

Wolf's Eye



Isle Royale Natural History Association

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Letter From the Superintendent

Today I had the opportunity to review a proof of a brand new newspaper, one that is being sponsored by the contribution of the members of the Isle Royale Natural History Association. That newspaper is THE GREENSTONE. It will replace many of the site bulletins (informational handouts) which we have previously distributed. You can be proud of the final product and be assured that it is first-class.

By the time that you read this, the Draft Preferred Alternative for the General Management Plan will have been printed and be available for review and comment. In a nutshell it says that the preferred alternatives are: ROCK HARBOR- Remove motel units and discontinue American Plan restaurant and commercial laundry facilities, expand snack bar operation, retain all marina services, expand housekeeping or other type of units (modern and handicapped accessible) and a limited number of rustic cabins. WINDIGO- Retain services as they are except for removal of commercial laundry facility. TRAILS-Retain all trails except for short section along the south shore of Lake Richie (prime wolf habitat). CAMPGROUNDS- Retain all present campgrounds and expand some to accommodate paddlers. DOCKS- Retain all docks except for Siskiwit Bay, Threemile, and Duncan Bay. Provide public docks not now available at



Washington Island, Johns Island, Fisherman's Home, Wright Island, and Crystal Cove. I encourage you to comment when the plan is released for comment.

Some visitors are confusing the "surcharge" for utilities and the "user fee." The user fee is the fee instituted in 1997,

generally \$4/day. Out of this fee we have had \$178,000 returned to us this year. This is our 80% return. We intend to use this funding to restore the Windigo trail crew and hire a full time dock crew. The dock crew will be making extensive repairs to docks in the Tobin and Rock Harbor areas including finishing the W. Caribou dock, replace the Hay Bay Dock, and repair docks in the Windigo area. The surcharge instituted last year is the utility pass through charge from the concessioner for the cost of the utilities that are provided by the park to the concessioner. This cost has existed for some time but was never identified separately before as a distinct charge. Four years ago the park began slowly increasing utility charges TO RECOVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THE UTILITIES TO THE CONCESSIONER. This is a cost that the park cannot absorb out of its base budget. This amount more than equals the cost of the seasonal personnel who provide all visitors' essential services. In the draft General Management Plan the preferred alternative will call for a congressional increase in the park's base budget of \$400,000 to support the utilities. This will allow prices to

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decrease for all visitors on all goods and services, and allow the park to provide the essential services/utilities. All capital costs listed in the GMP will also need to be funded by congressional appropriation. The planning team feels that concessioner services at the park are desirable, but the issue is "who pays?" The park cannot absorb these costs given the present budget. The concessioner cannot absorb the costs and not pass them to the visitor if they are to show a profit. As long as the costs to the visitor are high and getting higher fewer visitors are using the concessioner services. This is the classic situation of "the rock and the hard place." This is the reason for the request for the congressional increase to the base budget in the form of a subsidy for the utilities.

As you may have heard, the winter here has been one of the mildest we have seen in many years. The park may be able to get some crews to Isle Royale early this spring, and the wolves and moose may be released from the grip of winter this year in good condition.

Doug Barnard
Superintendent

NEW PARK NEWSPAPER "THE GREENSTONE"

You may have noticed in the Superintendent's Letter, his reference to the park's new newspaper, "The Greenstone." This 12-page publication contains all the information necessary for planning and experiencing a trip to Isle Royale in one appealing and easy-to-use format. It will replace most of the site brochures used by park visitors in the past.

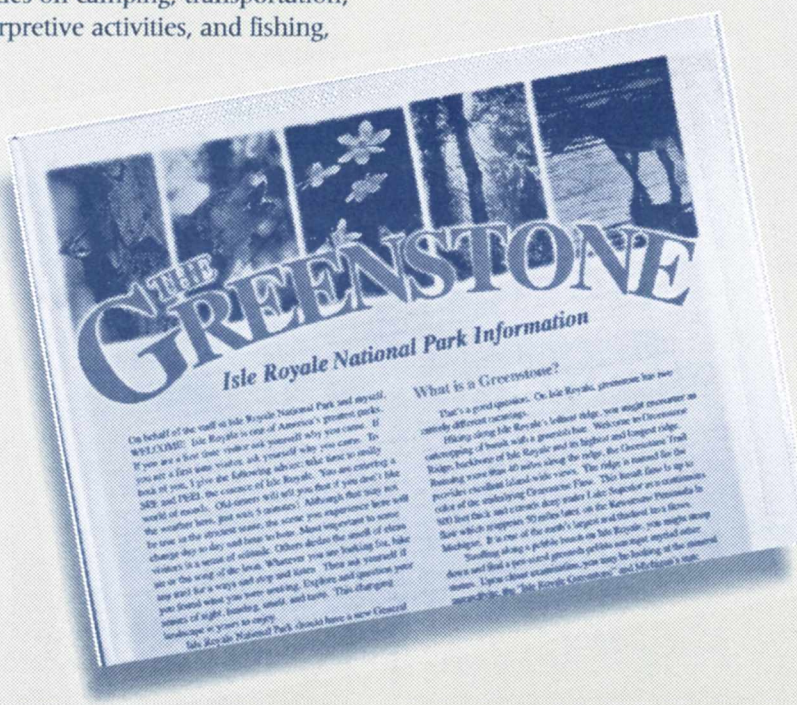
The Park Service and IRNHA are very proud of this latest cooperative project. Smitty Parratt, Branch Chief of Interpretation, spearheaded the newspaper production. Jill Burkland, Executive Director of IRNHA, and Greg Blust, Houghton District Interpreter, made up the rest of the core committee to work on content and format of the paper. Articles were written by many park staff members, IRNHA Board members assisted with layout and editing, the design was done by professional designer Terri Rach. The 12-page publication includes articles on camping, transportation, interpretive activities, and fishing,

as well as informative articles on history and research, a double page map, and a catalogue of IRNHA publications, all complemented with full color photographs.

"The Greenstone" will be distributed beginning this month to approximately 10,000 potential park visitors who call our visitor center for information. It will also be available throughout the summer at our visitor centers and other tourist information sites.

You may have seen such papers at other parks, but we think you will agree that "The Greenstone" stands out from the rest for its attractive design and detailed information. For a copy of "The Greenstone", call either the IRNHA office at 1-800-678-6925 or the park service office at 906-482-0984.

Printing and publication costs for "The Greenstone" were paid completely by IRNHA.



IRNHA WELCOMES NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome a new group of life members to the Isle Royale Natural History Association:

Cathy and Gary Foster
Marietta, Georgia

Paul and Ellen Gabriel
New Glarus, Wisconsin

Bruce Monroe and Cynthia Giacobone
Three Rivers, Michigan

Dan and Betty Rogalla
Wausau, Wisconsin

Martin Singer
Northbrook, Illinois

R. O. Sweeney
Shakopee, Minnesota

Thank you all. Your generous support of IRNHA and Isle Royale National Park is much appreciated!

BY-LAWS CHANGES

The Board of Directors has proposed the following changes to the By-Laws:

Current Article III – Membership Section 1:

Membership Category Voting Privilege Annual Memberships

Single 1 vote
Family 2 votes
Supporting. . . . 1 or 2 votes as registered

Life Memberships

Corporate Sponsor 1 vote
Corporate Patron 1 vote
Life 1 or 2 votes as registered

Proposed Article III – Membership Section 1:

Membership Category Voting Privilege Annual Memberships

Single 1 vote
Household 1 vote
Supporting 1 vote
Sustaining 1 vote

Life Memberships

Corporate Sponsor 1 vote
Corporate Patron 1 vote
Life 1 vote

Comments should be addressed to the Executive Director, IRNHA, 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI and received before the next Board meeting on May 1, 1998.

IRNHA TO WELCOME KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

In their recently completed Strategic Plan, the IRNHA Board established ten-year goals for our association. Several of those goals have to do with increasing IRNHA revenues for the purpose of increasing our contribution to the park. In order to improve our support for interpretation and research at Isle Royale we will need to find new funding sources and new sales outlets. One way to achieve these goals is by expanding our operations to include other parks or public lands.

For the past year a committee of the IRNHA Board has been studying the possibility of our becoming the cooperating association for the Keweenaw National Historical Park. (Located in and around Calumet, MI, the Keweenaw Park was established in 1992 to preserve and interpret the copper mining history of the Keweenaw Peninsula.) The IRNHA Board and Executive Director have been working with Keweenaw Park Superintendent Frank Fiala to come to a mutually beneficial agreement. We hope to sign a formal agreement with Keweenaw some time this spring.

Our present relationship with Isle Royale National Park will not change in any way, but once a formal agreement is approved for Keweenaw, we will gradually begin to serve that park in the same manner that we have served and will continue to serve Isle Royale — by publishing materials for sale or free distribution to park visitors and by assisting with interpretive programs. By adding Keweenaw National Historical Park to our association we will gain a much wider constituency since Keweenaw visitorship is many times that of Isle Royale, and by adding new year-around sales outlets in the Keweenaw



we expect to increase our sales of IRNHA publications and products. This kind of arrangement is not at all unusual for National Park Cooperating Associations. Of the 78 cooperating associations now operating, over half serve more than one

park, forest or other public land area. Through a concept of shared resources, cooperating associations now operate at many national park units, like Keweenaw, that are too small to sustain their own associations.

Keeping in mind our goal of increasing support for Isle Royale National Park, we will be working over the next few months to design accounting procedures that will allow for an equitable allocation of resources between the two parks. The Isle Royale National Park Service Administration and your IRNHA Board believe that by opening our association to a new and growing park, we expand opportunities for all of us.

As always, we welcome your comments, questions and suggestions on our latest endeavor.

Isle Royale Place Names Request And Quiz

We continue our request for information on Island place names for our upcoming book on that topic. In order to expand our search for information we have placed a complete list of "mystery names" on our web site at www.portup.com/irnha. If you have access to the internet, we invite you to take a look.

Do you know the origin for these names?

- Ackley's Harbor (former name of Tobin Harbor)
- Algoma Beach (3.6 miles SW of Rock Harbor Lighthouse)
- Annie's Island (NE end of Siskiwit Bay, an old name from the 1800's)
- Arch Island (1.7 miles NE of Todd Harbor)

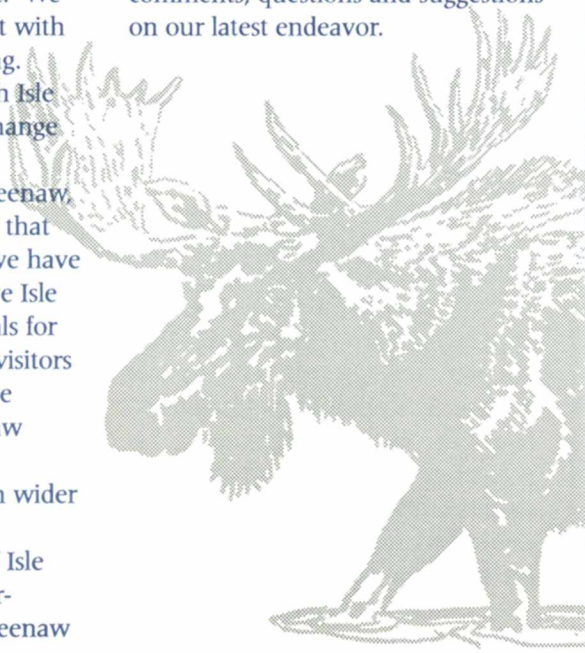
Thank you to those of you who responded to our inquiries in the Fall issue. One of those who responded was King Huber who is the author of the book The Geologic Story of Isle Royale National Park. In response to the quiz question regarding the naming of Greenstone Ridge, he sent this comment:

"The answer to the Greenstone Ridge question is a little misleading. Greenstone Ridge was not directly "named for the greenish color of greenstone rocks found there" (on Greenstone Ridge). The name has a more indirect derivation. It is actually named for the fact that it is the topographic expression of the Greenstone Flow, the thickest of the tilted lava flows that make up the island archipelago. But even this is indirect, as the name goes back even further. In 1883, R.D. Irving described and named "The Greenstone," a thick lava flow that made up the "Greenstone Range" on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Thus the name "Greenstone" originated on the Peninsula and was later applied to Isle Royale by A.C. Lane in 1898."

NOW FOR THIS ISSUE'S QUIZ:

1. Which Isle Royale shipwreck is least popular to dive on?
 - a. Algoma
 - b. Cumberland
 - c. Henry Chisholm
 - d. Henry Steinbrenner
2. Kjaranga Kjelt, a small bay at the southwest end of Amygdaloid Island, got its name from?
 - a. an early fisherman on Belle Isle, which was called Fish Island at the time.
 - b. the Norwegian word for a woman's open mouth, which it supposedly resembled.
 - c. a large crack in the rock there, where small amounts of copper had been found by early miners.
 - d. a corruption of the word for deep channel which leads into the narrow bay.

—For answers see back page—



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks so much to all of you who have renewed your memberships for 1998.

At this point, we are pleased to say that we have collected membership dues totaling over \$15,000, or 79%, of our membership goal for 1998. 115 people have joined the Isle Royale Natural History Association for the first time and 719 of you have renewed your memberships.

Membership **donations** at this point total \$1500, or 23% of our 1998 goal.



If you have not renewed your IRNHA membership or made a donation to IRNHA yet this year, we encourage you to use the form below do so today. We remind you that all dues and donations to IRNHA are tax-deductible. Your membership entitles you to receive Wolf's Eye and a 10% discount on purchases from IRNHA.

JOIN US!

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IRNHA is a non-profit membership organization that assists Isle Royale National Park by publishing and selling educational materials to park visitors. Gifts, bequests, memorials and memberships are U.S. tax deductible.

Membership Categories

Individual	\$15
Household	\$25
Supporting	\$50
Sustaining	\$100
Life Membership	\$500*
Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000
Corporate Patron	\$5,000

**Life memberships may be paid
in 5 annual installments.*

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(1. d. Henry Steinbrenner. It sank in 1953 about 15 miles east of Isle Royale Light, in several hundred feet of water.
2. b. But why just a woman's mouth?)