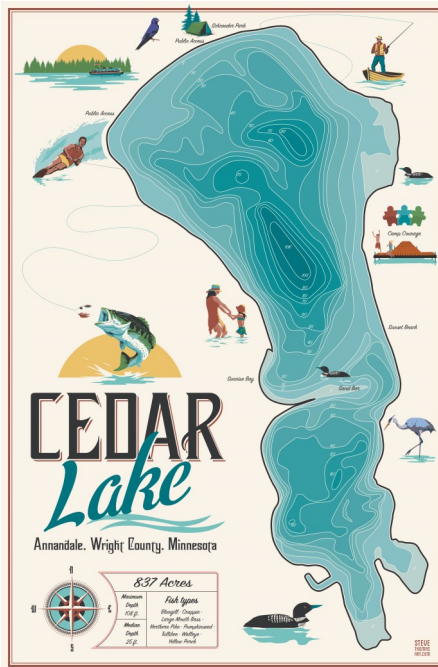


# Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

November 2017

**President's Letter** by *Kathy Miron*  
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*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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The leaves have fallen, the loons have left and the temperatures are dipping! This can only mean one thing....the cold and snow are not far behind. We all need to embrace the next stage on Cedar Lake! Whether we like it or not it will come. Enjoy the winter months whether it will be ice fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling or taking out that fat tire bike and riding on the frozen lake!

It has been an amazing year on Cedar Lake and we need to thank so many people for all their hard work:

- ◆ All the volunteers who participated in the AIS searches throughout the spring and summer.
- ◆ The numerous hours put in by the Water Quality Committee, especially **Kathy Jonsrud and Glenn Baird**. Without their leadership we would not have the water quality on Cedar Lake that we do!
- ◆ **Schroeder Park** for partnering with us on numerous projects, including the very popular "Kids Don't Float" program.
- ◆ **True Friends-Camp Courage** for allowing us to have our annual CLCC picnic.
- ◆ **John Dingmann and Dingmann Marine and More** for providing the "Music on the Water" for the annual picnic.
- ◆ A big **THANK YOU** to all the members who have generously contributed to the visionary funds which is at a record pace for the year 2017!
- ◆ Everyone else who has been involved in the many activities in the CLCC, we could not do this without **YOU!**

At the September annual meeting, four people were elected to the Board of Directors:

**Renee Bianchi**  
**Mike Cole**  
**David Glass**  
**Jim Kuhn.**

Please send a warm welcome to the new directors.

The Board also recognized the outgoing directors for their contributions the past 4 years:

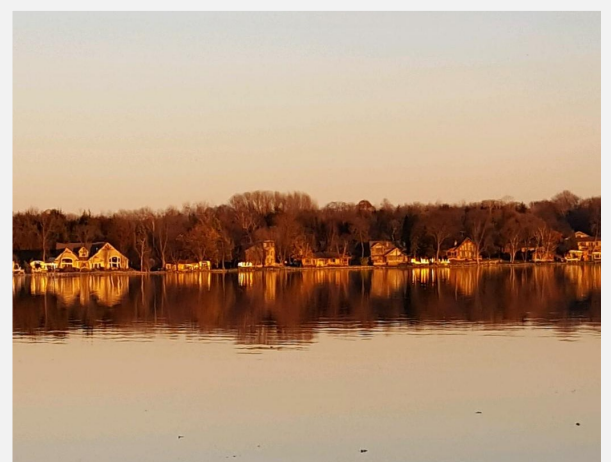
**Bill Arendt**  
**Glenn Baird**  
**Orv Jonsrud.**

Also elected at the September meeting were the following officers: **Kathy Miron-President, Karen Lohn-Vice President, Liz Baird-Treasurer and Christa Lane Larsen-Secretary.**

The newsletter contains the names and contact information of the Board members (see page 10). Please feel free to contact me or any board member if you have questions, concerns and ideas to help maintain and improve the quality of beautiful Cedar Lake.

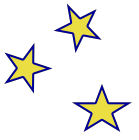
Have a great winter everyone; see you in the spring!

*Kathy Miron*



Fall sunset from our home; the low angle of the sun turns the east shore golden.

**Make the Lake Part of Your Year End Giving**  
**Be a CLCC Visionary See page 2 for the details**



# CLCC VISIONARIES

## Make the Lake Part of Your Year End Giving

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 Fund was started in 2010 and has become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake. Our Visionary contributions in 2016 shattered all past records with a total of \$14,292 in contributions and this year contributions are already over \$11,000.

Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking and Water Quality. Payments can be made either by check (PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302) or very conveniently online. The CLCC website ([www.cedarlakecc.org](http://www.cedarlakecc.org)) has a tab for donating electronically using Pay Pal. For further information, contact CLCC Vice President Karen Lohn ([karenlohn@boreal.org](mailto:karenlohn@boreal.org) 320-274-2858).

### ***Visionary Contributions Since November 2016 and Lifetime Visionary***

#### **SILVER (up to \$99)**

- John Antil\*
- Brad & Sandy Arntson
- Mike & Ruth Ball
- Jeff & Shawn Bouslog
- Dean & Carolyn Custer\*
- Doug & Jan Doerfler\*
- Dan & Kris Gendreau\*
- Chris & Karen Glaeser
- Greater Lake Sylvia Association
- Vicki Gullings
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#### **GOLD (\$100 to \$499)**

- Brian & Heidi Anderson\*
- Michael & Kelli Andreen\*
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- Warren & Wendy Watson\*
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- Darren & Andrea Heairet\*
- Leslie Kreutter\*
- Bob & Cheryl Norman\*
- Paul & Luann Schutte\*
- Charles & Judi Vinar\*
- John & Kim Wernz\*

#### **LIFETIME (\$1,000 plus)**

- Bill Arendt & Mary Ellen Wells\*
- Glenn & Liz Baird\*
- Bruce & Cathy Campbell\*
- Arlan and Janet Daniel\*
- Dick & Mary Beth Ebert\*
- Mark & Julie Grimme\*
- Mike & Laurie Hankee\*
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- Christa Lane-Larsen\*
- Karl & Mary Leslie\*
- Terry & Christine Morse\*
- Scott & Chris Nelson\*
- Steve & Paula Ostrom\*
- Dave & Jan Usset\*
- Bill & Ruth Westhoff\*
- RJ & Sue Wolf\*



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# 2017 Water Quality Numbers Are In | WOW!

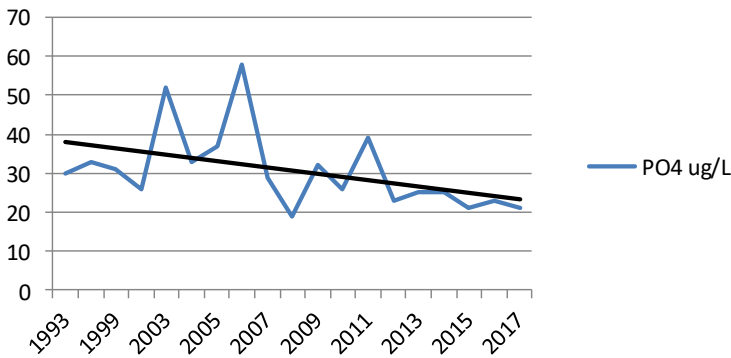
The results are in! Samples are regularly taken from our lake during the summer months by the Clearwater River Watershed District to monitor water quality. Analysis is done by a laboratory.

We again had outstanding water quality values on Cedar in 2017. This year's cooler temperatures can contribute to seasonal improved water quality, but our trend towards outstanding quality is very strong. Many commented on how clear the water was this year. Some found sunglasses and wrenches that had been lost in the water long ago. Clearly, our Clearwater River Watershed District project implemented in 2006--and with recent enhancements-- is delivering results, even with several years of multiple inch rain events.

Here's a summary of our 2017 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 2017 phosphorus level in Cedar was 21 ug/L which is very close to our project goal of 20 ug/L.
- ◇ The big news was the outstanding secchi depth (clarity) reading of 11.3 feet (3.4meters). This beats the latest record in 2016 and is the best clarity since we started regular monitoring in 1993.
- ◇ The chlorophyll was 6 ug/L which indicates limited algae blooms.

## Cedar Phosphorus (PO4) ug/L Good lake is less than 40ug/L



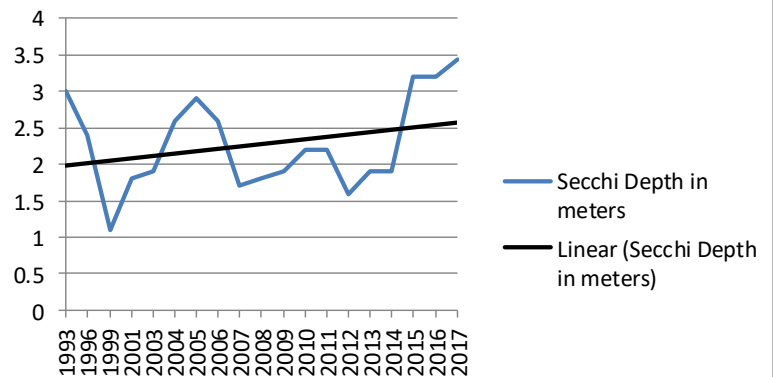
## Phosphorus Level

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

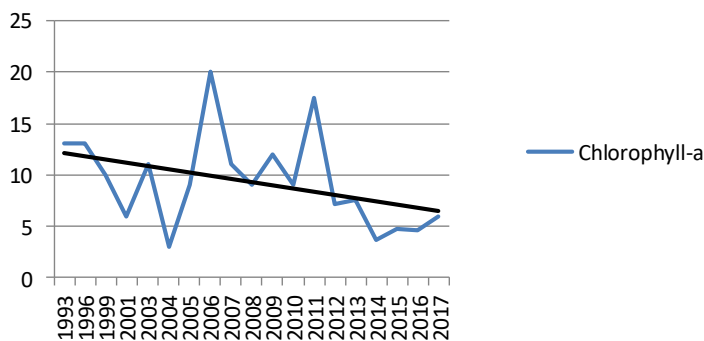
## Secchi Depth (Clarity)

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.

## Cedar Secchi Depth (clarity) in meters Good lake is greater than 1.4m



## Cedar Chlorophyll-a Good lake is less than 14ug/L



## Chlorophyll-a

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.

# One (yes still only one) Zebra Mussel Found on Cedar

by Glenn Baird glennabaird@gmail.com | 612-599-4639

## The Nose Knows | Canine Search for Zebra Mussels on Cedar



Reggie checking out a dock wheel

On November 2nd, 2017 we had a very unique zebra mussel search. Two DNR zebra mussel canines—Reggie and Brady— were on our lake (with their DNR handlers) and inspected docks, lifts, and other watercraft. Over 90 residents had given permission for the search and the dogs worked several hours checking dozens of areas. Also participating in the search was our DNR AIS team—Christine Jurek and Ty Riihiluoma from the Sauk Rapids office.

**And the best of news—even with super-power olfactory gifts, Brady and Reggie did not find any zebes.**

A special thanks to the DNR for their search and attention to Cedar Lake as we figure out the zebra mussel infestation.



Brady was working hard to sniff out zebes

## Recap of 2017 Zebra Mussel Search Activities

The discovery of one lone adult zebra mussel near the boat launch at Schroeder Park on June 23rd this year has initiated a flurry of activity and concern on Cedar Lake. This discovery was during a planned inspection for zebra mussels and stary stonewort with Fresh Water Science and volunteers.

Since that discovery, lots of time and energy has been put in to understanding the infestation:

- ◆ Cedar has been officially classified as “infested” by the DNR. Signs have been posted at 3 launch areas to inform those using the lake.
- ◆ The DNR followed up with two searches and snorkel inspections of 5 areas. No additional zebra mussels were found.
- ◆ Multiple water samples (DNR assisted with the collection) were sent to a lab twice during the summer to detect microscopic zebra mussel larvae (veligers). Both times the results came back negative.
- ◆ More volunteer monitors were engaged on the lake. Extra education was provided at the CLCC picnic in July and at the Annual Member meeting in September.



DNR staff collecting samples for veliger testing (microscopic zebra mussels) on Cedar. Lots of nets, bottles, rinsing, and tracking.

- ◆ A Rapid Response Search was conducted with Blue Water Science on July 7th. On September 12th, Blue Water Science was on the lake for their 3rd visit to search for zebra mussels and stary stonewort. Both searches came up negative for the aquatic invaders.

- ◆ Lake resident and lake service providers were coached to carefully observe equipment as it came out of the water this fall. Special follow-up was done with Schroeder Park equipment. No zebra mussels were found on the Schroeder equipment and no there were no reports of zebra mussels from other areas of the lake.

**In summary, at this time, we have not detected evidence of other zebra mussels in the lake. The experts we have worked with have advised continue vigilance in our monitoring.**

### So What is Next?

If a colony is identified and we become a candidate for the DNR pilot treatment, the CLCC Board of Directors intends to pursue treatment in 2017 or 2018 provided there is grant money support from the community. The cost of an initial treatment is estimated at \$30,000. Chemical treatment to eliminate zebra mussels has not yet proven successful to eliminate an infestation and research is still underway to understand if chemical treatment can slow or minimize the impact of an infestation. Wright

County has offered to help with costs in 2017 if we become a treatment candidate, but the lake residents would be responsible for a majority of the expense. CLCC has also connected with the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center regarding new programs to support lakes who have new zebra mussel infestations.



September 12th | A bit of lunch after searching for zebes

# Water Quality Committee

By *Kathy Jonsrud* [kjonsrud@yahoo.com](mailto:kjonsrud@yahoo.com) 320-274-2166

## 2017 Control of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil

We once again had a successful year for treating Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

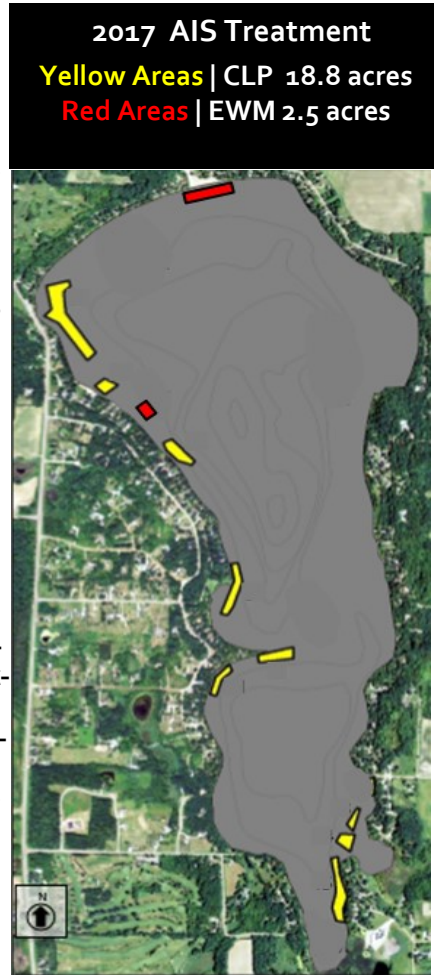
The CLP treatment was completed on May 9th and 18.8 acres were treated. Though the treatment was in general successful, our latest CLP mapping shows that an area on the northwest side near the CTY RD 6 DNR landing did not respond well to the treatment. We are working with our vendor regarding the situation and expect a credit to be applied to next year's treatment. We expect a similar amount of CLP to be treated in 2018.

The EWM treatment was completed on July 12th and 2.5 acres were treated. The EWM mapping conducted in September indicates we have 8.2 acres to treat in 2018 which is very manageable. The EWM areas to treat in 2018 are in new areas in deeper water (9-11 ft).

The CLP and EWM costs are paid for by a combination of DNR and Wright County grants, and Clearwater River Watershed Projects. Please see the chart below for details.

2017 Financials		
<b>Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)</b> 18.8 acres	Treatment Cost	\$12,485
	2017 Delineation	\$1,050
		\$13,535
	DNR Grant	\$1,300
	WC Grant	\$3,000
	<b>EXPENSE \$9,235</b>	
	<b>(CRWD PO6 Project)</b>	
<b>Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)</b> 2.5 acres	Treatment Cost	\$2,100
	2017 Delineation	\$1,050
		\$3,150
	DNR Grant	\$125
	WC Grant	\$1,512
	<b>EXPENSE \$1,512</b>	
	<b>(CRWD AIS Project)</b>	

The treatments, mappings, delineations, and grant applications are managed by the CLCC Water Quality Committee. The Committee works very hard all year long to evaluate and plan for the most cost effective and lake-friendly treatments. Numerous governmental and vendor relationships are skillfully managed.



## CLCC 2017 Water Quality Committee Members

The work of the CLCC is done in committees and one of the more active committees is the Water Quality Committee. CLCC has a long history of water quality stewardship:

- ◇ 1970's: concern over lake use during an intense housing development period;
- ◇ 1980's: engagement when the Clearwater River Watershed District was formed;
- ◇ 1990's: foresight to save money for a eurasian water milfoil infestation.

And now we have a formal committee of 20 committed volunteers who have regular meetings and manage numerous complex issues—including DNR

permits, vendor relationships, and grant applications.

Here are the active members of the 2017 Water Quality Committee—please take a moment to give them your thanks the next time you see them!

- ◆ Bill Arendt
- ◆ Glenn Baird (AIS Chair)
- ◆ Liz Baird
- ◆ Carter Diers
- ◆ Bobby Ebert
- ◆ Julie Grimme
- ◆ Mark Grimme
- ◆ Kathy Jonsrud (Chair)
- ◆ Orv Jonsrud
- ◆ Leslie Kreutter

- ◆ Karl Leslie (Water Level Monitoring)
- ◆ Mary Leslie
- ◆ Christa Lane-Larsen
- ◆ Karen Lohn
- ◆ Kathy Miron
- ◆ Chris Nelson
- ◆ Scott Nelson
- ◆ Bob Norman
- ◆ Ken Savik
- ◆ Mark Trostad
- ◆ Bill Westhoff



# FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

by Paul Schutte pschutte54@hotmail.com | 612-968-3034

## Loons | New for 2018 \*Buy a Buoy\*

The CLCC Wildlife Committee has a long history of managing the loon nesting areas. The committee makes sure the permits are in order and as soon as the ice is out they are placed the nesting area buoys (and nesting platforms) in the loons' favorite spots. The committee also brings in the buoys at the end of the nesting season and stores them for the following year.

Over the years, our buoys have started to show wear. **We have 4 loon nesting area buoys that need replacing.**

Each buoy will be about \$150. If you would like to contribute to the fund raising effort for the new loon buoys, please see page 16 and send in a contribution. Any amount helps towards protecting the Cedar Lake loons.



## Changing of the Season

As winter approaches, the season change may be welcome by some and not by others. The others usually head south (if retired) to a warmer climate.

For some of us whom stay around, the lake offers many winter activities. The first one that comes to mind is ice fishing. Other activities are snowmobiling, cross country skiing, ice skating and snow shoeing.

**Cedar Lake can be one of the last lakes to freeze over in the area so be careful. A light snow on thin ice can be misleading.**

A fantastic activity that can give you hours of enjoyment from inside your cozy cabin or house is bird watching. Keep those feeders full;

black sunflower seed, peanut parts and suet will attract just about any bird that winters here.

A favorite winter bird is the red-breasted nuthatch. Please take a look at page 7 for more information about this cheerful winter bird.



Winter moon rising on Cedar  
Photo by Mary Ellen Wells

## Buy a Buoy

Four of the loon nesting buoys on Cedar need replacing. Can you help?

Each buoy is about \$150 —any contribution is welcome to help protect the Cedar Lake loons.

See the form on page 16 to send a contribution.

Any funds received in excess of the buoy replacement costs will be placed in the CLCC General Fund

## Walleye Fund

In 2017 the DNR stocked walleyes on Cedar and the CLCC will be stocking walleyes in 2018. We have a great start to the 2018 stocking with almost \$3,500 in the fund. Please see pages 2 and 16 for more information about contributing to the fund.

## CLCC Where can you help?

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 success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so please join in.

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



CLCC Committee	Chair	Contact Information
<b>Water Quality</b> Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud	<a href="mailto:kjonsrud@yahoo.com">kjonsrud@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Fish and Wildlife Conservation</b> Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Paul Schutte	<a href="mailto:pschutte54@hotmail.com">pschutte54@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Membership and Quality Lake Life</b> Encourage membership & involvement	Karen Lohn	<a href="mailto:karenlohn@boreal.org">karenlohn@boreal.org</a>
<b>Social</b> Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Cathi Gabriel Westman	<a href="mailto:cglawoffice@gmail.com">cglawoffice@gmail.com</a>
<b>Merchandising</b> Select, manage & sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Julie Grimme	<a href="mailto:julshi@aol.com">julshi@aol.com</a>
<b>Nominating</b> Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Carter Diers	<a href="mailto:carterdiers@yahoo.com">carterdiers@yahoo.com</a>

# CLCC Fishing Contest 2017 Winners

Drum roll please...we have the CLCC Fishing Contest winners for this year. Dean and Kathy Nicholson graciously help weigh and track the entries each year. To the right are the winners of the 2017 CLCC Fishing Contest which were announced at the Annual Member Meeting on September 16th.

Get your tackle box in order and reels ready over the winter. The 2018 CLCC Fishing Contest will kick off on May 12th.

<b>Sunfish</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	0.60 pounds	<b>Jason Hubling</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	0.54 pounds	<b>Sienna Nicholson</b>
<b>Walleye</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	7.69 pounds	<b>Don Linn</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	7.64 pounds	<b>Kent Kocon</b>
<b>Bass</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	3.44 pounds	<b>Eric Sorenson</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2.94 pounds	<b>Garrison Hanson</b>
<b>Northern</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	5.18 pounds	<b>Michelle Ebert</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3.11 pounds	<b>Andrew Lee</b>

*"The reason for my email was to thank everyone on the CCLC Board for keeping the lake clean and fun! At the picnic this year, I won the fishing pole in the raffle. It was perfect because I've been wanting a new one. Turns out to be a really lucky pole! The very next Saturday (the first time I used it), I caught 7 northern, a sunny, and a perch! That included the northern that won me first place in the Cedar Lake Fishing Contest !*

*A big thank you to everyone! "*  
**Michelle Ebert**

## Red-breasted Nuthatch

The red-breasted nuthatch may be small; however their quick movements and plucky fearlessness in the presence of people make them a feeder favorite. A red-breasted nuthatch is only four and a half inches long. It has a blue-gray back like a white-breasted nuthatch, and is very common in our area throughout the year. The red-breasted nuthatch has a black stripe through its eye and a rusty-colored breast. The top of its head is dark blue-gray.



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Red-breasted nuthatches inhabit coniferous forests, while the white-breasted inhabit hardwood forests. In some years large numbers of red-breasted nuthatches migrate through the midwest to residential backyards, farmsteads and woodlands that have conifers. The cultivation of ornamental conifers has contributed to a gradual southward extension of their range. If they arrive at your feeder this winter take a moment to enjoy them. They may even fly onto the feeder while you are filling it! Some of their favorite foods include sunflower seeds, peanut butter, and suet.

## Notice of 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment

Cedar Lake Property Owners:

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) plans to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil, both Aquatic Invasive Species, in Cedar Lake in 2018. 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 lake-shore 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](http://www.cedarlakecc.org)
- Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger (local weekly newspapers).

With regard for treatment for 2018:

- The proposed timeline for treatment is May – September
- The target species for the treatment is Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- The products being used are aquatic herbicides appropriate to control CLP and EWM
- If landowner does NOT want treatment to occur adjacent to the landowner's property:

Fill out the form below and notify Kathy Jonsrud immediately 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](mailto:kjonsrud@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 320-293-6678

Sincerely,

Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

All requested information must be entered for verification purposes.

Year: 2018	Property Identification Number(s):
Property Owners Name(s):	
Lake Property Address:	
City/State/Zip	
Phone Number(s) Home:	Cell:
Mailing Address (If different from the Cedar Lake Property Address):	

# Water Quality Committee

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## Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program First Season Completed

In a first for the state of Minnesota, Wright County has established a regional watercraft decontamination and inspection program. The program had three weeks of operation in 2017, after receiving approval from the DNR in late September.

The program is a pilot to increase the percentage of boats inspected prior to launch and to improve the cost-effectiveness of inspections in Wright County. The data collected from this fall's operation (about 10-15 watercraft per day were inspected) will help to fine tune the process for the 2018 season.



The program requires a free inspection before launching a watercraft into Lake Sylvia (east and west), Lake John, or Pleasant Lake in Wright County. The regional site is located at 1300 Business Blvd in Annandale, MN and is open sunup to sundown.

be zip-tied to the trailer and after launch, the zip tie seal must be placed in the collection box at the landing.



### Can I get my boat inspected ahead of time?

Yes! The Proof of Inspection and zip-tie are good until the zip-tie is broken. Plan ahead to maximize fun time on the lake.

### What are the plans for the 2018 season?

After evaluation of the 2017 operational data and user feedback, an updated plan will be submitted to the DNR for approval. For 2018, the program is anticipated to run early April through the end of the boating season.

The Wright County Regional Watercraft Decontamination and Inspection Program is a joint effort between the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District, the City of Annandale, the Greater Lake Sylvia Lake Association, the Pleasant Lake Association, and the Lake John Association. Significant financial support has been provided by the Initiative Foundation Aquatic Invasive Species Program (Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council).

### Why are there only three lakes involved?

This is a pilot. Plans are to expand the number of the lakes in the program, and by starting small, the program can be easily adjusted to keep things running smoothly.

### What does the inspection involve?

During the free inspection, an inspector will visually and tactilely inspect your boat and trailer for AIS. You may be required to undergo a hot water decontamination, which is also provided at no charge. After, you will receive a Certificate of Inspection to place on the dashboard of the tow vehicle. Your watercraft will



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## Access Monitoring Doubles on Cedar in 2017

As serious lake people know, there is not a magic bullet to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering our lake. Education is the key! In 2017, a total of 1,396 inspections were done on Cedar lake access (CTY RD 6 and Schroeder Park).

This doubles the 2016 total of 670 inspections.

Along with the DNR and Wright County inspections on CTY RD 6, CLCC funded an additional 112 hours of inspections. Additionally, CLCC and Wright County Parks parked funded an additional 174 hours at the Schroeder Park launch.

The CLCC paid \$5,500 for the extra access monitoring in 2017 and Schroeder park contributed \$1,000.



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# Clearwater River Watershed District Personal Responsibility | Incentive Programs to Protect Waters

by Cole Loewen, District Administrator [cole.loewen@crwd.org](mailto:cole.loewen@crwd.org) | 320-274-3935

Have you noticed the increased interest in the last few years in our water resources? From the Governor's #25by#25 initiative to the recently implemented Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program, the problems facing our collective water resources, and potential fixes, have been making news.

When it comes down to it, the common theme in all this news can be summed up in two words: personal responsibility. We all have a role to play in protecting and preserving our water resources, because we all have an effect on those



**Motzko restored natural shoreline on Cedar**  
Thinking of a rain garden or restoring your shoreline next year?  
**CRWD has cost share incentives**

waters. From the time we arise in the morning we are water users. We use it to bathe, to flush, to grow, to recreate, to live. How we use our water determines our water quality and that is certainly the case in the Clearwater River Watershed District.

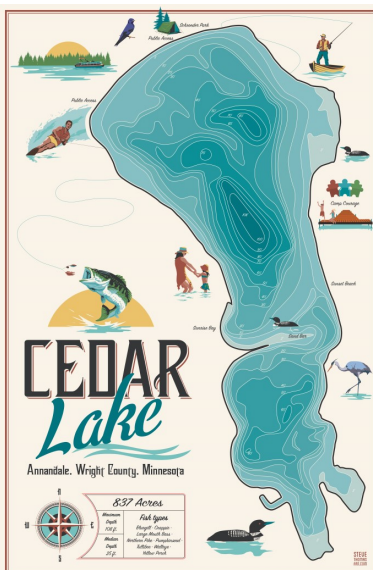
The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) was established forty two years ago by citizen petition in order to promote, protect and preserve the water resources within this watershed in order to maintain property values and quality of life. There are a hosts of methods to fulfill this mission, but zeroing in on person responsibility, the CRWD has long recognized that many land owners within the CRWD would be willing to undertake practices on their land to protect our waters, but they lack the resources to do so. For this reason, the CRWD offers a suite of cost share incentive programs intended to fill that gap.

Recently revised, these programs are designed to work jointly with our local soil and water conservation districts, to pair their technical know how with funds to implement real practices on private property that will deliver real improvements in our waters. From rain gardens to buffers, your local governments have set aside resources and have the know how to help us fulfill our personal responsibility to our waters.

You can learn more about the CRWD's incentive programs at: [www.crwd.org/incentives.html](http://www.crwd.org/incentives.html) or call the CRWD office at 320-274-3935.



## New!! Cedar Lake Prints Coming Soon



Did you happen to notice the new picture of Cedar Lake on the first page of the newsletter? The art work was graciously commissioned by Elizabeth and Brian Hace. As a fund raiser, CLCC will be offering 3 versions of the print:

- ◆ Large 24x36 print great for a statement piece;
- ◆ Medium 16x24 size print;
- ◆ Postcards in a group of 20.

To gauge interest, please contact Elizabeth Hace at [elizhace@gmail.com](mailto:elizhace@gmail.com) to get more information, estimated availability date, and more on pricing.

## Where on Cedar?

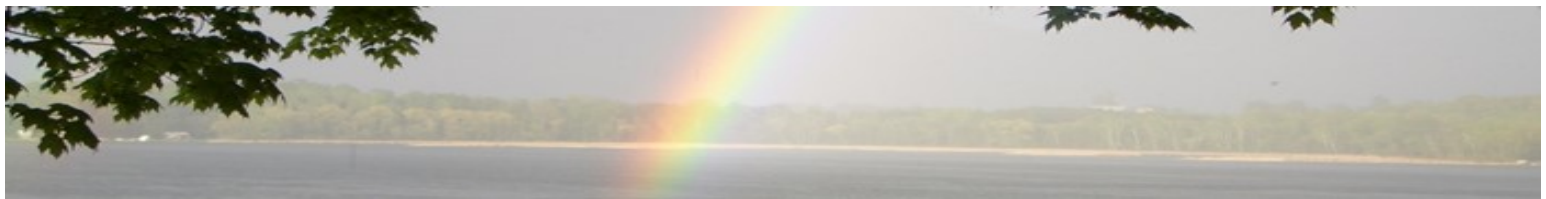


The dazzling fall with the lower sun angles had many of us enjoying sunsets. This photo is a different twist on the glory of fall.

**Is this the sun setting or moon rising?  
Know where this photo was taken?  
See the answer on page 14**

We would love to have your favorite electronic photo of Cedar—either a scenic photo or your favorite photo of lake fun.

**Send to Kathy Jonsrud  
CLCC Newsletter Editor  
[kjonsrud@yahoo.com](mailto:kjonsrud@yahoo.com)**



## CALENDAR OF 2018 CLCC EVENTS *Mark your calendar!*

April 14th	Board of Directors' Meeting	All welcome! 9am   Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing Contest Begins	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
June 23rd	Board of Directors' Meeting	All welcome! 9am   Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Parade and Dock Decorating Contest	2pm   North side of sandbar
July 14 <sup>h</sup>	Picnic and Music on the Water	Picnic 11:30   Camp Courage-True Friends Music on the Water 2 to 6pm   Sandbar
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing Contest Ends   Winners Announced at Annual Member Meeting Sept 8th	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Member Meeting and Board of Directors' Meeting	All welcome! 9am   Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors' Meeting	All welcome! 9am   Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

## *Get To Know The CLCC Board and Officers*

	Position	Board of Director Term Ends	E-Mail	Telephone
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## *Concordia Lake Association Study Lake Associations Make Huge Contributions*

Lake Associations are the largest (more than 200,000 members), most generous (\$6.2 million annually), most dedicated (1.2 million volunteer hours annually) conservation group in Minnesota, according to a recently conducted study by Concordia College and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. Here are a few more items:

- ◆ Top goal for most lake associations is control of AIS.
- ◆ Most lake associations are motivated to reach lake association goals and welcome membership to anyone interested in the welfare of the lake, not just lake property owners.
- ◆ Check out more information: [www.mnlakesandrivers.org](http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org).

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# CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Karen Lohn, CLCC Vice-President [karenlohn@boreal.org](mailto:karenlohn@boreal.org) | 320-274-2858

Membership in the Cedar Lake Conservation Club offers so much..... the informative, beautifully-designed newsletter, a directory for easy contact of other residents around this lovely lake, activities for fun and information (picnic, music on the lake, boat parade, fishing contest, loon nests to observe, and much more) and the opportunity to participate in the care and preservation of this great body of water.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Board of Directors' meetings (please see the 2018 schedule on page 10). Please take a look at our committees (page 6) and consider sharing your time and talent.



Dues are \$25 per calendar year and many "give a bit more" as a Visionary of Cedar Lake. The donations can be made to the Walleye Fund, the Water Quality Fund, the Dave Larsen Memorial Fund, or the General Fund. For 2018, there is also a "Buy a Buoy" fund to raise funds to replace aging loon nesting area buoys. All contributions enable the continued work that keeps Cedar Lake vital and healthy.

You can use the form on the back of this newsletter to pay your dues or make a Visionary gift, or pay online at [www.cedarlakeecc.org](http://www.cedarlakeecc.org)

**Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for information about the lake.**

## CLCC Treasurer's Report

### Fund Balances at 10/31/2017

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$39,532.53
Walleye Stocking	\$3,471.19
General CLCC	\$2,450.60
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>\$2,980.44</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$48,434.71

*Thanks to Liz Baird —Treasurer of CLCC. Accurate and timely financial recordings are critical to maintain the trust and confidence of members. An outside financial review is performed every two years (last completed October 2016) to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.*

## Newsletter, Website and now Facebook Stay in Touch with CLCC

We are delighted to announce that Cedar Lake Conservation Club is now on Facebook. **Elizabeth Hace** (member of the Board of Directors) is managing the page and regularly posts great information. Take a look and start following!

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November). A copy is also posted on our website for future reference. **Kathy Jonsrud** is the editor of the newsletter.

**Scott Brooks** is our new webmaster—taking care of the website and e-mail notifications. **Thanks Mark Trostad for his 5+ years of website and email work!**

We can support up to two emails per family. Updates to emails (and other directory information) should be sent to Liz Baird, [lizbaird22@gmail.com](mailto:lizbaird22@gmail.com).

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## Where on Cedar? from page 9

The photo is the harvest moon rising on Cedar and is looking east from the middle of the lake. Thanks to Kathy Miron for her creative eye and enjoyment of Cedar Lake.

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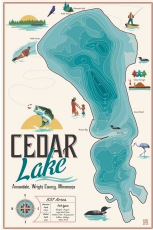


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