



Cedar Lake News

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ANNANDALE - MAPLE LAKE MN

Letter from your President

Happy Holidays and a Better-Than-Ever New Year greeting from your president, Tom Knaup.

My wife, Sharon, and I live on the south east side of the lake. I will be your president for the year 2001. I have been on the Board for the past two years. We have an excellent and energetic Board for next year and are looking forward to serving the residents of Cedar Lake.

Our goal, as always, is to keep our lake as clean and enjoyable as possible for all residents and users of Cedar Lake. We will continue to monitor the water quality and through committees we are organizing more activities and getting more people involved. There will be more details and a calendar of events in the spring newsletter.

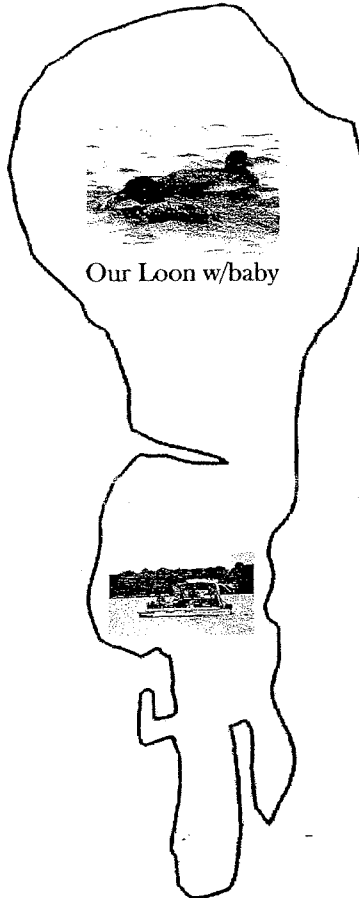
If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or would like to get involved on any of our committees, please feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Thank you for helping make our Cedar Lake community a wonderful place to live!

Thanks! *Tom*

IS THERE A RED X ON YOUR MAILING LABEL??

If there is, your dues have not been paid for 2000. The dues are \$15.00 and include dollars for the milfoil fund.



Our Loon w/baby

Letter from your Editor

Hi neighbors:

Well I've been home from the cabin a little over two-weeks now and I miss summer already. I closed the cabin down on Saturday, October 28th and headed for home. That's probably the latest I've closed down but our fall was so nice there was no reason to close down earlier.

However I did get my dock, boat and boat lift in a couple of weeks earlier. I was afraid the water would go down so far that it would really be a tough job getting the boat off. When those items are in I get mixed emotions. I'm happy to have that job done but I'm depressed when it has to be done. Oh well spring will be here soon and I can put it all back in the water again.

Gee I found out a lady on Gull Lake near Nisswa has me beat in swimming. I've always been proud of the fact I go swimming in April (once I even went on March 31st) and usually quit swimming in early October. But the Star Tribune had an article about a lady who regularly swims until the end of October and thought she'd swim into November this year. Brrrr, that even makes me shiver.

Now that I edit/publish our newsletter I have been attending board meetings and I learned that we send newsletters to all lakeshore owners but all lakeshore owners are not members. I think that we all want to be members of this association

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HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

And

Think Spring

WHERE TO FISH??

An article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune several years ago.

Where to fish?

Anglers' experience on the lake might beat maps, charts.

By Joe Hennessy

Minneapolis Star Tribune writer

There is scientific angling and then there is personal experience. Sometimes the two don't jibe.

According to the script, a study of a lake map should give a good indication of where the fish might be hiding in a strange lake. Personal experience has shown that it seldom pays to paddle across the lake. Fishing frequently is best right in front of wherever the boat is launched.

The depth map of Cedar Lake, one of scores by that name in Minnesota and one of two in Wright County, is an angler's dream. Note in the accompanying map the extreme depth of 108 feet, also the rapid elevation changes in the bottom all around the lake. The logical place to start appeared to be off a reef which cuts almost across the lake and where the depth drops from 2 to 20 feet.

This Cedar Lake is about 55 miles west of Minneapolis, with a good concrete launching ramp on county Road 6, 2 1/2 miles north of state Highway 55. It is about two miles east of Annandale. There is another Cedar Lake in Wright County, that one near Monticello.

Pete Heiden of St. Paul and I looked over the map before we launched the canoe from the access last week. We headed immediately for the obvious choice. The sky was overcast with a few drops of rain and the waves were choppy enough to indicate the fish might be biting closer to the bottom than the surface. A friend had fished the lake a week before and reported catching 1 1/2-pound crappies on yellow jigs,

plus some good-sized bass.

An hour's paddling, with a little less serious fishing along the way, brought us to the far side of the long point and reef. Yellow jigs were tried, also an assortment of plugs, small spinners and even night crawlers. Total catch in about two-hours included only small bass and half pound sunfish.

We paddled back toward the launching site and cast into some lily pads. It was now getting dusky.

Wham! A largemouth bass hit at a green and yellow jig that was being reeled at the fastest possible speed toward the boat. The fish broke loose. Then another — weighing about three pounds — hit.

We had other action. All were returned, so we can at least guarantee that there are bass in the lake.

So much for experience over science. Fish at the closest possible area to the launching site on any lake. A longer try at this Cedar Lake promises excellent results. Terri Ward, who occupies the adjoining desk in the Star's sport's department, said she and her husband also had excellent results — that included a walleye — at Cedar Lake a year ago. Most of the area we fished was 20 feet or shallower. What might be waiting in the depths, I do not know. Cedar Lake covers 837 acres, with about any depth that could be asked.

The lake provides some strange contrasts in addition to the extreme of depths and shallows. Near the center of the lake, and off the reefs, the water was chilly to the touch. Near shore, where the bass seemed more active, it felt warm. Weed growth comes very close to the surface in most of the shallows, but there was hard, sandy and gravel bottom in places off the reef, and rocks in other places.

I had never before fished this Cedar Lake. But it is one of those within about a 50-mile driving range of the Twin Cities, that I would like to try again.

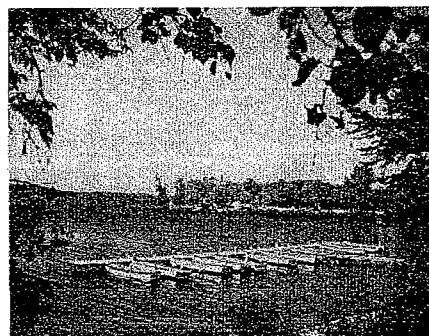
The lake is well built up with cottages around most of the shore. But fishing traffic was light on a weekday

evening.

Boat rentals are available at Geardink's Resort on the lake's north shore. Mitch Fleming said his grandfather, Charlie Geardink, claims the crappie fishing is the best in the 47 years he has been there. It had been the report of big crappies that drew me in the first place, although my efforts turned quickly to bass instead.

A boat was being launched from the public landing as we left in the near-darkness. For those who know the lake, night bass fishing might be rewarding with surface lures. Fly fishing for crappies should be excellent on calm evenings.

CRESCENT RIDGE RESORT DOCK AND BOATS IN THE 1950s?



This photograph, which comes from an 1950s era "Annandale Minnesota Lake Region" brochure, appears to be Crescent Ridge Resort's dock. At that time Crescent Ridge was owned by Bob and Sy Kohonen who purchased it from Joe Urich (Urich's Resort). The last owners were Royal and Donna Beckman who purchased it from the Kohonens.

This is on the east side, south end of the lake looking north by northwest.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Cedar Lake Conservation Club Annual Meeting Minutes August 19, 2000 Maple Lake VFW

Guests: Gary and Kim Miller, Steve and Mary Jo Quill, Merrill Anderson, and Jerry Mundel

Board Members Present: Jan Altman, Jan Duffy, Bill Pallies, Tom Knaup, Lynn Warden, Leslie Kreutter, Linda Dircks, Donna Beckman, Arlene Fortner, and Ross Pope

Call to Order: President Linda Dircks

Secretary Report: Linda Dircks moved to waive reading of the minutes of our last General Meeting and approve them as printed in our newsletter. Larry Tysk seconded the motion which was carried.

New Business: Lynn Warden announced the winners of the door prize drawing throughout the meeting.

Guest speakers Merrill Anderson and Jerry Mundel from the Clearwater Watershed District spoke about septic, no till farming, filter strips, and feedlots. They left some questionnaires asking for feedback on what an overall sanitary sewer project should consist of, or should there even be one. Merrill and Jerry were available after the meeting to answer questions.

Treasurer Bill Pallies presented the treasurer's report. Lynn Warden moved that we approve it with Tom Knaup seconding. The motion was carried.

Jan Duffy introduced the new board members chosen by the nominating committee. The new board members are Jana Oxenford, Carolyn Custer, and Vern Harper. Bob Olson moved that we approve the new members with Bill Pallies seconding. The motion was carried.

Leslie Kreutter gave out the awards to the winners of the annual fishing contest.

Tom Knaup spoke about getting new members to join the CLCC and participating in a variety of sub-

committees. Dean and R.J. Sandberg spoke about forming and participating in different groups/functions such as the spring potluck, boat parade, hot dog club, card club, fishing club, and liminary night. Sign-up sheets were available for those interested in participating.

President Linda Dircks announced a "Thanks" to the following past members for their many years of service on the board. Those recognized are Jan Altman, Don Badger, Pete Cook, Ella Geardink, Alan Glass, Bob Johnson, George Suddendorf, and Donna Beckman.

Kale Danberg the new editor of the Cedar Lake News introduced himself. He spoke about the need for volunteers to stamp and fold newsletters. Kale is also looking for people to participate in a historical committee to tell us what they know about the history of Cedar Lake so this information may be shared in the newsletter.

President Linda Dircks asked if there were any other agenda items and none were brought up. She thanked the Board Members, her husband Ron for their help, and also daughter Molly, and niece Beca for making the table centerpieces.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded.

FISHERMAN FROM THE 50s



Another photo from the 1950s Annandale brochure.

PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER HOW YOU MAKE THEM FEEL

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, & tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

PLEASE—Support your Lake Association!

FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club Activities Committee has been busy developing ideas to get people involved. Member **Dean Sanberg** says, "As a community, we need to get to know one another better, and what better way than with activities on the lake." So the committee has decided to have an old fashioned ice cream social following the boat parade next 4th of July. The boat parade will proceed as planned, but end with boats anchoring on the sand bar and ice cream being available to all.

Even prior to the 4th, Cedar Lake residents should plan to gather on June 16th for all or part of the day. For fishing enthusiasts, a fishing clinic and a fishing contest will be available during the day for the kids. The day will conclude with a hot dog roast and other activities for all to enjoy - even if you don't fish.

The summer season can't begin without the annual kick-off dinner, and the committee will spice it up with kids activities and ice-breaking games. To wrap up the 2001 season, the annual meeting dinner in August will conclude with a luminary night on the lake. Imagine lighting your shoreline, dock, and even your pontoon after coming home from a delicious dinner - and continuing the summer celebration long after dark"

So mark your calendars now to participate during summer 2001!

IDEAS, INPUT, CRITIQUE, SUGGESTIONS

Your Board wants to hear from you with any of your ideas, critique, comments, suggestions, questions or any other input. PLEASE address your correspondence to the Cedar Lake Board at P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A CEDAR LAKE COMMITTEE?

There are a number of important committees on our Club. Would you like to be involved in any of them?

There is the **HISTORY COMMITTEE**. This committee is involved in interviewing some of Cedar Lakers with the most longevity on the lake so their memories can be shared with us. This committee is also searching for past records and articles about Cedar Lake. And for anything of interest to us.

And there is the **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**. This committee is working hard to bring in new members as they buy property on our lake and on those who are property owners but who haven't taken the time to join an organization dedicated to make our lake the best it can be.

And there is the **ACTIVITY COMMITTEE**. This is a committee searching for ways for our residents of the lake to do things together such as play cards, have picnics, go on excursions, etc, etc.

Then there is the **LAKE QUALITY COMMITTEE**, a group dedicated to keeping on top of the quality of our water. Cedar Lake is one of the cleanest lakes in the state and this committee is working on keeping it that way.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mike Youshock and other family members and friends of Marjorie Youshock who passed away very suddenly this year.

The Youshock cabin is on the north end near Schroder Park.

If anyone knows of any other of our friends, on the lake, having passed away, please let us know.

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because the association is working to protect the water quality of our lake and it is building up a fund to fight milfoil should our lake ever become infected with it. I would think we'd all want to be a part of that effort. Please join us. That will send a message to those who work on your board that you appreciate their effort.

I am so pleased with all of the American flags I see as we go around the lake in our boat. It makes me feel proud that we have such patriotism on our lake. But I need to remind us all of an item of flag etiquette that some of us may not be aware of. The American flag should be taken down before sundown and put up at sunup. This is the way the law reads:

Section 174

"Time and occasions for display; hoisting and lowering:

(a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

THIS IS YOUR LIFE on Cedar Lake forms: I would like to write up YOUR life on Cedar Lake and put it in a coming newsletter. If you would like to see "Your Life" written up please send me a note and I'll send you a form to fill in. Thanks!

Well I want to end this letter with a wish to you that you'll have a wonderful holiday season, a great winter, a great and exciting 2001 and I'll see you, God willing, next spring.

Very Sincerely, *Kale*

PS—**Thanks Tom**—for accepting the responsibilities of being our president.

DO YOU REALLY KNOW OUR \$1.00 BILL?

Take out a one-dollar bill and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material.

We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know.

It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for the balance-a balanced budget.

In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut.

Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark.

This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization.

The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, and ancient symbol for

divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning "one nation from many people."

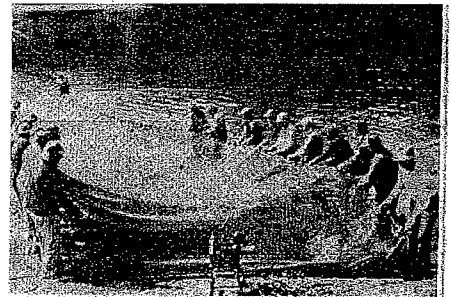
Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds

an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But, think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E PLURIBUS UNUM", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look

SEINING FINGERLING



Harvesting walleyes from a rearing pond, in the 50s, to plant in local Annandale lakes.

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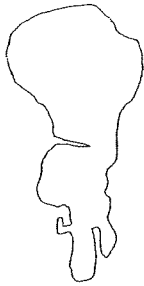
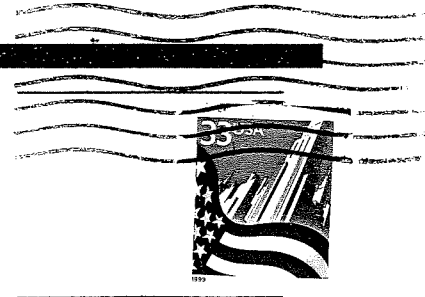
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NINE GIFTS THAT DO NOT COST A CENT

1.) THE GIFT OF LISTENING...
But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

2.) THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...
Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and hand holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

3.) THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...
Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you"

4.) THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...
It can be simple: "Thanks for the

help" note or a full sonnet. A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.

5.) THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job." or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

6.) THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...
Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

7.) THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...
There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

8.) THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION....

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really, it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

9.) THE GIFT OF ACCEPTANCE
Everyone does the best they can with what they have to work with be it their head or their heart.

Friends are a rare jewel indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

~ Author unknown