voice heard. See you on the lake. \$20 is a real bargain.