



Deephaven Historical Society Newsletter
Spring Report 2006

June Meeting at the
Minnetonka Yacht Club!
Wednesday, June 14th 7:15 PM

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Minnetonka Yacht Club 1890 to 1943

We are joining the Yacht Club members for their "Grill and Chill" evening! Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Maxine Dixon at 952-938-0901.

The June meeting will be held at the Minnetonka Yacht Club Island on June 14th at 7:15 PM.

We are invited to join the members for a catered dinner following their Wednesday evening races. The food is reported to be excellent and the beverages cold. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which covers the dinner and beverages.

Following the dinner we are going to be enlightened about the history of the Yacht Club and the memories of some of its oldest members.

It should be a memorable evening. Let's all work to enjoy a full turnout!

Please RSVP to Maxine Dixon at 952-938-0901. The funds will be collected at the door.

In keeping with our regular practice of highlighting part of early Deephaven history we were fortunate enough to receive from Mr. BZ Shank the memories of Ward C. Burton. We are passing them along in three parts. Here is the second.

**“Memories” 1876—1900
Ward C. Burton**

During mid-August, my youngest sister Adrienne (Mrs. E. H. Palmroy) was born and in October our entire family returned to Brookvine. The east bound journey was memorable because of the intelligence shown by Bruin, who slipped his collar during a change of trains at Albany and disappeared. After three days a telegram from the Albany stationmaster came as follows, “large Newfoundland jumped aboard rear platform Boston this morning”. My father met the train at South Framingham to remove a happy dog from the place he had voluntarily selected for his journey. I returned Bruin to South Burrough where he spent; his declining years.

We spent the months of Autumn at the home of my grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel S. Whitney, in South Burrough, where my mother acquainted us with the favorite parts of her childhood and my grandfather entertained us by frequent trips to Soren’s Mill where the dust-covered miller showed us the best places in the milk barn to catch pumpkinseed. Gathering, toasting and eating chestnuts was another delight. Winter came all too soon. But the hospitable came with the home of my Aunt Mary and Uncle John (Colonel John & Mrs. John Davis Billings) welcomed us and my two cousins Cambridge boys older than myself—who kept me in a continuous state of excitement especially when placed in the four wheeled wagon. I would waste about Cambridge sidewalks, streets and alleys. Sundays frequently meant Boston or Salem where other aunts, uncles and cousins have crossed my horizon.

As March 3rd approached, it seemed appropriate to my mother and to my Aunt May that my fifth birthday should be dignified mid the surroundings of my birth. Accordingly, shorn of curls and kilts I was fitted to my first suit, a beautiful creation of black velvet with collar and cuffs of Irish lace and a silver buckle on the belt. Patten leather pumps and blue striped silk stockings was the transformation. I was accorded the privilege of augmenting the invitation list and after due consideration made invitations extended to one of the teachers, a young lady serving on my uncles staff at the Webster school, and two eighteen year old boys. Although my elders were surprised, wisdom of my choice became apparent. When exhausted at the banquet and the subsequent games I crawled in the lap of the beautiful schoolmistress and went to sleep. Thus I temporarily postponed my journey from, childhood to boyhood. Notwithstanding, this lapse I was launched on a social career which included opera and circus for during that era the names of Gilbert & Sullivan and Barnum & Bailey proved irresistible.

My velvet suit seemed to have afford entrance to the opera’ “Patience”, where I gazed with awe at the golden haired lady in blue with her enormous picture hat, but was unable to identify either Mr. Gilbert or Mr. Sullivan. Some weeks later at the circus my oldest cousin clarified matters by whispering to me that the sparkling announcer to the sideshow was Mr. Barnum and the clown who delighted me was Mr. Bailey. Indeed, I was so overcome with laughter at Mr. Bailey that losing my balance in the seats I landed far below on the sawdust on the ground. Another impressive incident was our inspection near Boston Harbor. We must have been among the last of those to gaze upon to which this leviathan. To which my uncle applied the word stench and quickly drove us away.



We would like to thank Mr. Shank for his contribution.

Members, if you would like monthly e-mail notices of Deephaven Historical Society Meetings and events, please let us know. Either e-mail: bookbob@aol.com, write to DHS @ Deephaven City Hall, or call Bob at 474-7248 and leave your e-mail address.

We are interested in locating longtime Deephaven citizens who have memories relating to life in Deephaven before or during World War II. If you or anyone you know have stories or artifacts from this period please call Bob Gerlicher at 952-474-7248.

Also, please check the Deephaven website for activities of the Historical Society at www.cityofdeephaven.org

B o a r d E l e c t i o n

Time for the annual Deephaven Historical Society elections. This year three seats on the board are up for election. The current president, Bill Robinson, is in his second year of a two year term. Vice President, Mary Lou Bennis, is likewise in her second year of a two year term, as is secretary Maxine Dixon.

The three board seats up for election are currently held by Mary Lou Bennis, Nancy Bach and Bill Robinson. Any interested parties should contact Bill Robinson (952-472-3130) prior to June 1st in order to get your name on the ballot. The term is for three years. Interested parties must be willing to attend at least 8 of the societies 11 meetings annually. We are looking for some members that have time and interest to commit to the organization.

Point of Interest

We have purchased and installed two new display cabinets for the use of the Historical Society. Among our first donations are two models that were created by Eric Sayer Peterson and donated by Leo Meloche. Many Thanks to Leo!

Future Notes

Deephaven Days are scheduled for August 12th!

We intend to have a booth again this year and encourage everyone to invite older friends and neighbors to exchange memories of past days in Deephaven.

We'll also have an inventory of books about Deephavens past.

Miscellaneous Information

We would encourage anyone who has pictures of their own or neighbors older homes to add them to our collection. We'd also like to thank Bob Woodburn for donating past issues of Minnesota History Magazines!

Open House! Minnetonka Yacht Club

The Minnetonka Yacht Club has asked us to mention that they are having an open house for the public on **Saturday, June 3rd from 1:30 to 4:30 Rain or Shine!**

Free food & drinks! **Free** sailboat rides on a variety of different types of sailboats—from Optimists to A-Scows. **Free** pontoon ride out to the club. There will also be a **free raffle drawing!**



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Finally, we are including a list of current members.

John Ahern	Maxine Dixon	Walter & Constance Linder	Gary & Susan Rappaport
Tim & Pat Alt	Paige & Ruth Eldridge	Tom & Barbara Maple	Mark A. Read
Tom & Nancy Anderson	Robert & Judith Evans	Robert & Siri Marshall	Dorothy C. Robb
Nancy Bach	M.J. Florance, Jr.	Tom & Carol McGoldrick	Bill & Donna Robinson
Courtney Ballin	Rosemary Fruehling	Doug McNaught	Mary Schler
Steven & Leah Barnacle	Furst Foundation	Leo & Marcia Meloche	Robert Schmitt
Marty Baskerville	Rob & Ann Furst	William, Wright, & Kathleen Messerli	Mary Scholer
John & Nan Beard	Jerry & Pam Gens	Nancy Middleton	Romaine & Ben Z. Shank, Jr.
Mary Lou Bennis	Bob Gerlicher	Tyler Middleton	Craig & Maureen Shaver
David & Marrion Bickford	Paul & Ann Gesme	Mark & Michelle Mitchell	Clinton & Lois Shaw
Patricia Blanch	Marty Gilbert	Edgar & Elizabeth Morsman	Karen & Marcella Nord Shoemaker
Dianne H. Brackett	Rosemary Gluek	Kimberly Ann Murphy	Fred Simon
Tom & Sue Brakke	James & Jean Haverstock	Dan & Joan Nelson	Lewis Sopko
Richard & Jean Brown	Louise Heffelfinger	Nan Nicolle	Dennis & Nancy Stanga
Beth Burgan	Barbara & Leslie Hexum	Jim & Lisa Nielsen	Peggy Stefan
Barbara Burgum	Gordon & Betty Huber	Alan & Rosemary Norton	Tom Sween
John & Janette Burton	John, Rudy, Allyson Jaffray	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Peters	Bryan & Barbara Sykora
Mildred L. Carbonneau	Kathleen Jewett	Judd Peterson	Michael & Laurel Trazler
Kevin & Maristel Conry	Burton Johnson	Julia Cole Peterson	Mark Trick
Kim Crockett	James & Camilla Johnson	Tom Pokonosky	Sandra Napolitano & Chris Wallace
Sarah & Alan Dale	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Jones II	Ronald Poole	Brad Warner & Lisa Tirner
Donald Davis	Barbara King	David Pratt	Paula Winter
	Barbara King	William & Patricia Priesmeyer	Jim & Leigh Woodburn
	Frederick & Caden Ladner		Robert & Nancy Woodburn
	Sheila Laughlin		Dr. Gary & Vicki Wyard
			George & Cynthia Yared

Take advantage of the books that are available for sale at City Hall!

Picturesque Deephaven	\$15.95
The Excelsior Amusement Park	\$10.95
Life in the Early Days of Cottagewood	\$ 6.25
A Post Card History	\$ 25.00
Sunsets	\$50.00
Lake Minnetonka 1850 – 2000	\$32.00
Lake Minnetonka 1905	\$20.00
The 1893 Handbook & Souvenir	\$10.00
Minnetonka Yacht Club Centennial 1882 – 1982	\$15.95

DHS Meeting Schedule
 Deephaven Historical Society meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM at City Hall Council Chambers. All members are welcome. These meetings involve planning and reporting by the committee chairs, the board, and the President.

Plans for the upcoming year are discussed as well as decisions regarding the gathering and distribution of funds.

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