



2011 Recipient



Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

July, 2012

Second Annual CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water August 25, 2012

Enjoy a day of fun on the lake!

After a wildly successful event last year, the CLCC is continuing the new tradition of replacing the spring potluck and annual dinner with a great day on the lake filled with family fun, camaraderie, music, and lake activities. The CLCC Social Committee, led by Cathi Gabriel Westman and involving several others, has put together another exciting afternoon for all ages. Camp Courage has opened its lakefront facility again. From 12 noon until 2pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a lunch of beef brisket, potato salad, chips, watermelon, cookies, and drinks. Games, raffles, lots of entertainment, information on CLCC activities, and great Cedar Lake merchandise sales will fill the time quickly. Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "Midnight Radio," a popular local band, will perform on a barge until 6pm. This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine.

Event Highlights

12 noon - 2pm Camp Courage

Lunch Served by Cottage Gourmets; Fishing Contest Awards; Games, Raffles, Informative Booths, Cedar Lake Merchandise

Come by car or boat! The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; limited space is available to beach your boat

2:00pm-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar

"Midnight Radio" - Live Band Sponsored by Dingmann Marine; Bring Your Own Refreshments

Cost: Free to CLCC Members, Guests \$8 donation

If you have suggestions to make the event even better or wish to help out, contact Cathi at 651-253-2675.

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Stay abreast of breaking news – visit www.cedarlakeecc.org for the latest updates.

Do you enjoy reading about the activities on the lake? 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.

President's Letter

Summer is in full swing and the importance of the lake to our friends and families is in the spotlight. July 4th traditions, kids and grandkids with popsicles and sandy feet, fun water toys, or the simple pleasure of making fire together provide grounding in our lives that nothing else can match. Our lake is an anchor in our relationships; providing the stage for important memories and stories. So, who really controls this precious resource called "the lake"? Technically, the DNR does, but we are the stewards. Volunteer lake associations that were formed over forty years ago to serve primarily as social clubs, are now called upon to define strategy and manage long term, complicated projects to maintain lake quality.

I would like to underscore the word volunteer. This is my last article as president and would like to thank all those I have served with. This group is talented, committed, and generous with their time. Going off the board this year are **Ray Howard**, **Gary Goldetsky**, and **Paul Schutte**. Please thank them for their service and many hours they have given to CLCC.

To close, is this the right time of your "lake life" to volunteer your time and talent to CLCC as a steward and student of the lake? All of us need to take our turn. Do your fair share. Volunteer for a lake activity you are interested in. Meet new neighbors and find out what it feels like to be involved with activities that enhance Cedar Lake, a very special place.

Kathy Jonsrud

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Remembering Don Badger

Cedar Lake lost a dear friend last month with the passing of Don Badger. Don started coming to Cedar Lake as a boy scout, spent his honeymoon at Geardink's Resort with Fran, his longtime love, and then settled on the west side of the lake. Many know the Badger place, with the telephone booth perched near the shore and the 4pm happy hours on the deck.

Don was a tremendous leader and longtime supporter of CLCC. As well as serving as the president, he kept counts of loons, secchi readings, ice out dates, and worked tirelessly to keep Cedar Lake vibrant. He had the vision many years ago to establish the Milfoil Fund that now supports the CLCC efforts. Don was also very active in the surrounding community as a volunteer at Pioneer Park, providing financial and tax advice at no charge to families in need, and at the Annandale United Methodist Church.

Don's family continues to have strong ties with CLCC, with daughter Leslie Kreutter and sons Bob and Paul Badger having homes on the lake.

2012 Calendar of Remaining Events

2nd Annual CLCC Picnic

August 25, 12pm - 2pm

Location: Camp Courage Lakeside Picnic Area
or Dining Hall if raining

Live Music on the Water

August 25, following the picnic

Location: South Side of the Sand Bar

Annual Fishing Contest

Until 7pm, August 24th

Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Picnic
To enter a fish or for more information contact
Dean Nicholson at 320-274-3516 to weigh and
validate your fish entry.

Board Of Directors and Annual Meeting

September 22, 9am

Location: Corrina Township Hall.

All CLCC members are encouraged to attend
and participate

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances at 7/10/12

By Bill Arendt

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$39,039.84
Walleye Stocking	2,913.19
General CLCC	10,197.36
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>2,915.00</u>
TOTAL	\$55,065.39

*If you have any questions, please let me
know (320-274-2422, wfa12345@aol.com)*

FOR SALE: 2005 20ft Bennington Pontoon, 75HP 4Stroke
Yamaha \$13,000. Shorestation Pontoon Lift \$5000.
Call Ray Howard 320-274-3715

Beat the Heat and Support Your Lake Association With a Cedar Lake Cooler

They are light weight and durable and make wonderful accessories for your boat. The royal blue 6-pack cooler is only \$12 and made of recycled materials. The Leeds Fresco Sport Cooler has a leak proof main compartment that holds 20 twelve-oz. cans (or 4 bottles of wine). It has a shoulder strap and side carry handles for easy portability. Side shock cords can hold bottles or napkins. It sells for \$25.

Contact Leslie Kreutter leslieabk@gmail.com.

See the Cedar Lake Conservation Club website for additional merchandise.



CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Where can you help? Please consider joining one of the following committees:

Committee	Activities	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect and improve our water quality and beneficial vegetation.	Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil control, Water Quality Monitoring, Special Projects	Bob Badger	badgerd@hotmail.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve and protect beneficial wildlife, fish, and the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Educational programs, Weed Wrench Loan Program, Walleye Stocking, Fishing Contest, Loon Nesting & Buoys	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership and involvement in Cedar Lake Conservation Club	Membership retention and growth, Newsletter, Website, Directory, Visionary and Friend Programs	Mike Hankee	mlhankee@lakedalelink.net
Social Promote fellowship among lake residents and friends of Cedar Lake	Earth Wings & Water Nature Expo 4 th of July Boat Parade Summer Picnic and Music on the Water	Cathy Gabriel Westman	cqglawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage and sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cedar Lake clothing and merchandise	Leslie Kreutter	leslieabk@gmail.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Securing nominations for annual Board elections	Carter Diers	carterdiers@yahoo.com
Grant Writing (ad hoc committee) Explore and apply for grants that further the purpose of CLCC	Research and apply for grants with an immediate focus to help support control of invasive species	TBD	

Membership Committee by Mike Hankee

The Membership Committee encourages membership and member involvement by focusing on several activities, including member satisfaction, the newsletter, the member directory and the website. Mike Hankee is the 2012 chair of the membership committee.

The CLCC membership is strong, with 187 (77%) dues paying members in 2011 out of the 241 property owners. The CLCC membership is well above the 50% average that good lake associations maintain.

The Board plans to continue increasing membership value, improving the awareness and understanding of committees and activities, and increasing engagement of members. A few of the items that the Membership Committee is focusing on in 2012 include:

- Continue with the annual lake walk-around to provide CLCC information,
- New-member packet, and July dues-reminder,
- Develop membership information about activities and committees, and
- Define and coordinate newsletter and website activities.

One of the key activities of the membership Committee is the Newsletter. Three newsletters are being published this year, in April, July and November. Mary Ellen Wells is our publisher and does a great job managing our newsletters. Bill Arendt takes care of the printing.

Mark Trostad continues to be a member of the committee and does a great job as our webmaster. Please take a look at the 2012 CLCC Website: www.cedarlakeecc.org

We are looking for more members for the Membership Committee. Do you enjoy welcoming new lake neighbors? Or maybe developing membership information? How about ideas for improving the value of our newsletter and website? Are you looking for a fun way to connect with lake neighbors that can fit into your busy life? If so, the Membership Committee has something for you. If you would like more information contact Mike Hankee, mlhankee@lakedalelink.net

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!

If you've forgotten, please use the enclosed slip and send in as soon as possible.

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Fish and Wildlife Conservation

By Paul Schutte and Cheryl Wold

Earth, Wings & Water Nature Expo 2012 a Great Success!

Ask anyone who attended the Earth, Wings & Water Nature Expo in May for their review and you will hear things like “fantastic... so much information... great speakers and fun time!”

Held at Camp Courage, indeed it was a fun day packed with something for everyone! New this year was the children’s area. Kids (and adults) learned fascinating facts about our lake loons. Families also assembled free bluebird houses and learned how to best attract and host bluebirds.

What a line-up of knowledgeable speakers we had! The common thread that linked many of these presentations was the importance of our personal commitment as advocates and participants in responsible lake stewardship.

- Darby Nelson (author, *For Love of Lakes*) encouraged us to extend our love for the lake to include protecting the lake ecosystems for future generations.
- Rob Langer (Natural Shore Technologies) explained how utilizing native plants along the shoreline can both improve water quality and beautify your yards.
- Keith Radel (MN Bluebird Recovery Program) provided an energetic presentation on bringing back the Bluebird, with proper management and house placement.
- Mike North, (MN DNR) spoke on Purple Martins, Chimney Swifts and the importance of being involved in the Breeding Bird Atlas.
- Paul Dietrich (MN DNR) gave a great presentation on our fisheries.
- Surely one highlight of the day was Stan Tekiela’s entertaining talk on “Uncommon Facts About Common Birds.” Many of us now have a whole new perspective on some of our winged neighbors!

Successful big events like this happen when individuals are willing to commit their time, talents and energy to providing for the greater good of our lake environment. The Cedar Lake Conservation Club is a leader in providing educational resources not only for Cedar lake residents, but for our surrounding lake communities. A huge THANK YOU to all the many volunteers who made Earth, Wings & Water Nature Expo 2012 a huge success

Fishing Contest

You think you have just caught Big Fish? Well, take it over to the Nicholson’s at 8979 Iresfeld Ave NW (North side of the lake near Schroeder Park) and have it weighed by Dean. You could be eligible for a prize that will be given out at our Summer Picnic at Camp Courage August 25th. The contest will run thru the 24th of August. We encourage kids to enter the contest.. Any species of fish is eligible. So head out and see

what’s lurking in Cedar Lake and it might just win you a prize.

Walleye Stocking

Get ready, because this fall we are planning for additional stocking of walleyes in Cedar Lake. The funding from this comes from raffles/donations at our events and with the Visionary Donations through CLCC. So basically the more money we receive, the more walleyes we can stock. Look for special raffles at the summer picnic. Let’s make this even a larger stocking project than we had in the fall of 2010, when over 1900 walleye fingerlings were stocked. We continue to work with the DNR so our stocking is in the off year of theirs. Remember, any donations are always accepted and are tax deductible.

Loons

This year has been a real challenge for the loons with the high water that occurred on Cedar Lake. The two loon nesting platforms that CLCC provided were put to good use under challenging nesting conditions. The Platform that was in the Camp Courage hatched one chick from that location. The platform on the sandbar was used by another pair, but was not occupied until very late spring. It seemed that the pair was very irritated by a pair of eagles that were hanging out at that location for many weeks. Remember to keep your distance from the Loons as they raise their young.

Purple Martins

This year purple martin landlords on the lake could see a banner year of young being fledged from their colonies. It appears that from the reports we have the most nest occupied, and our nest clutches are larger, and we have not lost many birds due to weather. This could be our biggest number of fledged birds ever on our lake!! Our new location of a T-14 house at Schroeder Park is hosting 3 nests, for its first year!, which is quite remarkable.

We commend all of you that have made a commitment to host these birds on your property for everyone to enjoy.

These birds have been on a decline for the past 40 years but now appear to be holding at a steady population because of you! You can get a chance to view these birds by checking the lake tour map out at our web site for colony locations.

Nominating Committee - 3 Board Positions

The Nominating Committee is in search of untapped energy and talents. Please contact Carter Diers (320-274-6564; carterdiers@yahoo.com) or Bobby Ebert (Bobby.Ebert@northstarfinancial.com) if you are interested in serving on the CLCC Board. You won’t regret the chance to meet great lake people and make a difference for Cedar Lake.

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Cedar Lake Visionary Program

By Mike Hankee



Please consider the CLCC and the Visionary Fund when planning your donations. This is a great way to make a tax deductible contribution and provides a great way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special date. You could also provide a remembrance memorial to someone who loved the lake.

Donation forms are available on the website: www.CedarLakeCC.org

A Big Thank You To Our Newest Visionaries

Silver (Up to \$99)

Jim Domain
Warren & Wendt Watson
Dick & Dorothy Sorheim
Milan Feriancek & Gail Gomilak
Dave & Sue Levi
Karen Weiss
Ron & Christy Bateman
Dean & Carolyn Custer
John & Judy Halverson
Anthony & Jean Hoholik
Ron & Christy Bateman
John & Judy Halverson
Jon & Linda Oxenford
Larry & Melanie Kramer

Gold (\$100 - \$499)

Bob & Lorraine Johnson
Leslie Kreuter
Ken & Karen Savik
Jim & Judy Martin
Patty & David Glass
Bruce & Cathy Campbell

Platinum (\$500 - \$999)

Chad & Jennifer Filek

Lifetime (\$1000 or more)

Bill Arendt & Mary Ellen Wells (sustaining)
Glenn & Liz Baird
Kathy & Orv Jonsrud (sustaining)
Christa Lane Larsen (sustaining)
Bill & Ruth Westhoff (sustaining)

Questions? Contact Mike Hankee,
mhankee@lakedalelink.net

Get To Know The 2011-2012 CLCC Board!

Board Member	Start	End	E-Mail	Home TN	Lake TN
Ray Howard	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	raymarie@lakedalelink.net	320-274-3715	320-274-3715
Paul Schutte	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	pschutte54@hotmail.com	612-968-3034	612-968-3034
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Leslie Kreutter	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	leslieabk@gmail.com	320-274-2148	320-274-2148
Kathy Jonsrud	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	kjonsrud@yahoo.com	320-274-2166	320-274-2166
Cheryl Wold	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	chjefu@charter.net	763-241-0199	
Jim Martin	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	orvandjudy@comcast.net	320-274-5730	320-274-5730
Gary Miron	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	miron72@comcast.net	763-425-0904	
Jean Skomoroh	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	jeaned@lakedalelink.net	320-274-7155	320-274-7155
Mike Hankee	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	mhankee@lakedalelink.net	651-503-4189	
Arlan Daniel	Sept 2011	Sept 2015	arlandaniel@yahoo.com	952-237-6665	
Cathy Campbell	Sept 2011	Sept 2015	cathytc@mao.com	952-831-3257	
Bill Arendt*	Aug 2004	Aug 2008	wfa12345@aol.com	320-274-2422	320-274-2422

*Non Board member, elected Treasurer in 2009

CLCC board meetings are open to members and include an open forum for new business. The board welcomes and encourages member attendance and participation. All meetings begin at 9am at the Corinna Township Hall. Contact any Board Member for further information.

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Water Quality Committee *By Bob Badger*

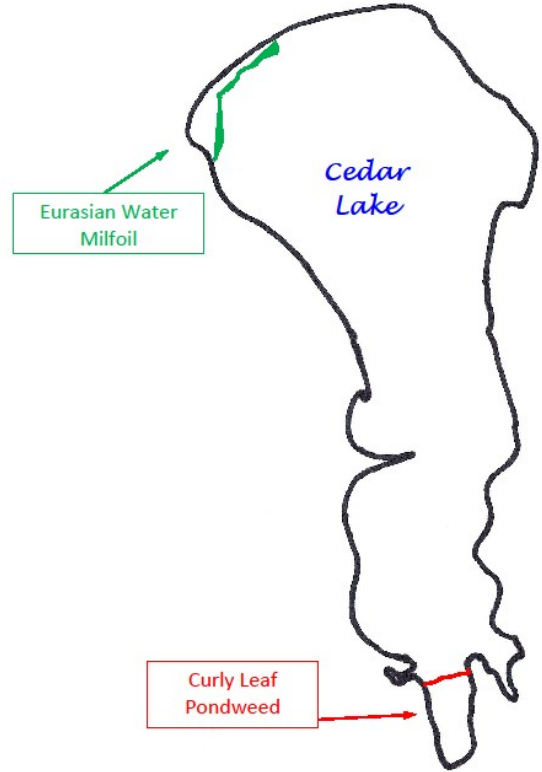
Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Great News! CLCC received two DNR grants to help treat Aquatic Invasive Species. These awards are largely due to the many years of networking and leadership. We are recognized as a can-do lake association with a long history of stewardship. The first grant of \$2,000 helps cover costs to treat the curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and the second grant of \$3,292 helps the effort to treat the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). *Very special thanks to Orv Jonsrud for his exceptional management of the DNR grant process on behalf of CLCC.*

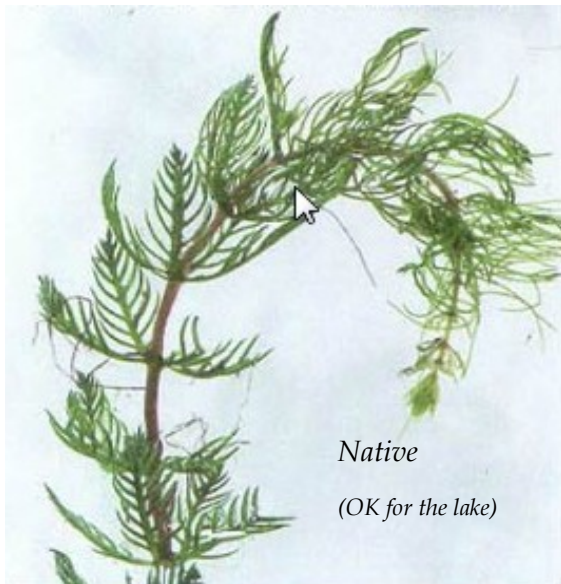
Another piece of good news is that there were only 6 acres of CLP to treat this year compared to 38 acres in 2010, showing that our efforts are working. This year's treatment took place near the south end of the lake on May 9th, and with the DNR grant the CLCC costs were only \$363. Hope is high that these aggressive steps will contain this nasty AIS.

EWM treatment was completed on July 10th. This year, 22 acres were treated, up from the 10 acres last year. The EWM treatment costs are \$10,975, and the DNR grant reduces the funds needed from the Watershed to \$7683.

The Water Quality Committee will plan an evaluation of the treatment effectiveness later in the summer, and if necessary, will mobilize the "Milfoil Warriors" to help with a hand harvest. Correct identification of EWM is critical; it typically has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets. The non-invasive native northern water milfoil, which is often confused with EWM, only has 5 to 9 pairs of leaflets.



Northern Water Milfoil
only 5-9 leaflet pairs per leaf



Eurasian Water Milfoil
12-21 leaflet pairs per leaf



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Water Quality continued from p. 6

DNR Staffed Inspections on Cedar Lake



As serious lake people know, preventing aquatic invasive species from entering the lake is very difficult. Education and enforcement are key to successful prevention. On several days in June and July, DNR staff were at the boat landing on County Road 6 to conduct inspections and educate boaters. The DNR plans additional coverage on the lake throughout the summer.

18,000 Pounds Carp Harvested from Cedar

In another huge win for Cedar Lake, the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) removed an incredible amount of carp from Cedar in early June. The carp were spawning and trying to get up stream to the Henshaw, Albion, and Swartout lakes. Since carp stir up the phosphorus that settles at the bottom of the lake, the



reduction of this rough fish is part of the strategy of the Cedar Lake P06 Project. The CRWD managed the harvesting of 18,000 pounds of carp south of Segner Pond.



Check out more about CRWD and their Cedar Lake Projects at www.crw.org

New laws in Minnesota are in effect to help fight the spread of AIS

- Boaters will be subject to mandatory roadside check stations for invasive species inspections.
- Fines for those caught violating the invasive species laws will double to \$100 to \$500.

Lifts, docks, swim rafts, and other moveable accessories that are removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body for at least 21 days, to kill invasive species that might be attached.

Boaters are required to:

- CLEAN VISIBLE AQUATIC plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving any water access.
- DRAIN WATER FROM the boat's bilge, live well, motor, ballast tanks and portable bait containers before leaving any water access or shoreline property.
- KEEP DRAIN PLUGS out and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft. This includes pontoon plugs that are reasonably accessible.

Help your friends and family visiting Cedar to remember these laws and the importance of a clean launch on our lake!

Wright County High Water 300ft No-Wake

CLCC has an opportunity to join a proposed Wright County "standing" high water no-wake ordinance. Cedar Lake's water level remains fairly constant, but given the last two years of high water, many have witnessed the damage it can do to the lake shore. Along with erosion of our lake shores, there is tremendous nutrient loading.

The CLCC Board of Directors voted to proceed with establishing a 300ft No Wake that would automatically be in effect when high water is experienced. A recent member survey on the issue indicates that, of those who responded, 89% support the action. The proposed ordinance was reviewed with the Corinna Township Board on June 6th and the next step will be a public hearing with the Wright County Board of Commissioners on August 21st at 9:30am in the Wright County Government Center.

Until this rule takes effect, please practice a voluntary 300 ft no wake. Also, CLCC has provided hand-outs for campers at Schroder Park explaining the high water and request for voluntary 300 ft no wake.

Any concerns or questions regarding the many topics related to Water Quality can be addressed to Bob Badger badgerd@hotmail.com or any of the CLCC Board members.

Annandale, MN 55302
P.O. Box 192
CLCC

Fourth of July Fun!

One of the highlights on Cedar Lake each year is the 4th of July Boat Parade.

Many participated and took a tour around the lake, sharing their patriotic enthusiasm with those on shore.



Best Watercraft
Bakken / Petersmeyer



Most Enthusiastic - Knaup



Best Dock Winner-
Badger / Kreutter