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Letter from your President

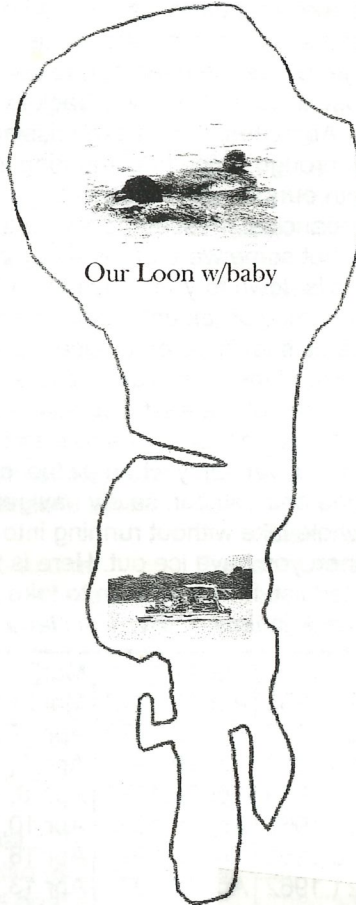
First and foremost I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

The annual meeting on August 10, 2002 was a success. The company was pleasant, the food was tasty and plentiful, the decorations were delightful, the meeting was brief and there was a door prize for nearly everyone who attended.

We have 3 new board members and have elected the officers for next year. We are looking forward to another fun year on the lake that we love. In addition to the social activities that we all enjoy, the CLCC is also about protecting and maintaining the lake. This summer no one was happy about the superabundance of weeds and the decline in transparency. Lakes exhibit declines in transparency and increases in the amount of algae with increases in phosphorus. A study of Cedar Lake done by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 1998 indicates that the phosphorus level will likely increase over time due to increased development and land use changes. The study concluded with a number of suggestions.

In order to maintain the quality of the lake and keep the phosphorus levels down, we, as individuals, need to be familiar with the operation and maintenance (pumping) of our own septic

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Our Loon w/baby



President Leslie Kreutter

Letter from your Editor

Greetings. Not much to say except I wish you a Happy New Year and "think spring!"

I should have had this out last year but I got bogged down in another newsletter project. Then when I had time I realized it was just about Christmas and who would have time to read the newsletter then so decided to wait until things settled down in January when it's cold and you'd like to be reminded of the lake and all the good times up there.

Not much to say except I apologize to all of you that just like to read news (latest news) of the lake in your newsletter. My newsletters that I do (several besides this) are filled with things I think people enjoy and that's why one of mine I've been told is the best of its kind in the country so I won't change the way I do these.

I will include all the necessary stuff and I will include things about the lake that you provide me with. The other stuff will be fill-ins with things I hope you enjoy. Many of my readers keep and file everything I write and produce. That makes me feel good and it's my reward for putting the time in on this. I feel badly when I hear that a newsletter is just dumped like junk mail. Then it is a totally wasted effort.

If you have things of interest to share please get those things to me so we can all enjoy them.

Well thanks for listening and thanks, in advance, for forgiving me for being late. Have a great winter and I'll see you in the Spring.

Very Sincerely, *Kale*

New Officers, Ice Out, Etc.

A Heavy Calorie Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
 Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
 The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
 At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
 When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
 When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
 I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
 The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
 The cakes and the pies, the bread and the cheese
 And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
 As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
 And prepared once again to do battle with dirt
 I said to myself, as I only can –
 "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
 So, away with the last of the sour cream dip,
 Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
 Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
 Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
 I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.
 I'll only chew on a long celery stick.
 I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
 I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
 I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore ...
 But isn't that what January is for?
 Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
 Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet

ICE OUT

Hello, I thought this may be of interest to the readers of The Cedar Lake News. My wife Debbie sent our ice out dates to you a few years ago, which you published, but our list only went back to 1968. We were visiting with our neighbors (Mark and Julie Christian) a short time ago and the ice out subject was brought up. Mark mentioned that there was a chart of ice out dates tacked to a rafter in his garage. It was retrieved and to our surprise it went all the way back to 1955. About ten years were missing, 1989 through 1998. In comparing the list with ours, there were a few discrepancies. Most entries were the same but some were off by a day and that boils down to your way of thinking, ice out or ice break up? I believe that the dates should be on the ice out. Example, If the west side of the lake is wide open but the east side still has hundreds of feet of ice left to melt this is not ice out yet. Only when all the ice is all gone and you can safely navigate the whole lake without running into any ice, then you have ice out. Here is the updated list. It's kind of fun to take a look back in time. By: *Tim Nabours*

Apr 10, 1955	Apr 17, 1971	Mar24, 1987
Apr 22, 1956	Apr 26, 1972	Mar14, 1988
Apr 21, 1957	Apr 2, 1973	Apr 17, 1989
Apr 13, 1958	Apr 19, 1974	Apr 3, 1990
Apr 8, 1959	Apr 28, 1975	Apr 8, 1991
Apr 15, 1960	Apr 6, 1976	Apr 10, 1992
Apr 8, 1961	Apr 10, 1977	Apr 18, 1993
Apr 21, 1962	Apr 18, 1978	Apr 13, 1994
Apr 6, 1963	Apr 24, 1979	Apr 14, 1995
Apr 11, 1964	Apr 18, 1980	Apr 25, 1996
Apr 29, 1965	Apr 26, 1981	Apr 21, 1997
Apr 5, 1966	Apr 20, 1982	Apr 5, 1998
Apr 9, 1967	Apr 14, 1983	Apr 3, 1999
Mar 30, 1968	Apr 13, 1984	Mar 22, 2000
Apr 17, 1969	Apr 12, 1985	Apr 20, 2001
Apr 21, 1970	Apr 7, 1986	Apr 16, 2002

These are the **new officers** of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club:

Leslie Kreutter (president),
 Dean Sanberg (vice-president),
 Bill Pallies (treasurer)
 Holly Linn (secretary).

Board members are:

Larry Tysk, Ross Pope
 Char Duppler, Vern Harper,
 Jana Oxenford, Carolyn Custer,
 Dave Larsen and Ron Linder.

Give one of them a holler if you have a question or concern. My congratulations to those who are willing to serve. Our lake would not be as clean and nice if we had not had people who were willing to serve over the years.

Thanks, Kale

MINUTES—*from page 6*

The new members are Holly Linn, Dave Larsen and Ron Linder.

Wright County Federation of Sportsmen- Don Enger the CLCC representative to the Wright County Federation of Sportsmen spoke about their goal to protect the soil, air and water. He also thanked Jerry Altman, Ross Pope, Greg Duppler, and Marv Goergen for helping with the beer gardens at the Wright County Fair.

Leslie asked if there was any more new business. One of the members wanted to remind everyone that June of 2003 will be the 50th anniversary of the CLCC.

Leslie asked everyone observing the luminaries tonight to travel in a clockwise direction with their boats.

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Special Note!

* Over 100 door prizes were awarded

* 3 raffle prizes were awarded: a VCR/TV, wind chime, and bird feeder.

Ross Pope, Secretary

DUES—Are your dues paid up-to-date? Please show your support for your lake and for those volunteers who take of their free-time to work for you. Your dues are \$15.00 per year and they were due this past June 1st. Seven dollars of this goes into our millfoil (just-in-case) fund. Please send your dues to: CLCC—P.O. Box 192—Annandale, MN 55302. Thank you VERY MUCH!

My 63 Years on Cedar Lake - *continued from last issue*

In 1949 friends, of these 33 girl guests, showed off by driving about 70 mph around suicide curve on Highway 24 near Annandale and the girl in the car was killed. The two that were in that accident were lying in the swamp with parts of their insides hanging out. Suicide curve was very, very bad for those who chose to ignore the warnings or didn't see them.

One time Joe Urich asked me to be a fishing guide for some of his guests. But I declined because I wasn't about to give away our fishing spots. That was our very closely guarded secret.

I remember my Grampa and I going out fishing on hot days. We would just take two empty cups with us and drink water right out of the lake. The water was so clean that it never bothered us. What a difference today.

I remember going fishing when people were very respectful to fisherman, never came close to the fishing boat and always slowed down when going by. Now we get dizzy out there fishing as we keep bobbing back and forth from all the wake caused by these souped up outboard and i/o's., some as large as 200 hp.

I remember when Eugene McCarthy (the Senator and Democratic Presidential Candidate) had a cottage on the North end of Cedar Lake. I remember when there were at least five resorts on the lake. Four of those were Urichs, Lankinens, Mears and Geardinks (both of the latter on the north end). Mears later became Schroeder's resort and is now the Wright County park.

I remember when there were no cabins and no Camp Courage between Lankinen's resort and the few that were on the Northeast corner of the lake. There were quite a few cabins on the north end but none towards the northwest corner and there were cabins here and there on the west side. And I remember when that old home on the west side of the south bay (now demolished) was the only dwelling in that bay and when there were no cabins all the way from that dwelling to Urich's resort.

I remember "rowing" the flat bottom boat all the way around Cedar Lake with *Bobby Selvala. I also remember the last stretch when we had to get out of the boat and push the boat home because our arms couldn't take rowing anymore. Can you see kids today "rowing"?

I remember Bernadette Nixon swimming to the middle of the lake and back each evening for her exercise. She'd never be able to do that now with all the speed boats. I remember going "full speed," with our 2 1/2 HP neptune outboard, by the sandbar and catching a Northern every time with a red & white daredevil.

I remember rolling back the sod on the hills south of where Camp Courage is now and filling our pockets full of grub worms. I remember trapping grasshoppers and catching big sunnies with them in August.

I remember Tony Wurm, Ralph's dad (Ralph, before he passed away had a home on the east side of the road near where Sally-Pats were), driving his horse and wagon

by the cabin - selling vegetables, black dirt and fertilizer. Good ole Tony! He had the things we wanted and needed back then.

I remember Emil Nylin losing his wife and marrying Elaine, his housekeeper, who was about two years older than I was. Men we'd all like to be like Emil. He couldn't hear well, we always had to yell at him, but boy he was a real man. He had three families. He and his first wife had two boys that must be in their seventies, or close to, then two daughters Adeline and Rosella, Adeline and Rosella are about my age, and then after marrying Elaine, having five more boys. I'm guessing the youngest of those boys is in his early twenties now. By the way, Emil was a very good builder, and a very persistent one who knew what he was doing. He would only build his way. I remember Bernadette telling me how she argued with him when he built her home. But believe me Emil usually was right and he knew how to build the right way. Emil was a carpenter "extraordinaire".

[Note: I sent a copy of this article to Elaine Nylin, before she passed away, and she was kind enough to send me a letter updating the information on the Nylin Family. These are some high lights of Elaine's letter.

Emil passed away on September 8, 1987 at the age of 91 years. She states he worked until he was 85. Elaine also said Emil's second son, Don, passed away 19 years ago at the age of 47.

Elaine also corrected me on the age of she and Emil's youngest son. I said I guessed he is in his early 20s. He is 37! Wow does time fly!]

My family and Emil's used to go out on Saturday nights to the Rainbow in Annandale, now Annandale Café and Catering, south of the Ladies wear store. The elders drank two or three beers and Adeline, Rosella and I drank pop or Byerly's fruit drink and bought Guess What's (a taffy with a prize in each package). Guess What's were a penny each I believe. I was sweet on Adeline but I don't know if she ever knew it. I used to go over to their farm, just south of the gravel road (next gravel east of hwy. 6) as it turned west to the east side of the lake, to visit with Adeline as much as possible.

Did you ever know how Cedar Lake got it's name? My Aunt Florence told me when I was about 8. She said two Indians were standing on a hill over-looking the lake and one said to the other "See Der Lake". Well anyway I believed it at that time, I think!

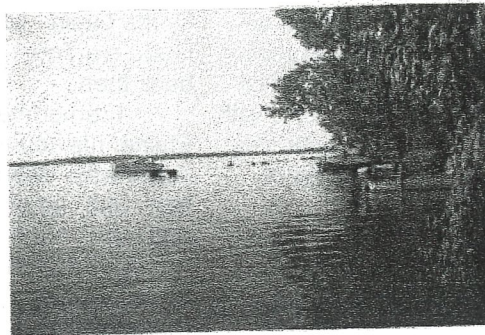
I remember the wind storm of 1941 or 42 when the roof was blown off the bus depot in Maple Lake (Southeast corner of main street). I wasn't up there at the time but I have movies (now a Video Tape) showing much of the damage. I came up there the next weekend and saw the uprooted trees, the tree that fell on one of Joe Urich's cottages, the boat that was blown over Urich's pavilion and one of Joe Urich's cabins that was destroyed.

MY YEARS - *continued on page 5*

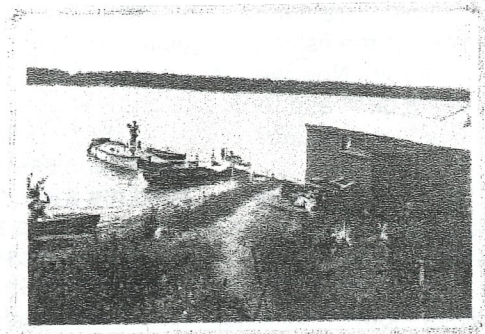
SNAPSHOTS FROM YESTERYEAR



Bob and Sy Kohonen, owners of Crescent Ridge Resort, before Royal and Donna Beckman, with kids—probably taken in the 1950s. Bob was the first president of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club and my aunt, Florence Peterson, was the first secretary. That's a LONG time ago.



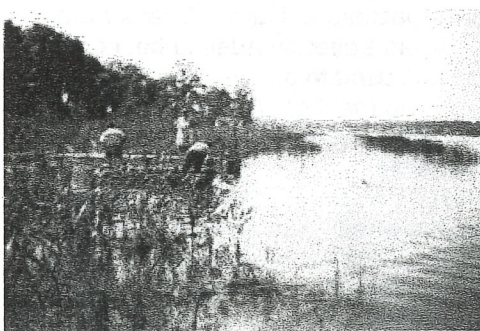
East side of lake south of the sandbar looking north. "Modern" docks and boats.



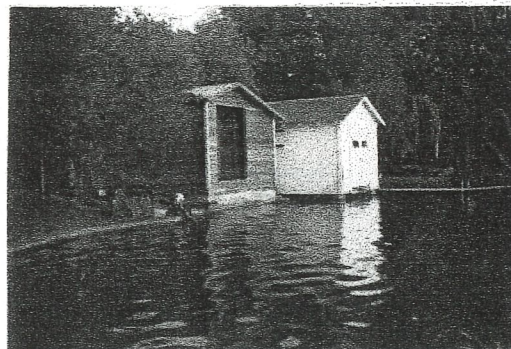
This is the Lankinen resort dock. The building was their sauna. I can't remember how many times I went swimming there naked after taking a sauna.



Kids playing in the sand (probably at Lankinen's Resort East side south of sandbar.) Look how low the water was.



Looking south on east side south of the sandbar. Note the weeds.



This is Bernadette Nixon's (now Weisman's) boathouse when it was first built. Note how high the water was! (Attn: Donny and Larry).

WHITEFISH

Ever since I read the letter from Tim Nabours in your Spring 2002 issue of Cedar Lake News, I've been searching for a book of mine, Northern Fishes by Samuel Eddy and James C. Underhill, in which there is a discussion on these fish. Could not find it so today I went to the library and checked out a copy. The call letters are 597 E21N2. Third edition, 1974.

The fish is identified as a type of Cisco, Cisco Coregonus. To quote from page 186, "We are certain that many cisco were introduced years ago ----- Records----- show that in about 1878 Lake Superior herring, whitefish and herring from other lakes were planted in many central Minnesota lakes such as Cedar Lake in Wright County and----- where they still exist." The tullibee of Sylvia is another form of cisco. The herring or whitefish of Lake Superior are ciscoes.

We planted a cottage on the North end of Cedar, the A-Frame a few doors east of the campgrounds in 1966. We have seen these fish many times after a hot spell, including this past summer.

Hope this helps.
Ferd Ohnsorg

Thanks Ferd. It sure does and I know Tim will agree. Thank you for sharing that with us

PICTURES??? Does anyone have an aerial shot of Cedar Lake (preferably showing the whole lake)? And/or does anyone have photos (pre-1960) of things on the lake? If you do would you share these with all the readers of this newsletter by sending a copy (mail, fax, email) to your editor. Thank you very much! Kale

MY YEARS - continued from page 3

The people, that were up there during the storm, told us the waves, coming from the west, were 8 foot high. The only thing that happened at our place was, our screened fish cleaning house was blown over. We were lucky because our cabin is just set on concrete blocks.

I remember when we first got electricity in 1949 (I shudder when I look at how the electricians wired back in those days). The code stated we had to have an outlet in each room so that's what we got. Some of the outlets are just plug-ins into wall light fixtures. The light fixtures have string pull cords. Can you, that have built your cottages within the last twenty years or so, visualize your cabin with one outlet in each room.

With the coming of electricity, Grampa built an indoor bathroom with hot and cold running water and a toilet that flushed. The ladies liked that, but I missed the old ways. I liked the Coleman lantern, the kerosene lamps, the hand pump for water, but then I didn't do the cooking and I wasn't concerned about make-up and whatever.

I remember when Cedar Lake got their first Walleyes in 1949. The DNR dumped about 100,000 fingerlings into our lake. Walleyes do not reproduce in Cedar and that's why we have to depend on these plantings. I remember when Marty (I forget his last name but he rented one of the cabins from Joe Brew who bought Lankinens) caught nine walleyes between 6 and 9 pounds off the south bar in one season. I also remember when Marty told someone who was motoring by who asked, "is there a bar there?". No Marty said! We have extra long anchor ropes.

I also remember when: We didn't have as many weeds! The fastest boat on the lake had a mammoth 25 HP motor! My Aunt Florence bought a 14' run-a-bout with a fast 15 H.P. Johnson motor! When many of us used to dive into the lake, au-natural, after taking a sauna, the ladies too! There was no "L" shaped dredging on the southwest end of the lake! The limit on sunfish was 15! A trip to the north end was too far to go by boat! I'd get such a deep brown and my hair would turn almost white. If anyone caught me going swimming at night, they thought I was wearing a white bathing suit! We drove up to the lake at 35 mph during World War II (my dad once picked up to 50 and I was so scared I asked him to slow down)!

As you can tell, I love Cedar Lake and this year is my 50th (now 63rd) on the Lake. (When I first wrote this article I had been on the lake for 50 years) I would think that qualifies me as an old timer although I am only 56 (now 69). I'm sure many of you have things you can tell us about what you remember about years past on Cedar Lake and you surely don't have to have been on the Lake as long as I have. Let's hear from you. From those who have been here longer and from those who haven't been here quite that long.

We all, who love Cedar Lake, would like to hear

about things that have happened up here. My only knowledge is of the people who had places near us on the east side of the middle lake. Others from the West side and North side remember people and things that happened in those areas. Let's hear from you. Get out your pen, pencil, typewriter, word processor, computer or whatever and tell us your story. I'm anxious to hear and I'm sure many others are too.

*My best friend, when I was growing up, Bob Selvala was proclaimed foreign Finn of the year 1993 by the President of Finland. He headed up Finn-Fest USA, which is held in many cities around the USA, before his death.

From your *PRESIDENT*—from page 1

systems, which can be a source of nutrient loading. We should have a 2-foot buffer zone between our lawns and lakeshore. Grass clippings are a source of phosphorus. We should maintain emergent vegetation in near-shore areas and a restore a percentage of our shoreline to natural conditions. We should minimize the amount of aquatic plant control (weed killing) on the lake. We should exercise slow-no-wake motor use near shore and shallow areas to reduce the disturbance of plant beds. Emergent plants serve to stabilize shorelines and are essential to the ecology of the lake. We should never use fertilizer that contains phosphorus and minimize the use of fertilizer at all.

As a lake association we need to develop a lake management plan cooperatively with representatives from the DNR, Minnesota Board Water and Soil Resources, MPCA and local units of government. Readings need to be taken on a regular basis to assess algae production and transparency. Further development or land use change in the lake's 13-mile watershed should occur in a manner that minimizes the impact of water quality. (For instance, storm water from near-shore development and runoff from increased agricultural activities in the watershed would negatively affect the lake.) These are all important if we wish to maintain good water quality in Cedar Lake for our children, grandchildren and ourselves.

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CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2002

Guests: Sheriff Gary Miller and Kim Miller

Board Members Present: Leslie Kreutter, Bill Pallies, Lynn Warden, Char Duppler, Tom Knaup, Arlene Fortner, Carolyn Custer, Dean Sanberg, Vern Harper & Ross Pope.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Leslie Kreutter

Secretary Report: Leslie Kreutter moved to wave reading the minutes of the July 20th board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Pallies gave the report stating assets, income, interest, and expenses through July 31st. Bill stated that membership was 154, which is an all time high in recent years. Leslie Kreutter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Guest Speaker: Sheriff Gary Miller spoke about the busy year they have had. He also talked about the "No Wake" voluntary compliance on some county lakes. Over the past 3 years they have trained 2 dozen officers for water patrol duty. Their main enforcement has been for PFD's. He said that if anyone has any problems they could help with to call the Wright County Sheriff's Department.

Old Business: Leslie discussed the various activities sponsored by the CLCC.

Spring Potluck/May 25th- A pretty good turn-out with some new faces.

Fishing Clinic/June 8th- 9 kids showed up for the clinic. Next year the clinic will start at 9:00 a.m. and everyone will go fishing for a few hours and meet again at noon. There will also be a contest.

Eurasian Milfoil Search/June 15th- No Eurasian Milfoil was found. Another search was tentatively scheduled for August 24th.

Boat Parade/Ice Cream Social, July 4th- Number of boats was down, but over 150 ice cream cones were served on the sandbar. 3 prizes were awarded for best decorated boats. To avoid conflicts with the parade in Annandale, next years boat parade will start at 2:00 p.m.

Luminary Night, tonight- This event was a big success last year.

2001 Fishing Contest Winners- Leslie gave out the awards to the winners.

New Business:

New Board Members- Leslie announced the new board members selected by the nominating committee.

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