

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN November 2023



President's Letter by Greg Duppler

This is my first letter as President of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. I'm thrilled to partner with the CLCC Board of Directors, committee heads, and the many volunteers that make the CLCC such an effective organization.

My wife Char and I have been on Cedar Lake since 1999. Our kids, their spouses, and our grandkids have a treasure of wonderful memories of time spent on the lake. If you come past our cabin, you'll always see a bunch of kids (and adults) splashing around, tubing, skiing, etc. We simply love Cedar Lake and are happy to try to help keep it as clean as possible.

During the three years I've been on the board, I have been blown away by the number of volunteers that do SO MUCH for the lake. There's been a long list of wonderful presidents, but following Karl Leslie and David Glass are gigantic shoes to try to fill. David will remain on the board until September of 2024.

I'd like to thank the outgoing board directors, **Lori Larson, Brad Geisler, and Mark Grimme** for their service on the board. I'd like to welcome the new board directors **Holly Linn, Chris Nelson, LuAnn Schutte, and Karl Leslie**.

Julie Grimme has volunteered to be Secretary. There's a lot of work involved in that role, and we are excited and pleased that Julie is taking over from Terri Erickson who did a great job for 3 terms. **Liz Baird** has graciously resumed the Treasurer role after handling it for 10 years prior to this. Liz is a pleasure to work with and is doing an awesome job.

Take a minute to read page 11 of the newsletter to get to know your new leadership and directors better!

Our committee heads deserve our thanks. Kathy Jonsrud has led the Water Quality Committee for 10 years, along with serving as newsletter editor. Paul Schutte, has led the Fish and Wildlife Committee since its inception and does a remarkable job. Carter Diers chaired the Nominating Committee for many years before turning it over to Sue Wolf earlier this year. Carter has also led the Music On The Water event since it started in 2012. He finds awesome bands and helps them set up and take down their equipment. Lori Larson did a great job on the board and heading up the Events Committee; she has volunteered to oversee the picnic going forward. It's a ton of work to gather the prizes and organize everything for the picnic. Dick Ebert has totally revamped the CLCC Facebook page. The upgrades are fantastic, and the feedback and participation reflects that people are enjoying the new look. Scott Brooks continues to

manage the website and emails to keep everyone informed and up to date. The list of people to thank goes on and on and I apologize if I missed anyone.

The Board of Directors is grateful for all the Cedar Lake property owners that pay their annual dues. We're especially grateful for the Visionaries who donate above and beyond to help build our war chest for invasive species and other projects, such as the self-serve watercraft cleaning station (CD3) that helps keep the lake as clean as possible. Cedar Lake provides lots of fun and relaxation for all of us. We must all try to do our part to protect its health and preserve it for generations to come.

Our main priority for the CLCC is water quality. We will continue to work hard to protect Cedar Lake from the dozens of aquatic invasive species that seem to continue to make their way towards us. Our second goal, and equally as important as our first, is for everyone to have fun and be safe. We had a great turnout at the happy hour at Spilled Grain this summer, as well as the picnic, Music on the Water, and of course the Fourth of July parade. If you have any ideas or input for Cedar Lake or the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, please contact me or any board member. CLCC is YOUR lake association and valuable input is always needed to help improve Cedar Lake.

What a wonderful summer with many sunny weekends that we really appreciated and enjoyed. Hopefully we will have a very short and mild winter.

I wish all of you a great holiday season and winter. See you in the spring!

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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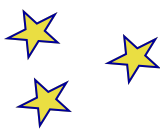


This is a favorite picture from this summer. My grandson was dock fishing early one morning and all of a sudden there was a bunch of hootin' and hollerin'. The neighborhood rushed down to the shore to see what was happening!

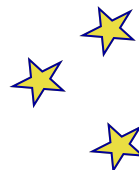


Make the Lake Part of Your Year End Giving

CLCC Visionaries See details on page 2



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) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Our Visionary Funds were started over a decade ago and have become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake.

In 2022, our Visionary donations were over \$29,900! 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.cedarlakeecc.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).

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

Visionary Contributions Since November 2022 and Lifetime Visionary

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When donors reach a higher visionary category with multiple donations, they will be recognized in that higher category.



Where on Cedar?

Answers on page 11.

Can you figure out which end of Cedar this photo was taken from?

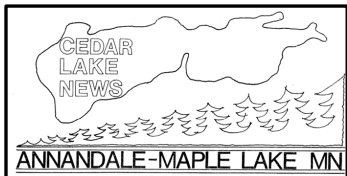
Answer on page 11.

A Step Back In Time | December 1976 Tidbits from CLCC Newsletters



“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.



- “The sand bar went 3/4 of the way across the lake with heavy brush and trees 10 inches or more in diameter until the high water of 1941”.

**Editor’s Note* The charming recipe to the right from Shirley Cook is Board of Directors member Chris Nelson’s mother. Shirley passed in 2011, but some old timers believe they can still see her waving from their iconic stone boat house on Cedar.*

- CLCC Dues in 1976 were \$3 per year.
- “Is it an aquatic nuisance? The DNR does not encourage control of aquatic vegetation unless it interferes with exiting water use”.
- Only one bullhead was caught and entered in the Fishing Contest.
- “That dam on the north end of the lake was constructed in the middle of the 1930’s”.

CRANBERRY FLUFF - SHIRLEY COOK
 A LUSCIOUS 24 HOUR SALAD THAT'S PARTY PINK. NICE TO SERVE AS A LUNCHEON SALAD OR DESSERT, OR LET IT DOUBLE AS BOTH
 2 C. RAW CRANBERRIES (GROUND) 1/2 C. BROKEN WALNUTS
 3 C. TINY MARSHMALLOWS 1/4 TSP. SALT
 3/4 C. SUGAR
 2 C. DICED UNPARED TART APPL E S 1 C. HEAVY CREAM (WHIPPED)
 1/2 C. SEEDLESS GREEN GRAPES

 COMBINE CRANBERRIES, MARSHMALLOWS AND SUGAR. COVER AND CHILL OVERNIGHT. ADD APPLES, GRAPES, WALNUTS, AND SALT. FOLD IN WHIPPED CREAM. CHILL. TURN INTO A SERVING BOWL, OR SPOON INTO INDIVIDUAL LETTUCE CUPS. TRIM WITH A CLUSTER OF GREEN GRAPES, IF DESIRED. MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS.

Cedar and the U of Minnesota Great Year of Engagement

Cedar Lake Board of Directors is delighted to announce numerous projects in 2023 with the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC).



Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC)

Zebra Mussel Safari

Cedar, along with several other Minnesota Lakes, is participating in a multi-year study to better understand the cyclical nature of zebra mussel infestations. Six residents on Cedar hosted zebra mussel collection plates over the summer, and the research scientist from the U of M analyzed the plates at the end of the season. Hats off to Dave Glass for the project management and coordination on Cedar!

Spiny Water Flea Hunt

Spiny Water Flea is an invasive species, infecting several lakes in northern Minnesota. Cedar was asked to be part of this study due to our location, depth, and high level of recreation. Once again, Dave Glass stepped up to the plate and helped with the sample collection. And, just saying, the sampling had to be at night in September! The good news is none of the critters were found on Cedar.

Ethics Workshop “Using Genetic Modification to Control Aquatic Invasive Species”

In May, Kathy Jonsrud, CLCC Water Quality Chair, was invited to participate in a 2 day workshop to discuss the ethics and public perceptions of using genetic modification techniques to control aquatic invasive species. Invasive carp were the focus of the workshop.

Interview for Public Service Announcement on Lakes and AIS

MAISRC is developing a public service announcement about the importance of lake associations and the work they do to control aquatic invasive species. Cedar Lake was asked to provide an interview for this project.

Summer on Cedar with Wilson

Wilson had quite the journey and many encounters on Cedar this summer! Take a look at a the CLCC Facebook postings for his sail on Cedar. We do not know where his final resting place was; we hope he enjoyed Cedar!

September 3
North West Side



September 4
Schroeder Park



September 4



September 4
At the Sandbar



September 7
Back to the North Side



CLCC Facebook Summer Photo Contest Winners



Most Likes | Brad Geisler

Of course, showing all of Cedar Lake would win the summer photo contest. Congrats to Brad Geisler. His aerial photo had 69 likes/loves.

The CLCC Board's favorite photo was taken by Scott Brooks.

Each photographer won \$100. Thanks to everyone who posted a photo showing why we love Cedar Lake.



CLCC Board Favorite | Scott Brooks

CLCC Annual Meeting

Leadership Elections
Review of Projects and Services

The CLCC Annual Meeting was held on September 9th; quorum was reached. President David Glass led the meeting and provided an overview of the successful year. Here are the highlights:

- Recognized outgoing Directors Brad Geisler, Lori Larson, and Mark Grimme. 4 new Officers and 4 new Directors were elected. **See more information about the new Officers and Directors on page 11.**
- Access monitoring was performed at the CTY RD 6 and Schroeder accesses. See page 6 for details.
- A second watercraft cleaning station (called CD3) was installed at the CTY RD 6 public access. See page 7 for the success story.
- Cedar experienced robust native vegetation and filamentous algae in several areas this year. Other lakes have experienced the same, and our vegetation mapping expert believes climate factors favored certain natives. Also, our increased water clarity stimulates vegetation growth. We now see vegetation in 18-21 feet of water (previously was 12-15 ft).
- Limited aquatic invasive species control was needed, and 2023 expenses were covered by DNR and Wright County grants. See page 7 for more details.
- CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water were once again great community celebrations. Next year, the Picnic and Music on the Water are planned for July 13th, 2024—mark your calendars!
- The Fish and Wildlife Committee maintained purple martin houses, a chimney swift tower, and 4 loon platforms. This busy group also managed a walleye stocking in the spring of 455 pounds of 6 to 8 inch frisky fingerlings.
- The popular Kids Don't Float free life jacket loaning station at Schroeder Park was maintained by Mark Grimme.
- Our strong financial picture was reviewed.
- In August, CLCC hosted a Happy Hour at Spilled Grain. It was a great opportunity to meet lake neighbors.
- The Board continues to monitor emerging lake issues such as: 2nd tier developments; Boat Operator's Certificate in the state legislature; vacation rental regulations; and the U of M Wake Boat Study.

Kids Corner

What I Love About Cedar Lake
By Reagan Flygare
Daughter of Darren & Rachel Flygare

cedar Lake fish

Cedar Lake has lots of fish around our home. we have a good spot to go fishing it has Small Bass, Big Bass and Sunfish. the fish love wax worms. the lake is amazing! you can see the fish jump in the air. I can catch up to 7 fish! come live by cedar Lake!

Kids Corner is a regular feature in the CLCC Newsletter. Know a kiddo that loves Cedar Lake? We would love to have them write an article for the newsletter. See page 11 for contact information.



Fish and Wildlife Committee *by Paul Schutte*

CLCC 2023 Fishing Contest Winners

Sunfish	1 st Henry Hubing 2 nd Lisa Bellows	0.65 pounds 0.60
Northern	1 st Brent Johnson 2 nd Mich Hoistad	7.82 5.66
Bass	1 st Dylan Fraga	2.69
Perch	1 st Aaron Lee	0.18
Crappie	1 st Beth Trout 2 nd Lisa Bellows	0.87 0.83
Walleye	1 st Don Linn	7.01

Walleye Stocking on Cedar

This fall the DNR completed its walleye stocking on Cedar. The fingerlings average 19 fish to the pound; 315 pounds were stocked which resulted in 5,985 fingerlings.

This was the second stocking Cedar received this year. Because of conditions beyond our control for our fall stocking of 2022, CLCC stocked this past spring. CLCC's next stocking is set for the fall 2024. We currently have \$3,880 in the walleye fund. Our goal is \$8,000.

The CLCC Walleye Stocking is funded by your generous contributions to the Walleye Visionary Fund. Contributions can be made easily online at www.cedarlakecc.org (scroll down to Visionary Fund) or use the form on page 16 to pay by check.

Thank you for your contributions!

Woodpecker Waffle Recipe

Here's a great project for a snow day with kiddos. We have many woodpecker varieties on Cedar Lake: downy, hairy, pileated and more. Fill the waffle holes with peanut butter and sprinkle with nuts.

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 cup milk, warmed
1/4 cup butter or suet
1&1/2 cups cornmeal
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 chopped walnuts
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup peanuts, or other nuts



Directions

1. Preheat the waffle iron. Break 2 eggs into a medium-sized bowl and whip with a wire whisk. Add the warm milk and melted butter or suet. Mix thoroughly.
2. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the cornmeal, baking powder and 1/4 cup chopped walnuts.
3. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients. Pour the wet ingredients in the center. Stir until the mixture is well blended—there will be a few lumps.
4. Spoon enough batter into the preheated waffle iron. Cook the waffle until it is well done and dark brown. (Hint: this recipe works best when the waffles are very stiff).
5. Fill the square spaces of the cooled waffle with peanut butter and sprinkle with nuts, or place a sunflower in the square hole. Generally, two waffles back-to-back will fill a typical wire mesh suet feeder.

From Cooking for the Birds by Adele Porter

Loons on Cedar | Two Chicks Made it

2023 was an up and down year for loons on Cedar. Here's the recap of the season:

- The sand bar pair hatched two chicks in the early summer, but shortly after, they were seen with only one chick. The remaining chick thrived.
- The northwest pair kept us wondering, as they appeared to nest twice, but we never saw any young.
- The Camp Courage/True Friends (northeast) nesting pair were seen around the platform, but we are not aware of any chicks.
- Finally, the south pair was observed with one chick in early June, but lost that chick. They re-nested and successfully hatched another chick.

There are many obstacles for loons and their chicks, from predation, weather, and watercraft traffic. We ask you to give the loons at least 200 feet of space.

MN DNR Quality Sunfish Initiative Limits Being Considered on Clearwater

For years, anglers have been telling the MN DNR they were satisfied with sunfish/bluegill numbers but an increasing number of anglers have been concerned about catching so many small sunfish.

DNR fisheries managers responded with a quality sunfish initiative that uses proven daily limits of five or 10 sunfish to protect and improve sunfish quality on select lakes with both biological potential to produce large sunfish and strong public support.

There are numerous lakes in Minnesota with the sunfish daily limits, and most recently our neighbor lake, Clearwater, began the process to implement the limit. Their public meeting in September of 2023 indicated strong public support for the limit.



port for the limit.

The CLCC Fish and Wildlife Committee has a strong relationship with our regional DNR Fisheries Manager. The DNR is planning a fish survey in 2024 on Cedar to better understand the numbers and size of sunfish and crappies. If it is determined that Cedar could benefit from a restriction, a public meeting will be held for input.

What's the Buzz for December?

- **1st week** | Will Cedar Lake have ice this week? Probably not! But we may see the beautiful rime and white frost. These frosts, with dazzling interlocking crystals, forms when nights are clear and calm with moist air.
- **2nd week** | A heated bird bath brings many winter visitors, including chickadees, nuthatches, and house finches. Just before a snow storm expect a feeding frenzy at the feeders. Geese and trumpeter swans honk and party all night on Cedar's open water.
- **3rd week** | What do the deer find to eat? When the snow covers the acorns and grasses, the deer go for twigs of sugar maple, basswood, and oak. The average deer needs 6-12 pounds of twigs a day.
- **4th week** | The plucky chickadee's heart beats 700 times a minute and they need to eat the equivalent of their own weight everyday in the winter. Chickadees sometimes take seeds from human hands.

Paul's Corner

I love the change of seasons and so enjoy the spectacular colors of fall and the bird migration. But, of course, Old Man Winter is here! Please consider filling that bird feeder and enjoying all of nature through your window. Not a fan of the expense or mess of bird food? A great alternative is a heated bird bath which will attract all sorts of birds—chickadees, cardinals, nuthatches, woodpeckers, juncos, and more.

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

By Kathy Jonsrud

Year in Review in Quick Bits

Limited Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Required

The Water Quality Committee is delighted to report that, again this year, limited aquatic invasive species (AIS) control was required on Cedar.

The only AIS requiring treatment was curly leaf pondweed, with 4.1 acres treated in May. Costs were covered by a DNR grant. Professional vendors inspected the lake for Eurasian water milfoil and no areas needing treatment were found. Likewise, our annual professional search for starry stonewort indicated the invasive has not entered Cedar.

Unfortunately, in August, starry stonewort was discovered on neighboring Clearwater Lake. There is a solid and aggressive treatment plan in place and there is every reason to be optimistic for good control. See more about Clearwater's starry stonewort on page 7.

Self Serve Watercraft Cleaning Stations (CD3s) Are a Winner

A second station, funded by your generous contributions to the CLCC Water Quality Fund, was installed at the CTY Rd 6 access. It was an immediate hit! The first station was installed at Schroeder Park in 2020.

To the right are year end numbers on the use of the units.



Location	Number of Users	Number of Tool Uses
Cty Rd 6	407	773
Schroeder	290	577
TOTAL	697	1,350

2023 Access Inspections | A Significant and Valuable Investment on Cedar

CLCC contracted for an extra \$29,000 (about 1,300 hours) of extra access monitoring from Wright County. Here are a few data points:

- Total of 1,538 hours and 1,978 inspections completed.
- Best ever inspections per hour (IPH) at 1.28; over 1 IPH is considered excellent.

- Valuable data on “risky inspections”, which are boats that come to Cedar from a lake that has an AIS that is not in Cedar.

19% (#275) of the inspections were risky.

7% (#138) were from lakes with starry stonewort.

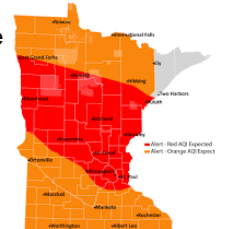
The Water Quality Committee and the Board of Directors are carefully evaluating the data to be mindful and effective with our access monitoring expenses.

Water Clarity and Vegetation

Water clarity was again excellent this year, with the 2023 average clarity being a delightful 14 feet. We had a bumper crop of native vegetation—particularly on the northside. Our vendors commented that we were not the only lake with this issue; probably due to unusual climate factors and wide variations in lake levels.

The pesky filamentous algae was a visitor again this year. Though filamentous algae is part of the normal cycle of a lake, many believe it is increased by unusual climate factors, such as uncommon swings in lake levels. See more about Cedar's recent lake levels on page 7.

The smoke from wild fires and resulting poor air quality may be contributing to the filamentous algae. More research is needed, but numerous lakes in northern Minnesota experienced unusual algae blooms and some scientists believe the organic components in the poor air quality are a contributor.



Air quality alerts 23 in Minnesota this summer (usually less than 3)

Eyes Forward and Have a Plan

CLCC remains vigilant and is already making 2024 plans for access monitoring, AIS control, and a focus on the latest lake science. The Water Quality Committee's Rapid Response Team has enhanced the check list, should we experience a new AIS. The Committee will continue to work with the DNR and of other lake management experts to develop thoughtful, comprehensive and cost effective lake management strategies.

Enhanced Carp Control Project for Cedar Chain Completes 1st Year By Dawn Cole | Cedar Lake Resident, Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers



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

CRWD hired Carp Solutions, a company founded in 2014 by U of M researcher Dr. Przemyslaw Bajer to design this research project. Dr. Bajer is considered a world expert in carp management.

The first task last summer was to determine the populations of carp in each lake of the Cedar chain. This was done with electrofishing. You may have seen electrofishing boats on Cedar during the summer. Most of their time, however, was spent on Swartout because of its very large and active population of carp.

The next step was to install radio trackers in some of the carp. These carp are called “Judas Fish” because they allow researchers to better understand where carp are spawning and how they move through the season.

These fish will be tracked next spring during spawning and a report from Carp Solutions will support the Watershed District in determining whether there are cost effective methods of reducing carp populations to improve water quality in each of the lakes studied.

This project benefits from new knowledge and advanced technology that allows Carp Solutions to count the fish and to track their spawning

migrations. It will also provide data about the effectiveness of our existing carp barriers.

This project is

part of the original CASH program begun in 2007. Carp are a major contributor to water quality problems. Since 2007, the CASH program has resulted in the creation of phosphorus filtering ponds and fish barriers to protect Cedar's waters. The current project is the next step. Funding for the current project comes from the CASH program's ongoing maintenance fund.



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.

Starry Stonewort Discovered on Clearwater Lake

The Clearwater Lake Property Owner's Association (CLPO) has shared the sad news that starry stonewort—an aquatic invasive species—was discovered in August. The infestation is a small area of 3.1 acres in a shallow bay on the southeast side.

The infestation on Clearwater was caught early, and the prognosis for control is good. The lake association has a solid plan for immediate treatment; in fact, 3 treatments were completed this fall. The DNR, Clearwater River Watershed District, county agencies, and expert vendors are engaged to control the infestation.

Currently, we are not aware of starry stonewort in Cedar-Wright County. We conduct a special search for starry stonewort each fall; once again this fall, no starry stonewort was detected.

Starry stonewort is a particularly troublesome 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: Lake Sylvia, Pleasant, Lake Koronis, and now Clearwater.

Starry stonewort spreads by fragments from boating traffic and fragments carried by trailers and watercraft. Anchor ropes, fishing lures and line, tow ropes, and anything that touches the water can move starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species. **Remember: Clean. Drain. Dry.**

Please Note Starry stonewort has been known to over-winter. If you ice fish on infested lakes, take extra care that all gear—line, lures, augers, and underwater cameras are carefully cleaned.

Cedar Lake Levels Mercy, Another Year of Extremes

The CLCC Water Quality Committee monitors the lake level and provides yearly data to the DNR. Numerous readings are taken throughout the summer. **Hats off to Water Quality Committee member Karl Leslie for many years of collecting readings.**

This was the second year in a row of extremes in our water level. Similar to 2021, the fall of 2022 ended with a low water level. Then, heavy snow during the winter resulted in the highest water level recorded in April of 2023. Our high water 300 foot no wake ordinance was triggered, and lasted until mid-May. During the summer, drought conditions returned and the lake level was low. To end the season, needed rains returned, but the lake level remained low.

- The level on April 25, 2023 of 999.59 feet eclipses the highest recorded level.
- The lowest known level of 997.21 feet on Cedar was in 1946.*
- This year's end of season's lake level was more consistent with recent history, rather than the unusually low levels of 2021 and 2022.

More information about Cedar's lake levels can be found at MN DNR Lake Finder <https://tinyurl.com/bdvrc8x> (Cedar, Wright County, click on "Lake Level" on left).

*Source: MN DNR Lake Finder

Cedar Lake End of Season Historical Lake Levels



2024 Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Notice

Cedar Lake Property Owners:

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) plans to treat curly leaf pondweed and eurasian water milfoil, both aquatic invasive species/nuisance species, in Cedar Lake in 2024. Additionally, if starry stonewort, an aquatic invasive species, is discovered, treatment will be conducted.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is planning to provide to the CLCC a waiver of the requirements that the Association obtain signatures of approval by owners of lakeshore property. Instead, the CLCC will notify property owners of the treatment through the:

- CLCC newsletter which is mailed to all residents of Cedar Lake.
- CLCC website www.cedarlakecc.org.
- Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger (local weekly newspapers).

Regarding the 2024 treatment:

- The proposed timeline for treatment is May – October.
- The target species for the treatment is curly leaf pondweed (CLP), eurasian water milfoil (EWM), and starry stonewort (SSW) if discovered.
- The products being used are aquatic herbicides and/or harvesting methods appropriate to control CLP and EWM, and SSW if discovered. Chemicals that are anticipated to be used are: CLP-diquat, EWM-ProcellaCOR, SSW (if discovered)-copper sulfate.

- If the landowner does NOT want treatment to occur adjacent to the landowner's property:

By April 15, 2024, fill out the form below and notify Kathy Jonsrud at the following address, phone number or email address:

Cedar Lake Conservation Club
7646 Isaak Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302
E-mail: kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Phone: 320-293-6678

Sincerely,
Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

I request that no herbicide treatment occur adjacent to our shoreline property in 2024.

Signed _____ Date: _____

All requested information must be entered for verification purposes.

Year:	2024	Property Identification Number(s):
Property Owners Name(s):		
Lake Property Address:		
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Need a Great Read?

By Joe Shneider, President, Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations

Over the last century the development waves of resorts, cabins, and now many full-time homes on Minnesota lakes have been dramatic in terms of changing the natural shorelines and wetlands. There is no question that our water quality has been affected; much of it is due to the changes from developing the properties on the lake and the changes we have made to the shoreline.

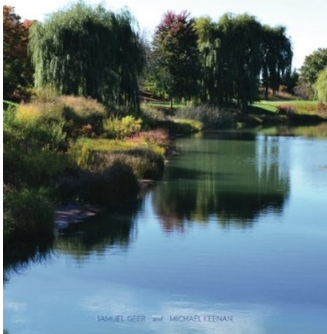
We don't believe that any of the lake shore owners have done anything intentional to decrease the quality of the water. But many of us have made changes to our shoreline, and collec-

tively our actions are degrading the lake water quality. This has happened all over Minnesota and it is still happening. Natural shorelines are vanishing all over the state.

The science is clear. We need to create buffers at the lakeshore and manage runoff on our properties, allowing rainwater to seep into the ground and not let phosphorous and other contaminants run into the lake.

Those of you interested in actions that **you can take** to improve water quality, consider reading these books.

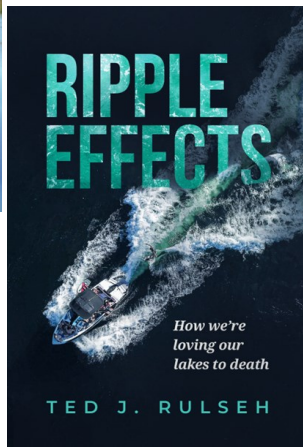
THE LAKE MINNETONKA GUIDE TO SHORELINE GARDENS



The Lake Minnetonka Guide to Shoreline Gardens

It is a great resource that will help you understand how your shoreline impacts water quality. And it provides guidance on good designs for your lakeshore.

It describes most common shore conditions and great approaches to be better stewards of the water. It is available from Amazon.



Ripple Effects | How we're loving our lakes to death

This new book, published in late 2022, should be required reading for all lake shore owners in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The sub-heading says it all—"we're loving our lakes to death". The author describes how we have gotten to this point, the big issues affecting the lakes, and some solutions.

The book is available from University of Wisconsin Press, major book stores, and Amazon.

Here are few of the chapter headings:

- A lake, a Family
- The Trouble with Phosphorus
- In the Wake
- Changing Climate, Changing Lakes
- Loons under Stress

CLCC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Sue Wolf | Nominating Committee Chair

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.

The Nominating Committee, led by Sue Wolf, will be filling Board of Directors openings in the fall of 2024.

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 know if you are interested.
suewolf5600@gmail.com
612-619-5600

CLCC Committee	Chair
Water Quality Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural	Paul Schutte
Membership Encourage membership & involvement	Sue Wolf
Events Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Ce-	Lori Larson
Nominating Provide Board of Directors nominations to the membership	Sue Wolf





2024 CLCC EVENTS Mark your calendar!

April 13th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
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	Double check your calendars!
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

You don't want to miss it!
Stay tuned for more details!

Cedar Resident Zebra Mussel Survey

Thanks to all who completed the Cedar zebra mussel survey! Zebra mussels colonies were first discovered in 2018 on Cedar. We started non-scientific resident surveys to gain an understanding of the changes in the population and density.

Last year, there seemed to be a trend that residents were seeing few zebra mussels. This year, that trend reversed. A few highlights include:

- Most (99%) report seeing zebra mussels on their equipment.
- Those reporting less zebra mussels dropped from 22% in 2022 to 10% this year.
- Most residents describe the zebra mussel presentation on their equipment as "moderate to heavy with many clumps".

Cedar is part of a U of MN study studying the ebb and flow of zebra mussel infestations (see more information on page 3). Our researcher from the U of MN is interested in our survey and it will supplement her work.

Thanks again to those who completed the survey!

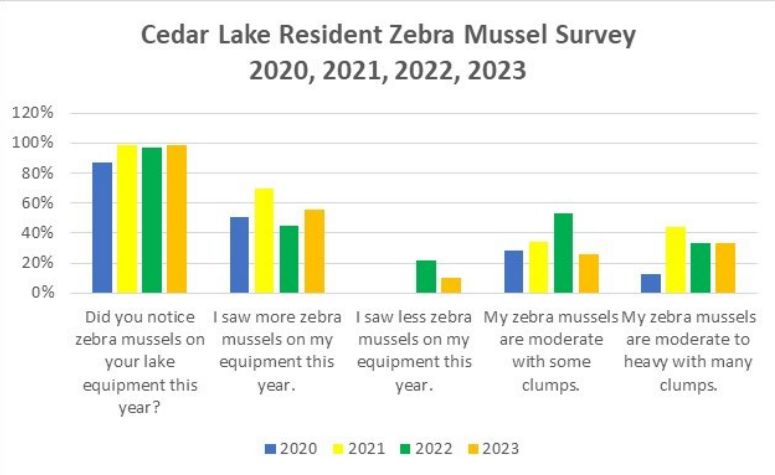
CLCC Happy Hour Super. Fun.



In August 2023, CLCC hosted the first annual Happy Hour for CLCC members at Spilled Grain Brewery. CLCC members, Kim and John Wernz (part owners of Spilled Grain) were generous hosts, providing a wonderful space to come and meet your lake neighbors.

The event had great attendance (about 60 people) and was well received by all. We would like to start a new tradition by having the CLCC Happy Hour become an Annual CLCC Member event going forward.

Hope to see you next year!



Meet Your New Directors and Officers

Greg Duppler | President



Greg starts his two-year term as President and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2020. Greg retired after a career in marketing and merchandising with Target. He and his wife Char live in Plymouth when not at Cedar Lake. They've had a cabin on the lake since 1999. Their daughter/son-in-law and son/daughter-in-law each have two little boys. Greg and Char spend a lot of time with their kids and grandkids at the lake and in town. Greg joined the board because Cedar Lake has been such a wonderful part of his family for over 20 years. Greg states "Our family has so many great memories! We want to do anything we can to help keep Cedar Lake as clean and full of fish as possible so other families can develop their traditions in future years!"

Sue Wolf | President-Elect



Sue and her husband, RJ, purchased their Cedar Lake home in October 2012. They instantly fell in love with the lake and the community. Sue is retired from the healthcare industry. She has served on the Board of Directors since 2021, and is honored to serve as President-Elect. Sue enjoys cooking, entertaining, and is a huge Minnesota sports fan, with the Vikings being her favorite. Sue enjoys yoga and fitness, and would like to travel the world! She is open to new projects and ideas, and looks forward to continuing her service with CLCC. Carpe Diem!

Liz Baird | Treasurer



Liz recently retired from owning and operating her own accounting services business. She and her husband Glenn have lived on Cedar Lake since 2010. They have one daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandchildren, Will (12) and Hannah (8). The grandkids come often and enjoy all the beauty the lake has to offer, but their favorite activity is tubing! In retired life, Liz and Glenn plan to spend a few months in sunny Florida to escape the cold winters of Minnesota. Hobbies include golf, yoga, walking, gardening, paddleboarding, working out and boating! You will often see them on their patio enjoying a cocktail (or two) and waving to all the boaters passing by.

Julie Grimme | Secretary



Julie and her husband Mark built on Cedar Lake in the fall of 2006 and live on Cedar part-time. Julie and Mark have been married for 18 years, they have 4 children, two girls and two boys and 4 grandchildren, all living in Minnesota. Julie has spent her career in healthcare. Julie has previously served as a director on the board of CLCC. She has been active in the Water Quality Committee and helped to manage the Cedar Lake merchandise. Julie enjoys the purpose and connection of the CLCC service. Julie enjoys yoga, golf and pickleball and is excited about the opportunity to once again join the CLCC board and serve as the secretary.

Karl Leslie | Director



This photo should be a familiar sight to people on Ingram and Ireland Avenues. Karl is the dog (Kasey) walker/carrier. For the record, he usually carries her out and she walks back. Otherwise, Karl lives with his wife Mary on the northeast side. They have a son Zack. Karl has been coming to Cedar since 1964 and has been here full-time since November of 2013. Their home has the black and white striped lighthouse in the bay. Karl loves music, swimming, walking, boating, and the Twins. This is Karl's second stint on the board and he was board president from 2019-2021.

Your CLCC Board of Directors

	Position	Board of Director Term
Greg Duppler greg.duppler@yahoo.com 612-310-7236	President	Sept 2025
Sue Wolf suewolf5600@gmail.com 612-619-5600	President Elect	Sept 2025
Liz Baird	Treasurer	Sept 2025
Julie Grimme	Secretary	Sept 2025
David Glass	Past President	Sept 2024
Bren Stepp	Director	Sept 2025
Dick Ebert	Director	Sept 2025
Scott Erdal	Director	Sept 2025
Mary Ellen Wells	Director	Sept 2026
Beth Trout	Director	Sept 2026
Bonnie Sadergaski	Director	Sept 2026
Chris Nelson	Director	Sept 2027
Karl Leslie	Director	Sept 2027
Holly Linn	Director	Sept 2027
LuAnn Schutte	Director	Sept 2027

Holly Linn | Director



Holly and husband Don purchased their cabin 25 years ago. They raised two sons in Maple Grove and enjoyed the lake during the summer. After 35 years in Maple Grove, they decided to sell and move to the cabin in May of 2022. Holly retired from IT portfolio and project management in July 2022 after working for a few different companies, the most recent being Great River Energy. Don and Holly have four beautiful grandchildren who love coming to the lake and making memories.

Chris Nelson | Director



Chris Nelson and her family have been a part of Cedar Lake since 1937. Her grandfather, Art Koehler, was one of the founding members of the CLCC. Her dad, Pete Cook was treasurer for over 25 years, while her mother, Shirley, started the newsletter. Chris and her husband, Scott own Foam Industries, Inc., a protective packaging company they started in 2001. They reside in Maple Grove, have 2 grown kids and 4 fabulous grandchildren. They all love coming to Cedar Lake!

LuAnn Schutte | Director



LuAnn Schutte lives full time on the northside of the lake with her husband Paul, the Chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Committee. Paul and LuAnn have enjoyed lake life since 2004. LuAnn has been active with CLCC, helping with various events, including the CLCC Annual Picnic, and hosting Martin Fests. She also helped organize the community wide Earth, Wind and Water Event. In her retirement, she enjoys sharing their lake home with friends and family, reading and spending time watching their 7 grandchildren's many sports.

Where on Cedar? from page 2

Where on Cedar? This aerial photo is from the south end of Cedar and nicely shows the shallow east bay. Photo is by Brad Paul.

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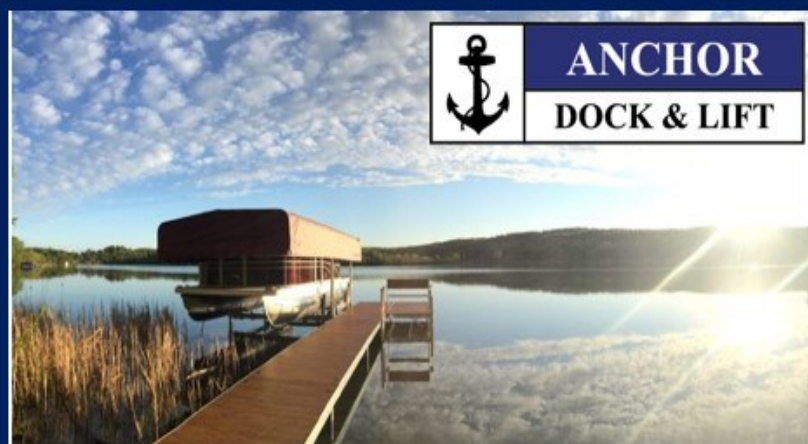
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CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Are your 2023 dues paid? Check on page 16.

By Sue Wolf CLCC President Elect

As of November 2023, we have 168 paid members and have received 50 additional donations to support CLCC. The additional money helps with day to day expenses. Walleye stocking, keeping the water quality high, and special projects. Water quality expenses include AIS treatments, surveys, and AIS monitoring. **Thank you to all those that have paid their dues, and to those that have generously donated to CLCC in 2023.**

There is still time to pay your dues and donate to CLCC for 2023!

You can tell if your dues have been paid by looking at page 16. Membership dues can be paid online (www.cedarlakecc.org) or by mailing them with the form located on page 16.

Your donations are tax deductible, and if you are thinking about making a donation for 2023, please visit the website www.cedarlakecc.org or use the form on page 16.

An important part of our outreach is to identify new owners on the lake. **Please let Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com) know if**

there is a new member in your neighborhood and we will reach out and introduce them to CLCC.

We are a strong active lake association with a mission to maintain the lake for all to enjoy.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."
Helen Keller

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.cedarlakecc.org

Cedar Lake Favorite Recipes

By Bonnie Sadergaski

Here's a cozy classic to warm the tummy and soul!

Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients

- 1 lb. chicken breasts, cooked and shredded
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 3/4 cup frozen corn
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 pie crusts (I use refrigerated store bought.)

Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a large frying pan, add onion and garlic and cook 1 minute.
2. Add carrots and celery and cook another 5 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl.
3. Add the chicken, corn, soups, and cheese to mixture. Salt and pepper to taste.
4. Put one crust on the bottom of a casserole pan. Add chicken mixture and cover with second crust. Put 5-6 slits in the top of the crust.
5. Bake for 50-55 minutes in a 350 degree oven.



Stay in Touch with CLCC in Your Favorite Way

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 website www.cedarlakecc.org—check it out! We can support two emails per family. Have a change to your email? See page 11 for contact information.

CLCC Treasurer's Report

Liz Baird – CLCC Treasurer

<u>FUNDS</u> as of 11/1/2023	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General CLCC	\$47,975.88
Water Quality	\$78,995.49
Walleye Stocking	\$3,880.65
Memorial Fund	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$131,052.02

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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It is easy to invite others to the CLCC Facebook group.

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Please include this form if paying by check and make checks payable to: Cedar Lake Conservation Club Mail to: CLCC, P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302 Online dues payment is available at www.cedarlakecc.org .		
Thank you!		

