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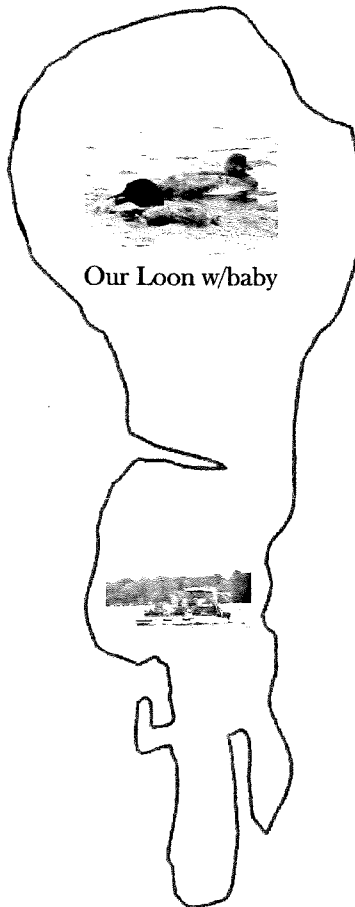
### *Letter from your President*

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club at the annual meeting on August 16, 2003. The Maple Lake VFW hall was decorated beautifully to commemorate the event, and attendance was high.

Everyone at the dinner toasted the anniversary with a glass of nonalcoholic champagne served in a champagne flute etched with the club logo and anniversary date. There was a display of past sweatshirts and other club memorabilia. Guest speaker Judy Martin, secretary of the CLCC from 1970 through 1990, delighted the audience with stories of the history of the lake and the club. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this event the success it was.

We have 3 new board members and have elected the officers for 2004. We are looking forward to another year on the lake. Look for the list of upcoming events in this issue of the newsletter.

Although the CLCC continues to focus on keeping Cedar Lake clean, ultimately we are each responsible for maintaining our septic systems, fertilizing responsibly or not at all, having a 2-foot buffer zone between our lawns and lakeshore, maintaining emergent vegetation in near-shore areas, restoring a percentage of our shoreline to natural conditions, minimizing the amount of weed killing, keeping boat oil and gas from seeping into the lake and disposing of trash properly. It is what we do to our land, in small daily doses, that threatens our water most. Let's protect this precious



Our Loon w/baby

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### **SHE ASKED JOHNNY**

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."

### *Letter from your Editor*

Happy 2004 and think spring. Don't winters get longer and longer? I suppose those of you who ice fish, snowmobile and ski think not. In fact you snowmobilers and skiers can blame me for no snow. I just bought a really nice, self-propelled snow thrower and that's the reason it hasn't been snowing. If I would have had to fuss with that old one, that sometimes wouldn't start and which had trouble throwing snow, it would have snowed just about every day.

All of you who missed the annual dinner meeting last August really missed a real treat. Judy Martin, a long-time CLCC secretary, gave a riveting history of the lake and the Association. I know everyone enjoyed hearing Judy. I'm writing it up on the next page but it won't read half as good as she presented it. And if you had attended you just might have won some thing. My wife did. She won a new DVD player.

I'm anxious for spring—the trees budding, the birds returning, the sound of the crickets, the water fresh from being renewed by the winter's cold, the green grass, the refreshing rain, the sound of the loons, the waves lapping the shoreline, the fish surfacing, tulips blooming and the cabin beckoning for us to return. Aw spring—wonderful spring. And I'll see you at — the Spring Fling.

Sincerely, *Kate*

# The History of the Association by Judy Martin

Written and presented by **Judy Martin** at the annual meeting of the Cedar Lake Association last August. Judy was Secretary of the Association from 1970 until 1990.

"Cedar Lake — It's all about the water. The Cedar Lake Conservation Club was formed in 1953 by fishermen and sportsmen—some of whom had already been on Cedar Lake 20 to 30 years.

"What pristine beauty they were privileged to use. There were no weeds and you could see to the bottom to depths of about 20 feet. And what they saw was a sandy bottom and large boulders off the sandbar where kids used to hunt for mussels.

"And as part of its ecology there were gulls, whitefish, thousands of frogs, a multitude of garter snakes and painted turtles playing their part in the healthy ecology of Cedar Lake. Compared to then very few of these species exist today.

"The article printed in this weeks Maple Lake Messenger and Annandale Advocate gives a brief history of Cedar Lake's progress from 1953 to 1973.

"We got into the sweatshirt and T shirt business in 1971. Greg Heuer drew the lake map and designed the logo.

"To insure I would give an accurate history of the Association I re-read all of the Association's newsletters from 1973 to the present and boy was I ever shocked with things I had forgotten. Like in 1973 the DNR removed 17 tons of bullheads.

"CLCC has always been involved in the Wright County Sports Federation. I was surprised that the water clarity test in 1974 was only 4.5 feet. Because that is less than it is now I think.

In 1976 the lake was at its lowest since 1941. In 1978 the Clearwater watershed was formed and Melvin Wells contributed to the newsletter saying that he was born on the north shore of the lake in 1902. At that time there were only two resorts on the lake—Melvin Wells and Sam Gordons.

"Five passenger trains arrived in Annandale daily and both Wells and Geardinks drove 3-seater covered buggys. Melvin had been on Cedar Lake at that time for 75 years, my mother Ida Draper, me and Greg Heuer for 25 years, Charlie Geardink 45 years, Clarence Hegg 26 years, And Shirley Cook and Art Koehler for 47 years. These figures and other comments were obtained by an opinion survey done by Carolyn Custer.

A 19 lb Northern was spear fished in

January 1978 by Ray Fobbe. In the fall of 1978, Fran Badger submitted a written article of her fall walk passing the Palmquists Pine Tree, Verna Casperson knitting in the window, and Rudy Westlund had his car jacked up, the yellow mums were still blooming in Priebe's back yard, and a yellow violet at Bob Miner's and at Fran and Don' badgers 1st cabin which is now the club house for Cedar Acres.

Clarence Hegg did a number of Seechi dis measurements. They were fairly correlative except for June 1974's which showed 12 feet of clarity. Also, taking 6 inch frogs or longer were prohibited but taking smaller frogs were unlimited. There was a huge frog die off in 1974 caused by Red Leg Disease.

In 1981, the club's interest was in the golf course.

In 1982 Sweatshirts were back in demand, the colors now navy blue with white lettering. The sweatshirts would continue to be in demand and the colors kept changing.

In 2000, many colors of sweatshirts were available and Leslie Kreutter worked on this project all winter.

In 1996, results of a director survey was conducted. 78 were satisfied with the number of dinners. 63 said no to being on the board. A DNS biologist tells Ella Geardink that because of the quality of the lake we were unlikely to have milfoil.

In 1998 Cedar Lake was 1 of 6 lakes to participate in a lake study plan, In 1993, Lou Gross wrote an extensive article on her visit to Schroeder Park having been on Cedar Lake for 26 years.

In 1991 we learn about Zebra Mussels and our rising lake taxes. In 1990 Milfoil is on the rise.

In 1986 Professional photographer Michael Shoop took pictures of our loons.

My opening premise was "It's all about the water isn't it?" Well no, it's about fishing contests, sweatshirt sales, to raise money, charitable works of giving to Camp Courage, Camp

*JUDY continued on next page*

## Photo taken at the annual meeting in 1973

Who do you recognize? I only recognize 5



## JUDY MARTIN

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Friendship and others, about serious commitment of time and effort of the past 50 years by numerous individuals who played a part in the whole process of holding the club together as officers, board members, cabin and lake home owners, survey takers, meal planners, social interactions to share stories and make friends, sportsmen, fishermen, water enthusiasts, pontoon parades, both spring and summer meetings and volunteers of their time.

No one was ever paid for their valuable time for services rendered and no ones arm was twisted to serve. For over 50 years, each one of us, as it felt appropriate came forward to do his or her part in holding the organization together. Some of the duties like that of Treasurer and here I recognize Peter Cook who from at least 1973 to 1997 served as Treasurer and to Shirley Cook who was a long time editor, and to all the women who kept those sweatshirts moving from 1971 to present (Gordon and Ruth Mattson, Eleanor Dykhuisen, Fran Badger, Sandy and Marie May, Jan Altman, Dick Appelgren, Greg Heuer and Judy Draper and many over the past 50 years who are now dead, but did their piece.

Florence Peterson (Kale's aunt) was the club's first secretary from the time of the club's incorporation from 1953-1973.

There are many who are not mentioned here, but those not-named were not omitted intentionally.

The club that we have today and the meal we're having together this evening is a continuing celebration of the club, the lake, it's residents, and posits itself to be here for the future.

In conclusion, I would like to ask— are there any members here who were on the lake in 1973 and if so, would you please stand up.

*Excellent presentation Judy!  
Thanks!*

## From V.P. Dean Sandberg SPRING POTLUCK MAY 28

Think Spring! Think Spring Pot Luck. Go mark it on the calendar right now for Friday, May 28, 2004 at the American Legion in Maple Lake.

We will begin to socialize around 5:30 pm with a cash bar. Bring a dish to share for dinner about 6:30. This is the time to hear all about what happened over the winter. Who added on? Who moved? What day did the ice go out?

You will also learn about the other activities coming up over the summer – and of course meet old and new friends! So come and join us.

## HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS ON THE LAKE

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club wants you to get involved and have more fun on the lake. Involvement in a group makes you feel good about yourself and lets you make new friends. What better way to enjoy your lake experience more than by helping on a committee or joining the Board of Directors.

Call Dean Sanberg at 952-926-5457 (320-274-2057 weekends beginning in May) if you would like to "sample" involvement at a board meeting or committee activity. The 2004-2005 Board is created in August, but now is the time to be thinking about it.

You can get a head start by getting on the "inside" for the Spring Potluck, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade or one of the other activities planned for the summer. You can also email dean@marcomdirect.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

## FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LOVE TO BUY BOOKS

Go online to [www.fetchbook.info](http://www.fetchbook.info) to find where you can buy your books for the least. It seems to have access to all online book-sellers. I think this is a great service and I wish I had found it a long time ago. I would have saved a considerable amount.

## ANTI-FREEZE SUGGESTION:

Once each year ... go to the auto section of a discount store and buy a can or plastic bottle (or more ... depending on # of engines) of Anti-Rust & Water Pump Lubrication for your vehicles... (about \$1.00) ... add 1/2 or a full container (per vehicle) in the radiator OVERFLOW tank (NOT necessary to remove radiator cap) as it will mix each time the engine heats up and cools ... (Anti-freeze doesn't wear out ... but water-pump lube does.) Cheap insurance to prevent a water-pump bearing from wearing out on a highway!

This stuff is good to use with the green antifreeze, it will give extra lubricants to the water pump but the orange antifreeze already had the extra lubricants in it, this is why an auto dealership can give a warranty of 150,000 miles for the orange antifreeze, and it's biodegradable and suppose to be harmless to animals. Always remember to mix any antifreeze with water, a 50/50 mixture. Less antifreeze and more water could cause engine block freeze up, too much antifreeze and not enough water will deteriorate all your rubber hoses, turn your antifreeze black or brown, and cause premature blow out of rubber hoses.

*From my online mechanic who has 29 years experience as a mechanic.*

## WANTED AND FOR SALE

Your editor is still looking for an aluminum boat lift, with cover, for a light 16' aluminum boat and I have a 14' aluminum Lund fishing boat for sale.

Please contact Kale at:  
763/560-7473  
cellphone 612/749-0307  
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PS—Maybe a trade could be worked out??

# Do You Want to Serve on the Board? etc,

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON YOUR BOARD?

If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors for your lake, please contact one of the Board Members by Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> or send a note expressing your desire to: C. L.C.C., P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302.

If you don't know any of the Board Members, contact our President – Leslie Kruegger

From Leslie Kruegger

## Where Have All The Loons Gone?

Through the use of satellite telemetry, Kevin Kenow of the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center of the US Geologic Survey and his collaborators discovered that loons in Wisconsin and Minnesota used one of two migration routes. On one route, they head southward through the interior U.S. toward the Gulf of Mexico and the other route is eastward across the Appalachian Mountains to the Atlantic Coast. During the study, they also discovered that Common Loons could travel almost 600 miles in a three day period and approximately 1,200 miles in one migration.

## New Area Organization

A new area organization is being formed and will include members from each lake association in the area as well as other interested groups. There was very limited information available at the meeting. Ross Pope and Tom Knaup have agreed to represent the CLCC at these meetings.

FROM SHARON KNAUP

## We got walleyes!!

The DNR was here (on 10-29-03) and fed the lake. They dumped 10 barrels of walleyes into the lake. They said it is 350 pounds of fish....that equals about 15-20 fish per pound.

It was fun to see how they do that... I think all the fish swam south toward our end of the lake....

The temp of the water is at 47 degrees! Chilly!

Sharon

## Do You Have Anything to Sell?

Members! Do you have anything you like to sell or that you'd like to buy? If you do please contact your editor with a description of the item. Maybe that item you're going to give up is needed by someone else?

## What Fish?

An RVer named Bill was stopped by a game warden in North Carolina as he was returning to his motorhome with a bucket full of still-alive fish. "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" the game warden asked.

"No sir. These are my pet fish", the man replied.

"Pet fish"? the warden asked.

"Yes Sir. Every night I take these fish down to the lake where I camp and let them swim around for awhile. When they hear my whistle, they jump right back into the bucket and I take them back to the motorhome."

"That a bunch of baloney," the game warden said as he reached for his pad of citations.

The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "If you don't believe me, then follow me back to the lake and see how it works". Still suspicious, but curious, the game warden agreed. So they walked to the lake.

There, the man poured the fish into the lake, where they disappeared into the water.

"Okay" said the warden. "Call them back."

"Call who back"? said the man.

"The fish—call them back!" replied the warden.

"What fish"? asked the man.

(From the Trout Lake Assn. newsletter)

Thanks to Leslie K.

## SWEATSHIRTS

The new Cedar Lake sweatshirts would make wonderful gifts. We still have a good supply of them. The shirts have Cedar Lake and a bass jumping out of the lake done in thread on the left side. They are available in adult sizes L, XL and XXL in yellow, forest green and navy blue. Call Don or Fran Badger at 320-274-5823.

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# CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB MEETING MINUTES

## ANNUAL FALL DINNER AUG 16, 2003

Opening remarks were provided, after the dinner, by President Leslie Kreutter, guest speaker sheriff Gary Miller and door prize announcements by board member Ross Pope.

Guest speaker Judy Martin, secretary of the CLCC from 1970 through 1990, shared some historical information.

The meeting was called to order by President Leslie Kreutter. The reading of the previous meeting's minutes was waived. The treasurer's report was read by Leslie in the absence of Bill Pallies. The report was approved.

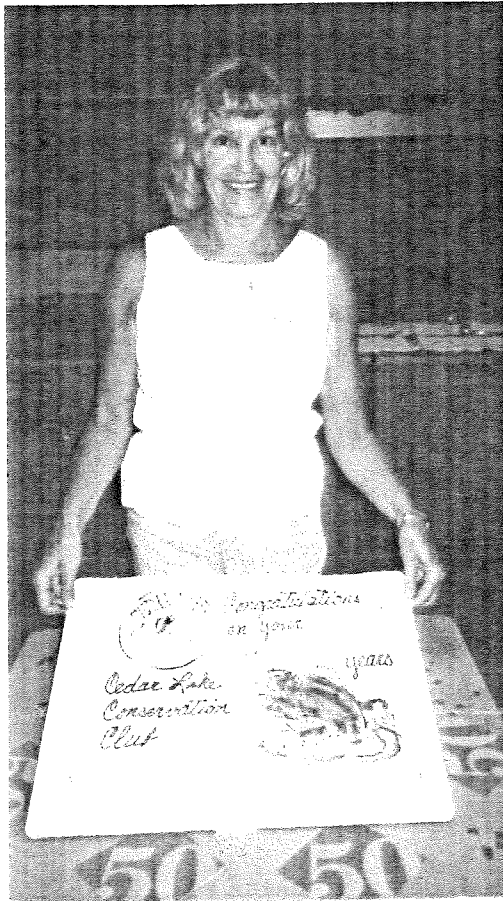
Leslie provided a summary of the 2003 activities sponsored by the CLCC. The 2004 spring pot luck is scheduled for Friday, 5/28. A fishing clinic will not be held in 2004 due to poor response in 2002 and 2003.

The milfoil search produced no milfoil. A secondary search will take place in the fall. 2002 fishing contest awards were announced and the prizes given.

A reminder was given to respect the privacy of the residents when fishing close to docks.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
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## Leslie with 50th Anniversary cake



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## 2003 FISHING CONTEST WINNERS

### WALLEYE

Bill Emerson – 7 lbs. 4 oz.  
Ross Pope – 6 lbs 2 oz.

### NORTHERN

David Nash – 4 lbs 12 oz.  
Aaron Nabours – 2 lbs 12 oz.

### BASS

Milan Feriancek – 3 lbs. 14 oz.  
Dustin Nelson – 3 lbs. 12 oz.

### CRAPPIE

Bill Emerson – 1 lb 8 oz.

### SUNFISH

Colby Linn – 12 oz. (tie)  
Dave Hanson – 12 oz. (tie)

### BULLHEAD

Bob Moody – 1 lb 8 oz. (tie)

## 2004 ACTIVITIES PLANNED

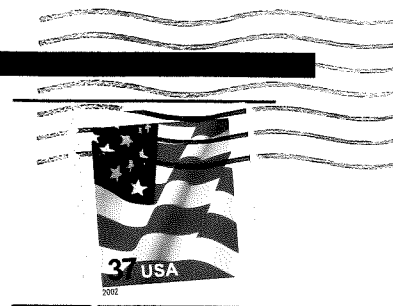
**Spring Pot Luck** – Will be held Friday, 5/28/04 at the Maple Lake Legion Club.

**Milfoil search**—2004 search planned for 7/10/04. Vern Harper will coordinate this.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade/Ice Cream Social**—This year a "starter boat" will be implemented and boat numbers and names will also be assigned to help with the judging and identification of winners

**Annual Meeting**—Reservation has been made at the Maple Lake VFW for Saturday, 8/14/04

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And pleased to be on  
*Cedar Lake*  
Annandale - Maple Lake, MN



Cedar Lake News

## The Loons... Our Feathered "Neighbors"

A distant call adds to the night.  
It's from a loon somewhere in flight.  
And from the lake, its mate replies,  
with a responding sound back to the  
skies.

It sometimes lasts for hours on end,  
with breaks of silence, before starting  
again.

But few complain about their sound,  
because they love their loons around!

They return each year to raise their  
young,  
and are fun to watch for everyone.  
They'll swim and dive next to your  
boat,  
or just decide to sit and float.

Their young hitch rides upon their  
back,  
protecting them from fish attack.  
But as the weeks pass quickly by,  
those little loons learn how to fly.

It's fun to watch their take-off roll,  
they flap their wings, and go real slow.  
And as they run and pick up speed,  
they seem to find the air they need.

And as they lift and join the sky,  
you're so impressed how great they fly!  
To see them leave when fall arrives,  
can bring soft tears beneath your eyes.

They've added to your life some way,  
by being there for you each day.  
They truly are a feathered friend;  
a special "neighbor"... that will return  
again.

By Robert Beskar,  
Cottage Grove, MN

### **ABOUT ROBERT BESKAR**

Bob Beskar is our Always Faithful  
newsletter's poet laureate. Several of  
his poems have appeared in the

newsletter and several of his  
readings are on my "Patriotism" CD.  
Recently a poem he wrote was  
printed on the Memorial program of  
World War II Medal of Honor  
recipient Mitchell Paige.

Knowing how much we love our  
Loons, I asked Beskar if he would  
write a "Loon poem" especially for  
Cedar Lake News. And again he  
came through with flying colors.

Bob also has written poems for  
several Always Faithful readers –  
especially for veterans whose wives  
pass away. He does a fantastic job.  
I wish I had that ability.

**Note:** If anyone has an interest  
in a framed version of this poem  
with a picture of a loon in the  
background please contact your  
editor.