



Cedar Lake News

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FISHING CONTEST IS SET

SPRING MEETING AT CAMP COURAGE

The spring meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club will be held Saturday, May 31, at 5:30 PM in the speech camp building located in Camp Courage on the lake. As a new and hopefully welcome change from such business and social occasions of the past, this year our meeting will be preceded by a pot luck dinner. There will be no charge for the dinner. All of you attending, however, are asked to bring a main course salad or casserole that would be large enough to feed at least as many people as are brought with you in your family or group. Side dishes, bread, beverages and dessert will be provided by the club as will all serving and eating utensils. Facilities are not available for the reheating of foods in the building we are using, so all hot dishes should be ready to eat when brought. Serving will start promptly at 5:30. No meat courses which require cutting or carving should be brought either.

Following the pot luck supper there will be our regular spring meeting. Some of the items to be covered are the long awaited announce-

ment of the end of our legal battle with the F.G.R. - Cedar Acres matter, formation of a nominating committee whose duty it will be to select a slate of candidates for election of officers at the summer meeting, selection of lake area district representatives for better communication between club membership and leadership, and discussion of proposed new areas of interest to which our club can direct its energies.

The meeting will be kept as short as possible to allow ample time for those of you who come to the meeting by boat to return home while it is still daylight. However, coming by car may be most convenient for many members as the speech camp is located a ways from shore. Watch for signs that will direct you to the exact location.

Don't forget! Mark the date, MAY 31, on your calendar. There should be a sizeable turnout. The price is right, and since you will all have to eat supper anyway, why not join your neighbors and fellow club members for the first get together of the new lake season. You'll be glad you did.

The first annual Cedar Lake Conservation Club fishing contest gets underway this spring with the opening of fishing season on Saturday, May 17. It runs through the summer and closes on Labor day. Actually, there are two parts to the contest. The first part runs from May 17 to July 6; the second part from July 7 to September 1. So if you don't win a category in the first half of the season, you still can in the second half.

There will be five entry categories: northern, walleye, bass, crappie, and sunfish. The winner with the largest fish for each category will receive a \$10.00 cash prize. First half contest winners will be announced after July 6. Second half contest winners will be announced after September 1. In addition to the previously mentioned cash prize, at the very end of the contest a prize of a trophy or plaque will be awarded to those individuals catching the summer's largest fish in each category.

Contest restrictions are as follows:

1. All fish entered in this contest must be caught from Cedar Lake only. Fish from any other lake are ineligible.
2. Only club members and their immediate families can win. (Don't forget those of you who purchased your membership last year for 1974-

75 are reminded that that membership expires July 31 of this year, and consequently, to be considered eligible for fish entered after this date, a 1975-76 membership will be required.)
3. Fish caught before or after contest opening and closing dates are ineligible.

The official weigh-in location for all fish entered in this contest is Marv's Bait Shop located on Highway #55 about one mile east of Annandale. All those contestants wishing to make an entry should take their fish in to Marv's and tell the person in charge that you want to enter your fish in the Cedar Lake Conservation Club fishing contest. Only Marv's Bait Shop has the officially recognized entry form for this contest. You should also bring along with you at the time of weigh in your current club membership card.

Don't forget, this contest is open only to a relatively few number of people, which should greatly increase your chances of being a winner. You may enter as often as you wish in any or all of the categories. We know that each year there are some dandy fish caught from Cedar. One of those this year could be a winner. But so as well could just an ordinary sized fish. Remember, you can't win the contest unless you enter. And you have nothing to lose by doing so; infact, you might possibly make yourself richer!

WATER CLARITY REPORT IN

CAUTION:



POISON

This past spring our club at last received a report from the University of Minnesota's Limnological Research Center on the water study tests that were conducted throughout last summer by Mr. Clarence Hegg. This data was sent to the university for compilation with data from other lakes in the state participating in the same program, which was to determine water clarity and thereby also algae growth and water nutrient levels.

131 lakes throughout the state participated in the water clarity monitoring program last summer. Of this number only about one-fifth (or 26 lakes) had a water clarity averaging 10 feet or more. Unfortunately, Cedar Lake was not one of them. Strangely enough, three of the lakes having the best water clarity were lakes within the metro-county area: Lake Wabasso, Ramsey County (14½-16 feet); Christmas Lake, Hennepin County (18½-20 feet); and Square Lake, Washington County (24½-26 feet). Cedar Lake had an average depth of clarity during July and August of only 4½ feet. Of the lakes responding, 50 were worse than Cedar, 65 were better, and 16 had about the same clarity as we did.

Dr. Joseph Shapiro, associate director of the Limnological Research Center, and who some of you may recall addressed a summer meeting of our club two years ago) wrote in part the following concerning the interrelationship of water clarity and what we term as "pollution" of our lake.

"Although water transparency has an esthetic significance, its meaning goes much deeper. In most lakes the transparency is governed by the abundance of algae, those lakes that are least transparent having the greatest concentration of algae. Because algal growth is proportional to the supply of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, lakes with high algal concentrations must be receiving high inputs of nutrients. Thus in most cases the transparency is a measure of the rate at which a lake is being fertilized. If the transparency changes significantly from one year to the next it means that there has probably been a change in nutrient input to the lake. This is important. Aside from the esthetic effect of overfertilization, it can lead to basic changes. For example, as the abundant algae sink to the deeper waters they use dissolved oxygen. This may result in marked changes in the fish population leading to an increase of such fish as carp and bullheads at the expense of game fish. The transparency is, then, a valuable symptom of other conditions."

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Hegg will again continue this summer to monitor our lake for the university's program. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to him for the investment of his time and talents in serving the club and Cedar Lake.

Spring has at last arrived and many gardens are sprouting their first verdant shoots. Indoors, houseplants also seeming to sense life's renewing cycle respond accordingly with vigor, and outdoors our trees and shrubs begin reclothing themselves with bright green mantles. But behind such beauty as is unfolding, many hazards of illness and even death remain cloaked. Do you have hyacinth, daffodil, oleander or elephant ear plants in your home? Does your flower garden contain lily-of-the-valley, iris, bleeding heart, azalea, or rhododendron? Do your ornamental shrubs and trees include yew or cherry trees? Is your vegetable garden sprouting its first broad green rhubarb leaves?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you have growing in your midst common vegetation which is poisonous and, if certain parts are eaten, have the potential to cause severe illness and even death, often without warning. We are not telling you this to spread any panic, but to make you aware of a problem that does exist and which too many people are not conscious of. With more and more emphasis being placed on gardening and the use of wild and natural foods, we feel the possibility of accidentally encountering poisonous plants is increasing, and is of particular concern to those parents of younger children who perhaps even at the lake

like to explore and experiment with many of the natural things they encounter.

The Poison Control Center of the Hennepin County Medical Center is putting out a "Poison Prevention Kit" which families of all sizes and ages would find interesting, informative, and perhaps life-saving as well. This kit not only tells you about poisoning dangers of some rather common plants, but also gives information on other types of primary and potential poisons (many of them common household products), how to prevent accidental poisonings, and, if they occur, what steps should be taken immediately to administer antidotes and seek help. The younger children in your family will enjoy reading a "Dennis the Menace" comic book which humorously instructs on the care and use of poisonous materials.

This year over 500,000 children will swallow poisonous materials. More than 5,000 Americans will die from poison deaths this year, of which over 95% are preventable accidents. Don't run the risk of being one of these statistics. Send for one of the "Poison Prevention Kits" and read it. They are free for the asking. Simply write the Poison Control Center, Hennepin County Medical Center, 5th and Portland Ave.S.; Minneapolis, Minn. 55415. Have a fun and SAFE summer.

1975 MEMBERSHIPS

The 1975 membership drive will be getting underway in earnest starting Memorial Day weekend. Membership representatives will begin calling on residents around the lake soliciting membership dues which this year have been set at \$5.00 per family, cut in half from last year. Our treasurer, Mr. Pete Cook has computed that that sum should be adequate combined with income from fund raising activities, to meet our budget requirements for the coming year. This year membership committee representatives will have with them a cover letter explaining club activities and involvements which may help to answer questions some of you may have.

By the way, the membership committee could use some more manpower help in covering the northwest, north, and northeast shore of Cedar Lake. If anyone from this area would like to volunteer their services for canvassing one of these sections, send your name to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, c/o Barb Thomsen, PO Box 192, Annandale, Mn, 55302. You will be supplied with cards, names, and cover letters. In short, everything you need to canvass the area. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

MAPS + SWEATSHIRTS

Cedar Lake Conservation Club sweatshirts and Cedar Lake maps and directories will be available again at the general membership meeting on Saturday, May 31. There still are both adult and children's sizes available in the sweatshirts, though some adult sizes are in short supply.

Cost is \$5.00 per sweatshirt. Maps and directories, of course, are free. Get yours now if you haven't already done so.

AMENDMENTS PASSED

At our last winter meeting the membership voted to pass two new amendments to our club's constitution. These amendments further define the length of time members of a standing committee can serve in that capacity, and also sets forth the method of resignation and application to join such committees. The new amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE V SECTION 8:

"All standing committee members including the chairman are non-elected volunteers and shall serve for a period of two years coinciding with the tenure of the club's elected officers. Members of these committees may serve an indefinite number of two year terms but must re-volunteer to serve at each two-year election."

ARTICLE V SECTION 9:

"Standing committee members may resign their positions at any time, submitting such resignations to the chairman of the committee. Chairmen wishing to resign shall submit such resignations to the club's board of directors. Any member of the

Cedar Lake Conservation Club wishing to join a standing committee between the prescribed two year period as mentioned in Article V Section 8, may do so by a request directed to the committee chairman and his acceptance of that request. If such a person wishes to continue to serve on the committee he must re-volunteer to do so at the next election of club officers."

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COOK'S CORNER

This issues recipe was submitted by Mrs. Norbert Barthel. It's a tangy tasting side dish that's cool, colorful and easy to prepare; just right for summer eating. Somewhat sweeter than its name might suggest, it makes a terrific compliment to any pork recipe, but still will serve as an added attraction to all meat dishes. A salad of German extraction with a hearty, forceful flavor that commands "seconds". JAWOHL!

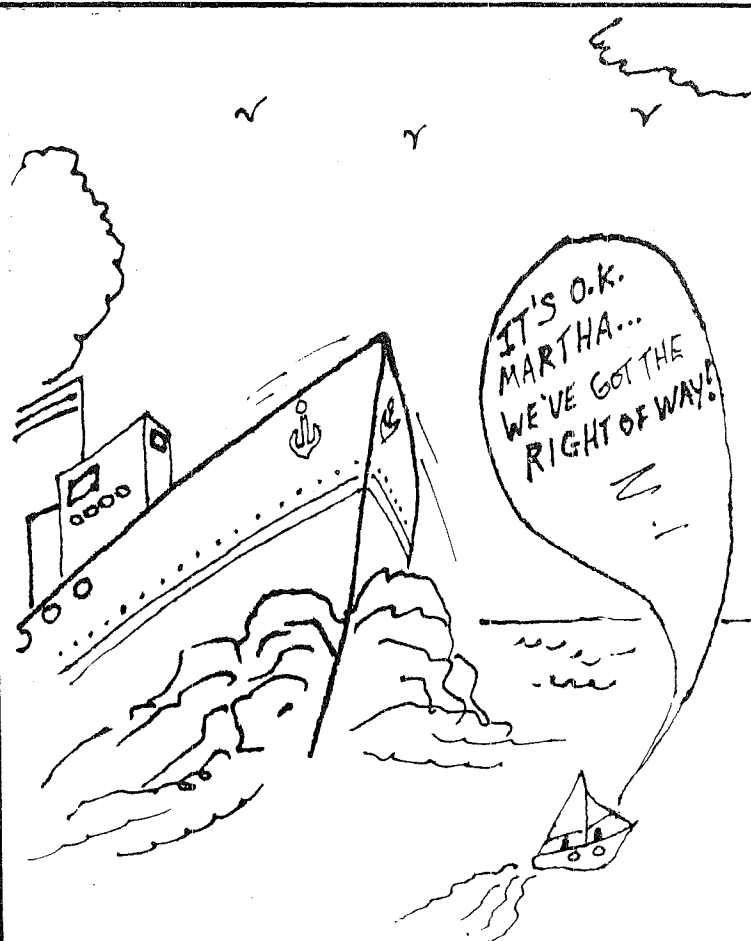
SAUERKRAUT SALAD

- 1 large can sauerkraut (drained)
- 1 green pepper (sliced thin)
- 1 large onion (sliced thin)
- 1 cup chopped celery or 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 small can pimento

Mix 3/4 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup oil. Pour over above ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate 12 hours. Serve cold.

WANT-ADS

- FOR SALE: Three 8 ft. sections of wooden dock with steel pipe supports. Ida Draper, 451-3315 (S.St.Paul)
- FOR SALE: Bathroom sink, porcelain with fittings. Ida Draper, 451-3315
- FOR SALE: Bathroom lighting fixtures. Ida Draper, 451-3315
- FOR SALE: 1965 Impala 4 dr. sedan, A.C., P.S. P.B. Judy Draper, 451-3315



LAKE DISTRICT REPS. NEEDED

Now that the Cedar Lake Conservation Club Map and Directory has been completed, our next goal is to designate a representative(s) from each section of the lake, A through J, to act as a liaison between the club's leadership and the club members and residents in that particular section.

In the past we have found that there is unfortunately a gross lack of communication between those people who are the leadership of our club and the individuals who comprise the membership. Oftentimes it occurs that some problem which develops on one end of the lake is not made known to the other end, or a conflict arises in some area where there is no club officer or board member living nearby and consequently much time is elapsed between the time the problem first arises and it is brought to the attention of the club leadership. Exactly such a situation occurred with regard to the Cedar Acres matter. Perhaps if the club had known sooner than it had of what was happening in the area, our ordeal could have been shortened and at a financial cost considerably lower. A district representative could help solve this difficulty by relaying to the leadership any problems

or conflicts that arise or serve as an input person to whom members in his area could suggest ideas, projects, and items of club interest to be carried in turn to the club leadership.

Also, from the opposite viewpoint, decisions made or actions taken by the club leadership are often not fully apprehended by the membership at large, chiefly due to the lack of a direct communication line to these individuals. A district representative could solve this problem by being a resource person who would be knowledgeable firsthand of the activities of the club and be able to inform those individuals in his area of the impact, importance, purpose, etc... of these activities.

Therefore, we urge all of you to consider making yourselves or perhaps a neighbor a nominee for district representative. These individuals will be appointed and they will be informed of all board of director meetings and urged to attend whenever possible to be kept up to date on club decisions and activities and to contribute to these meetings any ideas, suggestions, problems, or complaints they or their people may have. Board meetings are usually held only four times a year. The workload for a representative will be very light; just to be basically a good neighbor who can relay messages from his people to the leadership and conversely.



SPAWING BED SIGNS NOW POSTED

Spawning bed signs have again been posted by the Department of Natural Resources in the Turtle Bay area of Cedar as well as around the growth of bullrushes in the bay north of Camp Courage. These signs designate the area behind them as a protected spawning bed which may not be fished in or traveled in until after the 30th of June. Largemouth bass primarily are the species being given extended protection here because of their great reliance on warmer water temperatures to become active and hence to spawn.

Parents, please warn your children not to molest these areas by boating through them or fishing in them until the end of the protection period. Besides the fines involved for such destructive practices, allowing the area undisturbed quiet is good conservation.

Also, if any of you should see another boat fishing in this area, remind that person that the area is protected. Oftentimes visitors to our lake or just occasional anglers fish these areas out of ignorance to the law. If notified by you of their error, rather than by the game warden, they will probably be very grateful; and you will be helping to protect your own resource.

ROUGH FISH REMOVAL

Once again, Jim Kath of Buffalo has his nets out in Cedar Lake this spring catching the rough fish that we consider undesirable species in our lake. We as yet have no report on how well his catches have gone, but we will pass that information along to our readers when we get it. The nets should be gone by the opening of fishing season, but if they are not, please refrain from lifting or disturbing them. They are marked by white buoys.

DNR BOAT LICENSE MESSAGE

The Department of Natural Resources reported today that about one half of all the watercraft in Minnesota that are due for license renewal this year are still to be re-licensed by their owners.

An official at the DNR License Center said license renewal notices are sent to owners whose boats are due for re-licensing but that occasionally the notices are misplaced or the owner forgets to renew until a few days before he wants to use his boat.

Several days are required to process the renewals and return the license to the boat owner, the official said, so boaters who plan on using their watercraft as soon as possible should get their renewals in at once.

Licenses can be renewed through the License Center in St. Paul or at deputy registrars throughout the state. All transfers of boat licenses to new owners should be sent to the License Center at 625 North Robert S., St. Paul, Minnesota.