

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN April 2024



President's Letter by Greg Duppler

Spring arrived early this year on Cedar Lake with the official ice out on March 14. This tied for the earliest ice out—March 14, 1988—since we began keeping records in 1955. Here are a few ice-out fun facts:

- In 2017 the ice went out on March 8, but froze over on March 13 and stayed until March 20.
- Latest ice out was May 4 in 2018.
- Ice out last year was April 25.

Cedar ice out dates since 1955 can be found on our nifty website, www.cedarlakeecc.org; scroll down to the bottom of the home page. Usually an early ice out means lake fun will start early!

There is a lot of CLCC activity and planning in the fall and winter to enable everything to happen during spring and summer:

- The **Fish and Wildlife Committee** got the four loon platforms in place the day after the ice went out. A special thanks to Dean Nicholson and Steve DeGroot for making this happen!
- The **Water Quality Committee** is always busy! Contracts are signed for the extra access inspections to help reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. The self-serve water craft cleaning stations (called CD3s) will be in place at the CTY RD 6 and Schroeder accesses. All aquatic invasive species plans (grant applications, mappings, and if needed treatments) are in order with professional lake management vendors. Thanks to Kathy Jonsrud for 12 years of leading the Water Quality Committee as she retires from this role. Dave Glass is the new chair.
- We have an emergency plan for **fighting the aquatic invasive starry stonewort**, which looks to be the next big headache for lakes. Please look at page 3 for more information on this newest foe.
- The **Events Committee** is hard at work planning activities to connect our lake community:
 - July 4th Boat Parade, 2pm, sandbar: decorate your watercraft and/or docks!
 - Picnic and Music on the Water, Saturday July 13th. You don't want to miss it! See the details on page 2.
 - CLCC Happy Hour at Spilled Grain, August 16, 5-7pm. More information on page 10.

- The new Facebook page that was implemented last year has had great success, and along with the web site, keeps everyone up to speed.

Also, our Cedar Lake neighbors, Schroeder Park and Camp Courage have been busy with major remodels. Schroeder Park has a new welcome center and upgraded amenities for day-use visitors and campers. Camp Courage/True Friends is building a new rec center and pool; more details on page 11.

Spring means it's time to pay your annual CLCC dues. Can't remember if your 2024 dues are paid? Check on page 16 of this newsletter to find out. You can pay easily online at www.cedarlakeecc.org, or use the form on the last page of this newsletter. A special thanks to everyone that supports the lake and to those families who donate above and beyond to the Visionary Fund. It keeps CLCC in a good financial position and all contributions are much appreciated.

Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner.

If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities.

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TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY DUES

Fill out the dues form on the last page of this newsletter and mail in

Online payment at www.cedarlakeecc.org

Thanks a million to the many volunteers, board members, and committee leaders for all of your hard work to support and protect Cedar Lake.

If you have any ideas for Cedar Lake or the CLCC please contact myself or any board member. We all love Cedar Lake and ask everyone to do their part to keep it as clean and healthy as we can.

See you on the lake & happy spring!
Greg Duppler, CLCC President

Time to Pay 2024 Dues | Still only \$50/year

See dues form on page 16 or pay easily online at cedarlakeecc.org

Do it today before you get busy at the lake!



Mark your calendars!
CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water
Saturday, July 13th, 2024

Once again, let's set aside some time to celebrate and enjoy our fabulous lake community!

Picnic Lunch and Raffle July 13th, 11:30-12:30pm

- Lunch served from 11:30 to 12:30, True Friends Camp Courage Lakeside Dining Hall, 8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake (stay to the left and head towards the lake).
- **Lunch is free for all CLCC members** and children under 12. Guest are \$8. Any Thyme Catering will provide lunch and ice cream (of course) by Sweet Escapes.
- The Raffle will begin at 12:15. Tickets are \$20 for 25 tickets and are sold at the event. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle item please contact Lori Larson at 703-599-4128. **We need your support along with the local businesses to make this a really fun event.** We have many talented artists on the lake and come see what they have donated. Must be present to win.

Music on the Water July 13th, 2-6pm

After the food and raffle, float on over to the sandbar to visit, dance on the water, and listen to great music from Stim Pak. They will entertain us from 2-6pm. Music on the Water is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.



No reservations needed and guests are warmly welcome!

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water



Lunch

11:30 to 12:30pm
 True Friends Camp Courage Lakeside Dining Hall

Raffle

12:15pm (must be present to win).
Raffle items are needed! Please contact Lori Larson 703-599-4128 to contribute to the raffle.

Music on the Water—sandbar

2-6pm by Stim Pak, Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.



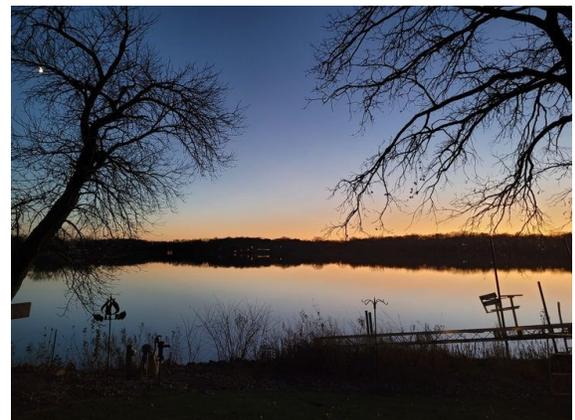
Cedar Music on the Water | Stim Pak



Where on Cedar?

Answers on page 11.

Happy spring and let's have a double "Where on Cedar?", One is a sunrise, the other a sunset. Can you figure it out? Answers on page 11.



WELCOME

New Cedar Lake Residents *by Sue Wolf, President-Elect*

After a record setting warm winter it feels good that we have jump on our spring season, and summer will be here before you know it!

As we continue to plan and prepare for the year ahead, I wanted to say “THANK YOU” to the members that have paid their 2024 annual dues (still only \$50)! **Membership dues/Visionary contributions can be easily paid on line via the website www.cedarlakecc.org or by mailing the form on the back of the newsletter.** In addition to the annual membership dues, Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) has Visionary Funds in place to support Cedar Lake. Many add a bit more when dues are paid. CLCC visionary funds include : Water Quality, Walleye Stocking, Memorial Funds, and the General Fund. Every donation is important and is greatly appreciated. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Welcome to the new owners/residents on Cedar Lake!

There was a lot of Cedar Lake property sales activity in 2023; according to member and realtor, Rick Seagraves, ten (10) Cedar Lake properties changed owners in 2023. It is important for CLCC to keep our membership records up to date.

I am asking for your help; if you have a new lake neighbor, or are a new owner/resident to the lake, please let me know! Sue Wolf suewolf5600@gmail.com or 612-619-5600.



Invasive Starry Stonewort **High Alert** None discovered yet on Cedar, but be on the look out!



Starry stonewort is a particularly troublesome and aggressive aquatic invasive species. It can quickly form very dense mats, choking out native vegetation, impacting aquatic habitat, and severely limiting recreation. There are **four lakes close to Cedar with the infestation: Clearwater, Lake Sylvia, Pleasant, and Lake Koronis**. Control strategies are promising, but **early detection is the key**.

What can we do?

- Familiarize yourself with the list of lakes to the right which are infested with starry stonewort—some of them very close to Cedar—and note the high percentage of infested lakes in Beltrami County. **If you must take your watercraft to a lake with starry stonewort, it is imperative to do a hot water, pressurized decontamination before going to another lake. THOROUGHLY inspect bunk trailers as it can be spread by fragments.** See more information about the Wright County Courtesy Decontamination—right here in Annandale—on page 10.

- Be sure fishing equipment and anchor ropes are thoroughly cleaned after visiting a lake.
- Learn how to recognize starry stonewort. It can be tricky to identify, as there are many natives (chara and star grass) that look like starry stonewort. One unique characteristic of starry stonewort is the six point “star” or bulbil. Here’s a great four minute identification video: <https://youtu.be/te9iF5OTdtg>.
- Watch your lake shore carefully for changes in vegetation. Report any suspicious vegetation to Dave Glass (glassdavid@gmail.com)

Minnesota Water body name with Starry Stonewort As of January 2024	County or counties
Beltrami	Beltrami
Bemidji (includes Stump)	Beltrami
Blackduck	Beltrami
Bowen	Cass
Carnelian	Stearns
Cass	Beltrami
Clearwater	Wright
Dora	Itasca
Grand	Stearns
Koronis (includes Mud)	Stearns
Leach	Cass
Long	Hubbard
Long	Kandiyohi
Medicine	Hennepin
Minnewaska	Pope
Mississippi River between Wolf Lake (04-0079) and Andrusia Lake (04-0038)	Beltrami
Moose	Beltrami
North Twin	Beltrami
Pimushe	Beltrami
Pleasant	Wright
Rice	Stearns
Thunder	Cass
Turtle (Big Turtle)	Beltrami
Turtle River Lake	Beltrami
Upper Red	Beltrami
West Sylvia	Wright
Winnibigoshish	Multiple (Cass and Itasca)
Wolf (Big Wolf)	Beltrami



Facebook Spring Photo Contest



Bill introduced to recycle boat shrink wrap in Minnesota



CLCC Facebook Spring Photo Contest Two Ways to Win Prizes

Credit to Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations "Current Waters" and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates



Photo: Michigan Recycling Coalition

Shrink wrap is used across the country to protect boats from the elements. Unfortunately, the opportunities to recycle that plastic are currently very limited. And we are talking about a lot of plastic. A 25-foot boat uses approximately 25 pounds of plastic and that's roughly equivalent to over 2,000 plastic shopping bags.

Think about the 800,000 registered watercraft in Minnesota and how many of them are shrink wrapped every year. The amount of boat shrink wrap Minnesota uses in just one year is staggering.

A bill introduced in the Minnesota Legislature this year—HF 3220/SF3269—proposes the following process for boat-wrap recycling:

- Create a product stewardship program to responsibly recycle and reuse boat shrink wrap.
- Require producers, through membership in a stewardship organization, to implement and finance a statewide product stewardship program. The program will reduce the volume of boat wrap disposed of in landfills by promoting and providing for the collection and recycling of boat wrap.
- Set goals and a mechanism for tracking progress towards recycling the majority of boat shrink-wrap plastic used in Minnesota.
- Use an existing mechanical technology that uses chemical free, toxic free methods to turn used boat plastic into resin. This resin is then turned back into boat plastic.

Contest Details:

- Post your best photos on the CLCC Facebook page.
facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn
- Two Winners
 - 1) Most Likes/Loves of a Photo
 - 2) CLCC Board of Directors Favorite
- Judging Criteria
 - 1) Quality of photo
 - 2) Shows why we love Cedar Lake
- Prizes are \$100 for each winner.
- Contest ends on June 1st, 2024.
- Winners announced at the CLCC Board of Directors Meeting, June 8th, 2024, 9-11am, Corinna Township, 9801 Ireland Ave, Annandale.

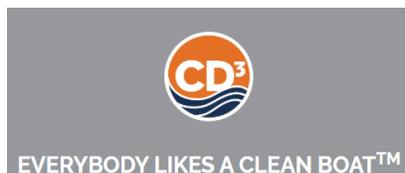


Note: CLCC Board of Directors not eligible.

Self Serve Watercraft Cleaning Stations (CD3) Cedar Schroeder and CTY RD 6 Accesses Leave AIS at the launch

- Free to use!
- Available 24/7
- Solar powered with lighting
- Tools include:
 - Wet/dry vacuum
 - Air Blowers
 - Grabber
 - Wrench
 - Brush

Schroeder Park (north side of Cedar Lake-Wright County) and the County Rd 6 public access (west side) have great watercraft cleaning stations for boaters to use to reduce the chance of spreading aquatic invasive species.



CD 3 at Cedar County Road 6 Access

The cleaning stations are sponsored by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, Wright County Soil and Water, and the Wright County Parks and Recreation.

Fish and Wildlife Committee *by Paul Schutte*

CLCC 2024 Fishing Contest | Get Your Gear Ready



Walter and Grandpa Bass are out there waiting for you on Cedar! Join the fun with the time honored tradition of the CLCC Fishing Contest. Though the competition is tough, all entries are welcome!

Here's the fishing contest scoop:

- Contest runs from May 11th—September 2nd, 2024.
- Bring your lunker for weigh-in at:
Dean and Kathy Nicholson's 8979 Iresfeld
(north side near Schroeder Park)
320-274-3516
- Usual prize categories are for walleye, bass, northern pike, crappie, and sunfish—but judges are impressed by all the fish in our lake.
- All ages encouraged to join the fun!
- Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Member Meeting, September 14th, 2024 | 9am | Corinna Township.

Aquatic Invasive Species We are all in this together



Aquatic invasive species (AIS) have significant effect on all activities on the lake—not just boating and swimming!

Zebra mussels are an invasive species and can have an impact on the important food chain for sport fishing.

Lake Mille Lacs has been infected with zebra mussels since 2005. You may have heard of the DNR reducing the walleye limits on Mille Lacs to one fish per day this past winter, and additional limits this spring.

Along with climate factors and loss of natural shoreline, which impact fisheries, the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research center explains that the zebra mussel infestation on Mille Lacs appears to have a serious negative effect on the walleye population.

Their first paper, published in 2019, focused on Mille Lacs and concluded zebra mussels (and improved septic systems) lead to increased water clarity and reduced suitable walleye habitat. Walleye prefer water with low clarity and cool temperatures.

The second paper, published in 2020, concluded that young walleyes grow 14% slower in lakes infested with zebra mussels (and 12% slower in lakes infested by spiny water fleas, another invasive species).

So, we are all in this together to prevent the spread of AIS!
Clean. Drain. Dry. AND be sure to remember to clean, drain, dry your fishing gear and anchor ropes.

What's the Buzz for May?

- **1st week** | We often see the return of the charming hummingbirds and the dazzling Baltimore Orioles this week. Get the feeders out and keep them full as they are hungry when they arrive. Purple martins are back on Cedar Lake, checking out all the great housing provided by Cedar Lake landlords.
- **2nd week** | Lilacs are in bloom and the bees are busy! Barn swallows are getting their nests constructed and ready for their new families. Both the male and female barn swallow build the nest, and share egg incubation responsibilities.
- **3rd week** | Monarch butterflies are welcomed back from their winter in Mexico. They are on the hunt for milkweed where they will lay their eggs.
- **4th week** | The loons are usually sitting tight on their nests, incubating their eggs. As the summer boating season starts, please give the loons plenty of room—200 ft or more—as they tend to their families.

CLCC Walleye Stocking This Year

This year the CLCC will be stocking walleye fingerlings in Cedar Lake. The stocking will take place in late fall. Currently we have about \$4,700 in the stocking fund. Our goal is \$8,000.

You can easily contribute to the Walleye Visionary Fund:

- Using the form on page 16, you can pay your dues AND contribute to the Walleye Visionary Fund or:
- Contribute online at www.cedarlakecc.org and scroll down to Visionary.

We thank you for your donations!

Loons on Cedar | 4 Nesting Platforms

Nothing says spring on Cedar Lake like the call of the loon. The early ice out this year gave the Fish and Wildlife Committee ample time to get our 4 loon nesting platforms in place.

The loon's urge to return to Cedar lake is triggered by the amount of sunlight. This year, the first loon spotted on Cedar was April 2nd.

Loons are about 2 feet long and weigh 8 to 9 pounds. Males and females have identical plumage. Their wild, haunting calls are a symbol of Minnesota wilderness.

And loons love Cedar Lake, with its deep, cool waters and abundant food source. Fish are their principal food source, but they also eat frogs, leeches, and other aquatic creatures. Loons dive to eat; the average dive time is 40 seconds, but they can stay under water for up to 5 minutes and dive to depths in excess of 100 ft.



Cedar Lake Loon
Photo by Dick Ebert

Some stories will tell us that loons mate for life. Wildlife studies show that may be the case, but only if the couple is successful raising their chicks.

So marvel and enjoy this incredible gift on Cedar, but please give the loons and their new families plenty of room—200 ft. The new chicks won't be diving till at least July, and parents will not dive if a chick is tucked on their back.



Loon Platforms on Cedar
Please keep your distance and give them plenty of room—at least 200 ft

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

by Dave Glass

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fear Us | \$6,000 of Grants Secured

The Water Quality Committee has met several times over the winter to make sure all plans are in place for our aquatic invasive species (AIS) management. Here's the bumper sticker:

- **Clap and cheer!** For 2024, CLCC has received a DNR AIS treatment grant of \$3,000. And another \$3,000 AIS treatment grant from Wright Soil and Water! **Hats off to Glenn Baird for this win!**
- Contracted for an extra \$29,000 of access monitoring through Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (WSWCD). This is in addition to the standard amount of access monitoring Wright County Soil and Water District provides to Cedar.
- Contracted for mapping/delineation by lake management professionals of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and eurasian water milfoil (EWM). Treatment will be completed as necessary. We have had limited amounts of CLP to treat for the past 3 years and no EWM

treated for 4 years.

- CLP mapping was completed on April 10th and great news—we do not need any treatment. Our professional mapper says, *“Despite throwing the rake many times, I only found two sites with single CLP plants. Accordingly, I am recommending no treatment.”*
- New this year is a professional all-lake search for any AIS. The search will be late summer.
- Diver/snorkel assisted search for stary stonewort at high risk areas (accesses and sand bar) in September.
- Stary stonewort is our newest foe! Though Cedar doesn't have the infestation, we are prepared with a detailed check list for a rapid response with vendors, DNR, and Wright County. Early detection is the key to control. Please take a look at more information on page 3.

2023 Water Quality Numbers Show High Quality, Stable Lake

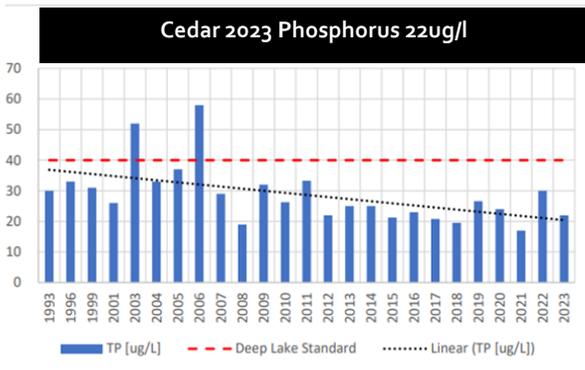
Once again, 2023 was another year of extremes in Wright County. We started the year with very high water—so high the 300ft no-wake ordinance was activated. The year ended with a normal lake level.

Cedar Lake had wonderfully clear water in 2023 but did experience—as did many high-quality lakes—filamentous algae due to environmental events.

Monitoring of Cedar's water quality has been performed for decades by the Clearwater River Watershed District. Samples are regularly taken from our lake during the summer months and analysis is done by a laboratory.

Here is a summary of our 2023 values:

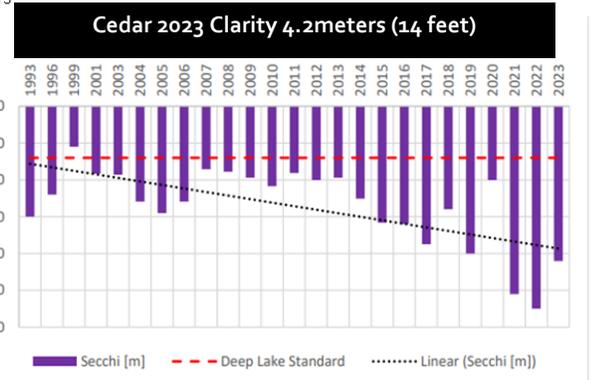
- The gold standard for monitoring lake water quality is the phosphorus level. A good lake is considered to have a level less than 40ug/l. **The average 2023 phosphorus level in Cedar was 22ug/l.**
- **The average secchi depth (clarity) reading was 4.2 meters (14 feet).** The dry end of summer and the presence of zebra mussels more than likely contributed to this clarity, along with our long term phosphorus reduction project with the Clearwater River Watershed District.
- **The chlorophyll average was 4ug/l**, one of the lowest values since monitoring started, representative of limited algae blooms.



Phosphorus Level

Good Lake Less than 40

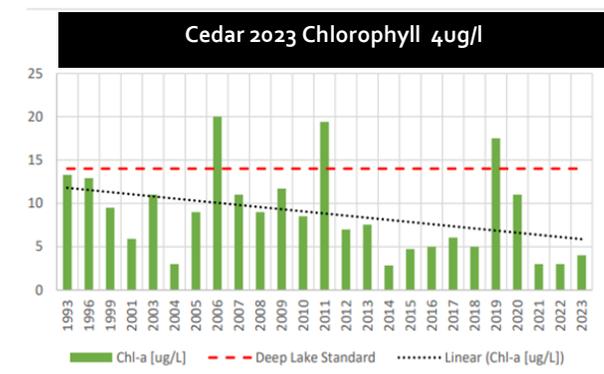
The lower the phosphorus level, the cleaner our lake is. The primary phosphorus source for our lake is the south inlet. Clearwater River Watershed projects (fish barrier, buffer management, and retention ponds) reduce the amount of phosphorus into our lake.



Secchi (Clarity) Depth

Good Lake Greater than 1.5 meters

A measurement that we all can identify with is the clarity of the water. A secchi disk is a disk with alternating black and white areas that is lowered into the water until it can no longer be seen from the surface.



Chlorophyll-a

Good Lake Less than 14

Chlorophyll-a usually goes hand in hand with the phosphorus level—the lower the better. In general, the chlorophyll-a level rises with the presence of algae blooms.

Corinna Township Vacation Rental Ordinance

*Includes yearly registration, occupancy limits & septic, noise, and parking requirements
by Linda Dircks and Cathi Gabriel Westman*

Corinna Township, has a "Private/Vacation Home Rental" ordinance. This regulates the rental of homes by the night or week. All properties on Cedar Lake are in Corinna Township and impacted by this requirement.

The Township acknowledges the benefits of vacation rentals, however recognizes that short-term rentals can have a negative impact on neighbors.

Corinna Township is the only area in Wright County that has a vacation rental ordinance.

This is intended to be only a summary of the ordinance. For a complete copy of the ordinance, please visit tinyurl.com/sn2yvszr sections #781 on pages 178-181, or contact Corinna Township 320-274-8049.

VRBO Information Flyer on CLCC Website

Do you have a VRBO on Cedar? CLCC has a wonderful welcome/information flyer for your renters. Check it out on the website www.cedarlakecc.org, scroll down to "Cedar Lake VRBO Flyer". It includes a map of Cedar Lake.

Editor's Note: Linda Dircks and Cathi Gabriel Westman are residents of Cedar Lake and serve on the Corinna Township Planning and Zoning Board.

Corinna Vacation Rental Ordinance Highlights

- Private/Vacation Home Rentals in Corinna Township are required to register annually. Annual registration form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yckzn4nd>.
- Maximum occupancy of 3 guests per bedroom or 12 guests, which ever is less; otherwise, Interim Use Permit required.
- If the property has a septic holding tank, an Interim Use Permit is required (regardless of occupancy).
- Use of detached or temporary sleeping accommodations (e.g. RVs, tents, campers, etc.) to increase overnight guest capacity is prohibited.
- Standards for noise level, on-site parking, and preservation of road rights-of-way must be followed.
- Requirements for local contact/property manager.
- Contact information, emergency phone numbers, maximum occupancy/parking, and other information to be posted in rental.
- More information www.corinnatownship.com 320-274-8049.

Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD)

*Cedar Water Quality Project Carp Control and Planning for Cedar AIS Project Increase
By Dawn Cole | Cedar Lake Resident, Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers*



Cedar, Albion, Henshaw, Swartout (CASH Project) Enhanced Carp Control Enters 2nd Year

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) will begin the second of a two-year project that will benefit Cedar and the three lakes upstream that flow into Cedar (Swartout, Albion and Henshaw).

The first task last summer was to determine the populations of carp in each lake of the Cedar chain with electrofishing, then radio trackers were installed on some fish. This spring the radio trackers will be used to better understand where the carp are spawning and how they move through the season. It will also provide data about the effectiveness of our existing carp barriers.

What Did We Learn Last Year?

- Cedar had very sparse carp populations likely because of our current fish barriers and other water quality measures. Albion and Henshaw also have low carp populations, probably due to 2023 winter kill.
- Swartout's carp population is relatively high (estimated at nearly 3900 carp). Its carp are relatively young (2-5 years) and averaged 26 inches in length. The amount of carp in Swartout is reducing vegetative cover and diversity—both important for water quality.
- The recommendation from professional vendor, Carp Solutions, is further carp management, including removal of some carp on Swartout Lake.

What's Next?

- Determine what drives successful carp reproduction. This is done using radio tracking systems to monitor carp movement patterns between Swartout and potential carp nursery lakes like Albion and Henshaw during spawning season.
- Use radio trackers to monitor nearby wetlands that may be acting as carp nurseries.
- Remove carp from Swartout when monitoring determines best removal methods and the amount of fish to be removed.
- Continue to survey carp biomass and abundance every 2-3 years.

If Cedar has few carp, why do we care about Swartout's problems with carp? Swartout's water quality is important to residents because carp's rooting behavior releases phosphorus from the lake bottom into the water. Phosphorus causes algae growth. Swartout is upstream of Cedar. When heavy rains overwhelm Cedar's filtering systems, phosphorus-loaded water washes into Cedar from upstream lakes.

This project is part of the original CASH program begun by CRWD in 2007. Funding for this project comes from the CASH program's ongoing maintenance fund.

Cedar Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project Expecting Increase for 2025

Cedar Lake also has an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) project with CRWD. This project pays for AIS treatment and control, and in recent years, is the primary source of funds for the access monitoring on Cedar.

The amount collected for this project has changed over the years. At the start of project maintenance, the annual amount collected from 2015 to 2019 was \$30,000. In 2020, Cedar Lake requested a decrease to \$22,000 due to limited AIS treatment needs.

The fund can be used for access monitoring costs, and the CLCC has committed, since 2018, to fund about 1,600 extra hours of access monitoring. This extra provides coverage for most weekends on Cedar.

Since 2021, access monitoring costs have risen by 20%. The cost of 1,600 hours of monitoring in 2024 is \$29,000.

After careful consideration, and with the urgent threat of starry stonewort in nearby lakes (see page 3), the CLCC BOD wishes to keep the access monitoring at the current level. To continue funding this current level, the Board plans to request the CRWD Board of Managers to increase the annual assessment for 2025. The amount of the increase for most Cedar Lake properties is expected to be about \$50/year.

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) is a local government unit serving portions of Wright, Meeker, and Stearns counties in central Minnesota. The District promotes and protects water resources in order to maintain property values and quality of life. Cedar Lake is part of the District and directly benefits from two CRWD projects.

Dawn Cole is a resident of Cedar Lake and serves on the CRWD Board of Managers and as CRWD Secretary.

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CLCC VISIONARIES Making a Difference



The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our Visionary Funds were started over a decade ago and have become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake.

In 2023, our Visionary donations were over \$22,900! Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking, Water Quality, and Memorial Fund.

Payments can be made either by check (P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302—see form on page 16) or very conveniently online. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org) has a link for donating electronically—scroll down the home page for the Visionary information. For further information, contact CLCC President Elect Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com 612-619-5600).

Visionary Contributions Since November 2023 and Lifetime Visionary

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Contact Your CLCC Board of Directors

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and quality of Cedar Lake. No members, directors or officers receive any compensation.

Service to the lake is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and more deeply enjoy the lake with shared service and purpose.

**Does a committee interest you?
Or a leadership position on the Board?**

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so is this your year to step up?

Please let Sue Wolf know if you are interested.
suewolf5600@gmail.com



	Position	Board of Director Term
Greg Duppler greg.duppler@yahoo.com 612-310-7236	President	Sept 2025
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Holly Linn	Director	Sept 2027
LuAnn Schutte	Director	Sept 2027



Heading North on Cedar Lake
Photo by Dave Glass

2024 CLCC EVENTS Mark your calendar!

June 8th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
July 4th	CLCC July 4th Boat Parade	Decorate your watercraft or shoreline to celebrate America's birthday. Bunch up a bit before 2pm on the north side of the sandbar and follow the lead boat.
July 13th	 CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water	11:30 – 12:30 Lunch True Friends Camp Courage, Lakeside Dining Hall 8046 83 rd St NW, Maple Lake 2-6pm Music on the Water by “Stim Pak”
August 16th	CLCC Happy Hour	5-7pm Spilled Grain, 300 Elm St. Annandale
September 14th	2024 Member Annual Meeting Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 9th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

**CLCC Happy Hour
SAVE THE DATE
Spilled Grain, August 16, 5-7pm**



Last August CLCC hosted the first annual Happy Hour for CLCC members at Spilled Grain Brewery. The event had great attendance and was well received by all.
A new tradition begins! We hope to see you August 16th, 5-7pm at Spilled Grain Brewhouse, 300 Elm St., Annandale.

Been to another lake? Do a free hot water, pressurized decontamination Sponsored by Wright County Soil and Water

Have you taken your watercraft to a different lake?
Are guests bringing a watercraft?
Please consider doing a free pressurized, hot water decontamination before launching in Cedar to reduce the chance of transporting aquatic invasive species.



- WHERE:** 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd—follow road to the end).
- HOURS:**
 - 5/27/24 to 7/26/24: 9am-5pm seven days a week
 - 7/27/24 to 8/30/24: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri
 - 8/31/24 and 9/1/24: 9am-5pm
 - Closed: May 27, June 19, July 4
- HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?:** Smaller boats about 10 minutes, larger vessels 20-30 minutes.

Been to another lake?
 Don't take a chance with spreading AIS before launching again!
 Do a free, pressurized, hot water decontamination.

True Friends Camp Courage on Cedar Lake

Plans for new recreation center

by John LeBlanc, President and CEO True Friends

True Friends Camp Courage has been a Minnesota and regional asset for almost 70 years, providing experiences that have enriched and changed the lives of thousands of people with disabilities.

Situated on the east shore of Cedar Lake, the facility is a wonderful asset and neighbor, and graciously opens up their Lakeside Dining Hall each year for the CLCC Picnic.

After more than 50 years, the pool and gym need to be rebuilt.

In May of 2023, True Friends was awarded \$10 million from the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition to the public funding, True Friends has raised an additional \$6.75 million, with \$250,000 to go to reach their \$17 million goal. This will allow for a slightly larger gym and pool and to help cover the increasing costs due to inflation.

Because of the overwhelming generosity of donors, the final design phases have begun. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2025 with the project being completed in the first half of 2026.

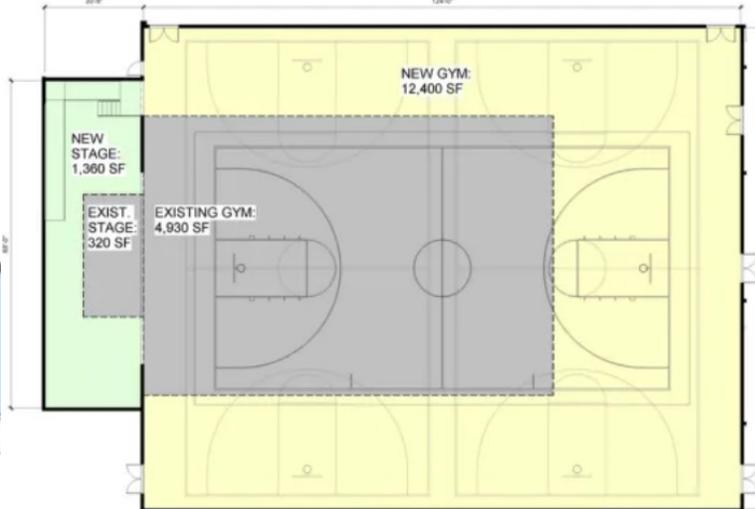
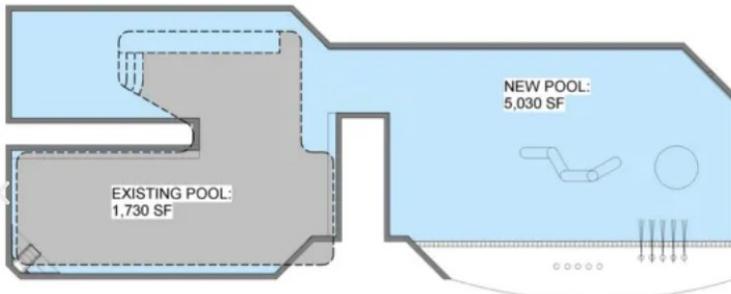
“This is a great place,” Kari, a Camp Courage camper, said describing her True Friends experience. “I became a quad amputee and this place made me feel normal again. I was able to do every activity here. Never felt out of place.”

Visit www.truefriends.org/recreation-center for future project updates.

To learn more about True Friends, visit www.truefriends.org, call 952.852.0101, or email info@truefriends.org.



True Friends Camp Courage Conceptual Drawings Below: New Swimming Pool Right: New Gym



CLCC Facebook | Lots of great stuff!

Last year a new CLCC Facebook group page was launched. It has quickly grown and has close to 400 following.

The information shared on the page is fun, brings us closer to the activity on the lake, and all enjoy the wonderful photos.

For example, here are some

recent posts:

- Ice out contest.
- Ice out on March 14th was announced.
- April 2nd we enjoyed a photo of the south side loon back on Cedar.
- Fantastic photos.

Join us on Facebook



Special thanks to Dick Ebert for his hard work on the CLCC Facebook group! facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn



CLCC Facebook Photo By Brad Paul



Where on Cedar? from page 2

Where on Cedar? The left hand picture is sunrise, looking east from the south west by Phil Trout. The right hand picture is sunset, looking west from the south east side by Dave Glass. Such beauty and a sense of peace these photos graciously share with us!



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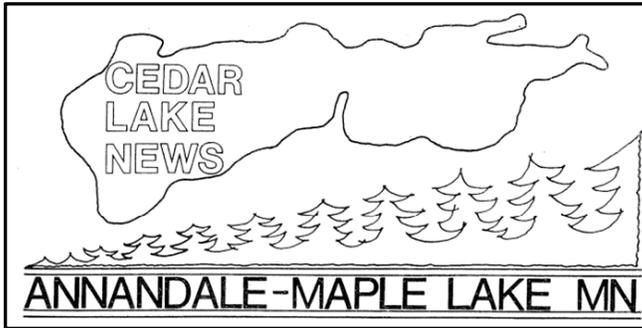
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Craft Root Beer
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A Step Back In Time | Spring 1977 Tidbits from CLCC Newsletters



- Dues remained at \$3/year and an envelope for payment was enclosed in the June newsletter.
- Membership meeting was June 25th, at the new Corinna Township Hall.
- The Federation of Sportsmen's Club reports an alarming rate of wetland draining in Wright and Stearns County. "We will have to keep a close eye on this and continue our fight to save our wildlife."

"A Step Back in Time" is a regular feature to enjoy the charming history of the CLCC newsletters.

Would you like to read more Cedar Lake History?

Check out a nifty historical summary—1930 to 2001— of Cedar Lake and find the historical CLCC newsletters at www.cedarlakecc.org.

- New Wright County septic laws were a hot topic on Clearwater Lake. The Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association resolved to urge residents to conform with the new septic laws, use phosphate free detergents, and refrain from using lawn fertilizers on any land from which storm water drains in Clearwater Lake.
- A reminder from the DNR that "youthful Minnesota boaters with dreams of operating motorboats have two alternatives: homework or fewer horses".

Cedar Lake Favorite Recipes Chris Nelson—CLCC Director

Stay in Touch with CLCC in Your Favorite Way

This is one of our favorite things to do! Perfect one pot meal for at the lake!

This serves about 8 people. Put a roll of paper towels at each table.

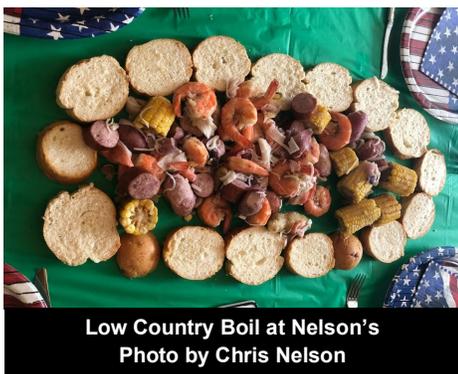
Dave's Low Country Boil

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon seafood seasoning (such as Old Bay)
- 5 pounds new potatoes
- 3 (16oz) packages cooked kielbasa sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 8 ears fresh corn, husks and silks removed, cut in 1/2
- 5 pounds whole crab, broken into pieces
- 4 pounds fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined

Directions

1. Heat a large pot of water over an outdoor cooker, or medium-high heat indoors. Add Old Bay Seasoning to taste and bring to a boil. Add potatoes, and sausage, and cook for about 10 minutes. Add the corn and crab; cook for another 5 minutes, then add the shrimp when everything is almost done, and cook for another 3 minutes.
2. Drain off the water and pour the contents onto a picnic table covered with a plastic table cloth.
3. Melt a stick of butter and put over everything.
4. Cut up a loaf of french bread to put around the food.
5. Give everyone a big serving spoon, grab a paper plate and a beer. ENJOY!



Low Country Boil at Nelson's
Photo by Chris Nelson

Newsletter | Kathy Jonsrud

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November) and mailed to all Cedar Lake property owners. A copy is also posted on our website.

Facebook | Dick Ebert

Take a quick moment and join our Facebook group!

facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn



Website and E-mail | Scott Brooks

There is a treasure of information on our web site www.cedarlakecc.org—check it out! We can support two emails per family. Have a change to your email? See page 9 for contact information.

CLCC Treasurer's Report Liz Baird—CLCC Treasurer

Funds as of 4/1/2024	Amount
General CLCC	\$53,656.16
Water Quality	\$86,624.05
Walleye Stocking	\$4,715.65
Memorial	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$145,195.86

The Board of Directors approves expenditures from all funds.

Examples are:

General: Member communications, events, insurance

Water Quality: Contributions to large water quality projects, aquatic invasive species control, watercraft cleaning station, "Rapid Response" funds for new aquatic invasive species infestations

Walleye: Every other year walleye stocking

Memorial: Special projects as determined by CLCC Board of Directors

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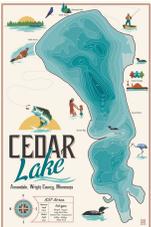


Time to Pay 2024 Dues ~-Consider "Adding a Bit More"~-

CLCC needs your support! Annual dues to CLCC are \$50, based on the calendar year, and can be paid by check with the form below or electronically online.

If you want to pay online, visit the CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org).

CLCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

	Dues Payment	\$50.00
	YES! I can give a bit more as a Visionary (circle desired fund) :	_____
	General Water Quality Walleye Stocking Memorial	
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