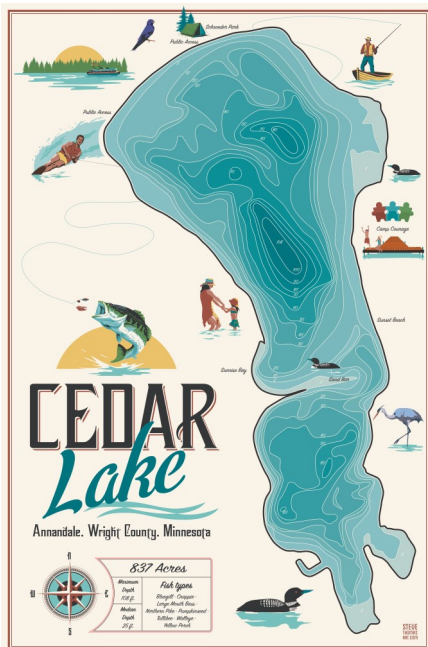


Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

November 2019

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Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

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.

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Being elected president of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club is truly an honor. I say this because Cedar Lake has been part of my life since my parents built a cabin here in 1964. And I remember on more than one occasion my mother saying how lucky we were to have such a fine organization on our lake.

There are so many memories of spending summers on Cedar with my six siblings. We learned to swim, fish, play frisbee, and everything else you do lakeside as a kid. I remember taking the fishing boat with a 6 HP Johnson to Geardink's Resort to pick up a half gallon of milk for the family and getting a 5-cent candy as a reward. I remember getting our family dogs, a couple of English Springer Spaniels, from Nobel Shaddock on Clearwater. And, I remember as a teen occasionally riding my bike up the "backroads" from New Hope. I even hitchhiked up Highway 55 once or twice just to be at the lake; not something you would do today, of course.

In those days, the dock would go in Memorial weekend and get pulled on Labor Day. Now, we put the dock in 2-3 weeks after ice out and take it in mid-October. Of course, living on the lake fulltime makes a difference. In 2004, my wife Mary and I inherited the cabin. In 2013, we built our home. Fortunately, we were able to keep the cabin. You can see it just past our 8-foot black and white lighthouse (just north of Camp Courage bay). Our house is up on the bluff through the trees.

Living here fulltime has only served to strengthen my love for Cedar Lake. And remembering my mother's words about the CLCC, as well as both my parents' commitment to civic engagement, I thought it was important to become a part of CLCC. So, I take the responsibility of being your CLCC president seriously. Fortunately, we continue to have a strong and vibrant organization. We have an active membership with an incredible volunteer base, a highly engaged Board, a long list of excellent past presidents, and a water quality committee that is second to none.

As I take the reins from one of those excellent past presidents, Karen Lohn, the obvious question is, what's next for the CLCC?

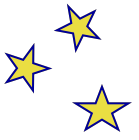
First and foremost, water quality remains job one. With the Wright Regional Inspection Program ceasing operations, we need to determine how to best protect this precious resource from the dozens of aquatic invasive species that are making their way toward us through US lakes and rivers. That means, at a minimum, we must continue at-the-access monitoring. We must also continue to focus on educating users of the lake – homeowners, cabin owners, campers, renters, and day-users – as to how they can help. We must also explore some new options, including things like at-the-access cleaning stations (CD3 Waterless Cleaning Station) and at-the-access cameras with voice instructions (I-LIDS Cameras). See more information on page 6.

Second, we want to continue the initiative to improve board governance that began under Karen Lohn's term. We've already taken some steps, like getting insurance for directors and officers. And, now that the revised Bylaws are in place, we want to implement the enhanced committee and service chair structure that the Board designed at its strategic planning session last January. We also want to build out our job descriptions, ensure a policy for taking and storing committee minutes, create an anti-harassment policy, and review our finances to match each expense to one of our fund categories.

Lastly, we want to continue to promote fellowship among the membership. In other words, we want to have some fun. To that end, we are planning another CLCC picnic and music on the water (July 18, 2020), hope to increase participation in the CLCC fishing contest, and explore other ideas for getting people together.



Make the Lake Part of Your Year End Giving
CLCC Visionaries See details on page 2



CLCC VISIONARIES

Making a Difference

The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Our Visionary Fund was started in 2010 and has become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake. **Our Visionary donations in 2018 shattered all past records with a total of \$30,513.**

Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice:

General, Walleye Stocking, Water Quality, and Memorial Fund.

Payments can be made either by check (P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302) or very conveniently online. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org) has a link for donating electronically using Pay Pal—scroll down the home page for the Visionary information. For further information, contact CLCC President Elect David Glass (glassdavid@gmail.com 651-343-9674).

Visionary Contributions Since November 2018 and Lifetime Visionary

SILVER (up to \$99)

- Barry & Carrie Andersen
- Daniel Roos
- Doug & Jane Doerfler*
- Bruce & Laurie Dvorak*
- Marlys Enger
- Mitch & Desiree Flemming*
- Lisa Hjort
- Wayne & Paula Hoistad*
- Kevin & Rosanne Johnson
- Margaret Johnson*
- Mike & Jeanne Izzo*
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- Jon & Linda Oxenford
- Dewey & Julie Pettit*
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- Rick & Lynne Seagraves
- Jim Solheid
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GOLD (\$100 to \$499)

- Scott Anderson*
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- Mike & Dawn Cole*
- Randy & Sharon Cochran*
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- Bill & Delores Burke*
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- Jim Domian*
- Greg & Char Duppler*
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PLATINUM cont. (\$500 to \$999)

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- Phil & Beth Trout*
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- Bill Arendt & Mary Ellen Wells*
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- Terry & Christine Morse*
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- Katie Wolf



** Indicates Sustaining Member with multiple contributions in that category. When donors reach a higher visionary category with multiple donations, they will be recognized in that higher category.*



CLCC Recognizes Outgoing Leadership New Officers and Directors Elected

At the CLCC Annual Member Meeting on September 7th, 2019, new Directors and Officers were elected. The CLCC Bylaws have term limits for the leadership, so we regularly have new volunteers to provide leadership, diversity, and fresh ideas to the Board.

First, a note of gratitude and thanks for outgoing president **Karen Lohn** and outgoing board member **Kathy Miron**.

Karen's term as president was exceptionally successful with numerous accomplishments including:

- ✓ "walkabout" to visit lake residents;
- ✓ website redesign;
- ✓ record amount of access inspections;
- ✓ fresh new ideas for picnic, including a DNR Fisheries speaker.

Karen will continue to serve on the Board for one more year as Past President.

Kathy Miron leaves the CLCC Board after five years of service—two as Vice President, two as President, and one as Past President. During Kathy's leadership, the Visionary Program had record donations, membership remained vibrant, and aquatic invasive species management activities were expanded.

CLCC Officers

Karl Leslie is the new President and has been elected for a 2 year term. Karl has been active with the Water Quality Committee for years and has extensive volunteer leadership skills. Karl has already led a revision of the CLCC Bylaws, available on the CLCC website www.cedarlakeecc.org. Read more about Karl on page 1.

David Glass is the new President Elect and has been elected for a 2 year term. David and his family are long time Cedar residents and David has interests in natural shoreline restoration.

Liz Baird continues as Treasurer and **Terri Erickson** as Sec-

retary. Both have been elected for 2 year terms.

New CLCC Directors (4 year terms)

Brad Geisler

Brad grew up spending every summer on Cedar Lake and now lives here full time. He is a pilot for Sun Country Airlines and is an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He is looking forward to serving the CLCC by helping with fish stocking, conservation, and other wildlife matters. He appreciates the opportunity to work with everyone.

Lori Larson

Lori is retired, after a career of service for the Central Intelligence Agency and other government agencies. Lori and her husband Kent have three children, all grown. In retirement, Lori enjoys her long-delayed personal interests of home décor, crafting, and other artistic dreams. She looks forward to serving on the board to deepen community connections and further appreciate the beauty of Cedar Lake. Lori is also serving as the CLCC Events Committee Chair.

Greg Duppler

Greg retired after a career in merchandising with Target. He currently lives in Plymouth. He and his wife Char have 2 grown children and enjoying caring for their grandchildren. Greg joined the board because Cedar Lake has been such a wonderful part of his family for over 20 years. Greg states, "We have so many great memories and we want to do anything we can to help keep it as clean and full of fish as possible so other families can develop their traditions in future years!"

Please welcome these friends and neighbors to the CLCC Board and thank them for serving Cedar Lake. Contact information for all the CLCC Officers and Directors is below.

Contact the CLCC Board

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Karl Leslie	President	Sept 2021	kmzleslie@gmail.com	320-274-3077
David Glass	President Elect	Sept 2021	glassdavid@gmail.com	651-343-9674
Terri Erickson	Secretary	Sept 2021	terriwestmetro@kw.com	612-889-2808
Liz Baird	Treasurer	Sept 2021	lizbaird22@gmail.com	612-599-4128
Karen Lohn	Past President	Sept 2020	karenlohn@boreal.org	320-274-2858
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Warren Schultz	Director	Sept 2020	hbi.warren@gmail.com	612-868-2938
Renee Bianchi	Director	Sept 2021	bianchibrooks@gmail.com	612-760-4856
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Jim Kuhn	Director	Sept 2021	jkuhn@amc-on-line.com	952-250-5199
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Orv Jonsrud	Director	Sept 2022	ojonsrud@yahoo.com	320-274-2166
Jayne DeGroot	Director	Sept 2022	jmdegroote14@icloud.com	763-670-9060
Brad Geisler	Director	Sept 2023	bradgeisler8@gmail.com	612-868-9337
Lori Larson	Director	Sept 2023	llarson@mac.com	703-599-4128
Greg Duppler	Director	Sept 2023	greg.duppler@yahoo.com	612-310-7236

Fish and Wildlife Committee

by Paul Schutte pschutte54@hotmail.com | 612-968-3034

CLCC Fishing Contest Winners

The Fishing Contest winners are in! The winners were announced at the CLCC Annual Member meeting on September 7th.

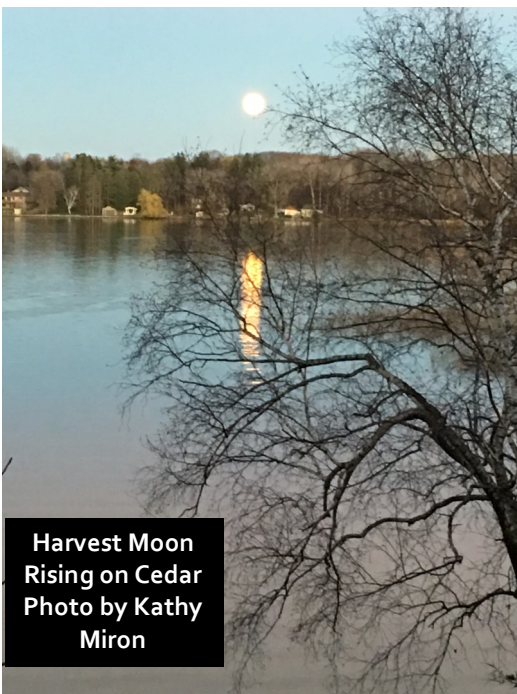
A special thanks (once again) to **Dean and Kathy Nicholson**, for organizing the contest and weighing in the fish.

Walleye	Sunfish	Bass
1st Place Kent Kocon 4.52 pounds	1st Place Justin Hill 0.53 pounds	1st Place Lisa Bellows 3.11 pounds
2nd Place Kent Kocon 4.39 pounds	2nd Place Keira Nicholson 0.50 pounds	2nd Place Phil DeGroot 3.10 pounds

Changing of the Season

As we enter a change in seasons first ice on the lake can be right around the corner. We are asking everyone to use caution on the new ice. Taking a chance venturing out too early could be fatal. Also a light snow on first ice can be deceiving, as it may appear the ice is safe. Always keep a pair of ice picks with you and wear a life jacket during early ice. Not only can drowning kill you but hypothermia can quickly set in and be fatal in a very short time. Remember a few fish or a spin on your four wheeler or snow mobile is not worth a disaster.

Cedar Lake can be one of the last lakes to freeze over in the area so be careful. A light snow on thin ice can be misleading.



Harvest Moon
Rising on Cedar
Photo by Kathy
Miron

DNR Stocks Walleyes on Cedar

The DNR stocked walleye on Cedar twice this year. This spring, a small quantity of yearlings and adults were stocked (41 fish weighing 46 pounds) and this fall from September 18 to October 3 over 5,000 fingerlings were stocked. Walleye fingerlings—bigger than walleye fry—have a better chance of survival.

The DNR stocks walleye every other year on Cedar, and the CLCC has stocked on the off year.

The CLCC Walleye Fund has about \$6,000 already donated for our planned 2020 walleye stocking. Please see page 2 for more information if you would like to donate to the Walleye Fund.



Paul's Corner

Now is the time to get those feeders out and enjoy your feathered friends. For some of you that are not snow birds, getting the most out of the winter season should include filling your bird feeders.

Offering different types of seed will increase the chance of a variety of species visiting your all-you-can-eat bird buffet. A favorite of many birds are oiled sunflower seeds. A suet cake will attract the many species of woodpeckers we have on Cedar.



Sit back and enjoy the beauty of the winter season at its best.

Remembering the Summer of 2019 on Cedar



Music on the Water July 20 | Rained all morning and the skies cleared just in time for dancing on the water.



CLCC Picnic July 20 | Full house, great raffle, and the very popular balloon sculptor



July 4th | Rain dumper in morning, but parade motored on. Best Dock | Scott and Chris Nelson Family

Recap of CLCC Annual Member Meeting

The CLCC Annual Member Meeting was held on September 7th, 2019. There was a good showing of members, with several important items on the agenda. The agenda included:

- ✓ Presentation by Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) Engineer and Administrator, Rebecca Carlson, on the District's water quality projects;
- ✓ Election of 4 new Directors by the membership (see page 3 for more details);
- ✓ Adoption of revised CLCC Bylaws.

CRWD and Water Quality Projects

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) www.crw.org is a government agency established to protect water quality. Cedar Lake is part of the district and has two active projects to specifically protect Cedar Lake. Rebecca Carlson has been the District's lead engineer for almost 20 years and has deep historical knowledge about Cedar's projects. She provided a review of our project, started in 2006 (Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw Project—sometimes call PO6) to improve Cedar's water quality. Results over the past 13 years have been exceptional, reaching project goals. Carlson explained the unusual rains and heavy 2019 spring snow fall resulted in nutrient loading in many lakes which caused unusual algae

blooms. Carlson's informative, authentic presentation and question/answer session was very well received.

New CLCC Directors and Revised Bylaws

Each year, at the CLCC Annual Meeting, the membership elects new Directors. This year, 4 new directors were elected for 4 year terms. More details can be found on page 3.

In January of 2019, the CLCC Board began the process to update the Bylaws. The process was led by Karl Leslie, now our CLCC President. The Board engaged in thoughtful discussion on all the changes. The new Bylaws are available on the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org)—click on "Board Files" at the top banner. Here's a summary of the major Bylaws changes:

- ✓ Made all officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer) voting members of the Board;
- ✓ Established two year terms for officers;
- ✓ Allows Board to vote by email;
- ✓ Formalized CLCC committee structure and responsibilities;
- ✓ Allows Board to make Bylaws changes.

Next CLCC Annual Member Meeting is September 12th, 2020, 9am Corinna Township Hall. Hope you can attend!

New Tools to Control Aquatic Invasive Species

The CLCC Water Quality Committee and Board of Directors are exploring new tools to help control the spread of aquatic invasive species. For several years CLCC has purchased extra monitoring/inspections at the lake access (see more information on page 9). Other tools are becoming available and evaluation is underway with Cedar stakeholders to define value and applicability to Cedar.

CD3-Clean, Drain, Dry, Dispose Waterless Cleaning Systems



CD3 Cleaning Station

CD3 systems use behavior science to empower the public to increase compliance with invasive species rules and regulations. User operated tools at the station include a wet/dry vacuum, air blower, tethered hand tools and LED lighting. Built-in technology tracks the use of the tools and reporting is provided.

I-LIDS Monitoring Cameras

The I-LIDS cameras at the boat accesses are designed to create user awareness at the launches when inspectors are not present. When the access is used, a sensor activates a voice message to encourage self-inspection and alerts the camera to record. The system captures and saves a video chronology of the launch activity.

Lake Sylvia and Lake John have installed I-LIDS systems.

Your feedback is welcome on these ideas. See page 3 to contact CLCC Board leadership.



I-LIDS Camera at Lake Sylvia

Lake Properties and Landscape Maintenance

Traditions on the lake provide an important grounding and focus for many families. However, some traditions and practices change over the years. Many of us remember when the cheery guy with the light blue nose encouraged us to use more electricity because it was “penny cheap”. Years ago, it was not considered dangerous to smoke cigarettes and have a cocktail while pregnant. **Yep, things change.**

As lakeshore owners, new knowledge regarding landscape practices can help us preserve and protect the lake for future generations.

Use Less Salt During the Winter

Many water researchers are concerned with the increasing salt concentration in our waters. Most municipalities are adjusting their road salt practices. We as homeowners can use salt sparingly on our sidewalks and driveways—just a bit often does just as good job as a heavy application. When the temperature is 10 below or less, salt has limited impact on melting ice.

Mulch Leaves Instead of Raking

University of Minnesota Extension recommends using your lawn mower to mulch the leaves. The tiny bits of mulched leaves will be turned into organic matter to fertilize your lawn and help reduce weeds. Mulched leaves are better for the

greater community because they stay on site and out of the lake and landfills.

There are occasional reports of lakeshore owners blowing leaves into the lake. Yes, some leaves naturally end up in the lake, but think of them as a fertilizer and **a lawn full of leaves should not be blown into the lake.** Corinna Township (9801 Ireland Ave—north side of lake) provides composting (grass and leaves) if you cannot mulch all your leaves. Corinna Township also has a brush pile facility.

Grandpa Burned the Garbage at the Lake

This one is simple—don’t burn your household garbage. Since 1980, for most of Minnesota, it is illegal for home owners to burn garbage. The Minnesota Pollution Control agency provides clear direction to use local garbage and recycling services.

Fertilizing Lakeshore Lawns

This is a tough passion to modify, but consider reducing the amount of fertilizer used on your lakeshore lawn. Experiment with trying just one fall application. Though most lawn fertilizers no longer contain phosphorus in Minnesota, the other chemicals used (e.g. nitrogen) do end up in the lake. For weed control, consider spot application.

CLCC Committees Shared Purpose = Deep Friendships

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and quality of Cedar Lake.

Volunteering for CLCC is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and more deeply enjoy the lake with shared service.

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so please join in.

CLCC Committee	Chair	Contact
Water Quality Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud	kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership Encourage membership & involvement	David Glass	glassdavid@gmail.com
Events Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Lori Larson	ljl Larson@mac.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Carter Diers	carterdiers@yahoo.com

Starry Stonewort None Found on Cedar

Good news! In September, CLCC organized a diver assisted inspection for starry stonewort (SSW) on Cedar. None was detected. **A special shout out to CLCC member Glenn Baird** for organizing the search with Steve McComas from Blue Water Science.

SSW is an extremely aggressive, high impact invasive species with a potential to quickly grow to dense mats. Recent research by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center identifies that SSW can take over and decrease native vegetation diversity and richness. This results in a decline in recreational enjoyment and fish/wildlife habitat.

SSW is present in several area lakes; Sylvia, Pleasant, and Koronis. SSW was first identified in Minnesota on Lake Koronis in 2015 and now is present on 14 lakes across 6 counties. SSW can spread by fragments and by the characteristic star bulbil. The researchers at the University of Minnesota believe that the primary method of spread is by boaters.

Research is showing SSW to be particularly hardy—sometimes even seen below the ice. Most scientists believe the high risk vector for spreading is boaters during the late summer. Also, SSW seems to have a preference for hard water lakes—like those in central Minnesota.

As a stewardship practice, please do not take your Cedar resident watercraft to a SSW infected lake. The fragments can be difficult to identify, often look like a native good-weed chara (which is very common on Cedar), and the tiny star bulbils are also a vector for infestation.

Sylvia and Pleasant have had good results, **because of early detection**, controlling their SSW. The CLCC Water Quality Committee remains on high vigilance for SSW, and has measures in place to quickly respond should SSW be identified on Cedar.



Starry Stonewort
Bulbil



Starry Stonewort With Bulbils

CAUTION: SPREADS BY FRAGMENTS and BULBILS

Clearwater River Watershed District Assessments for Cedar Expected to Remain Level

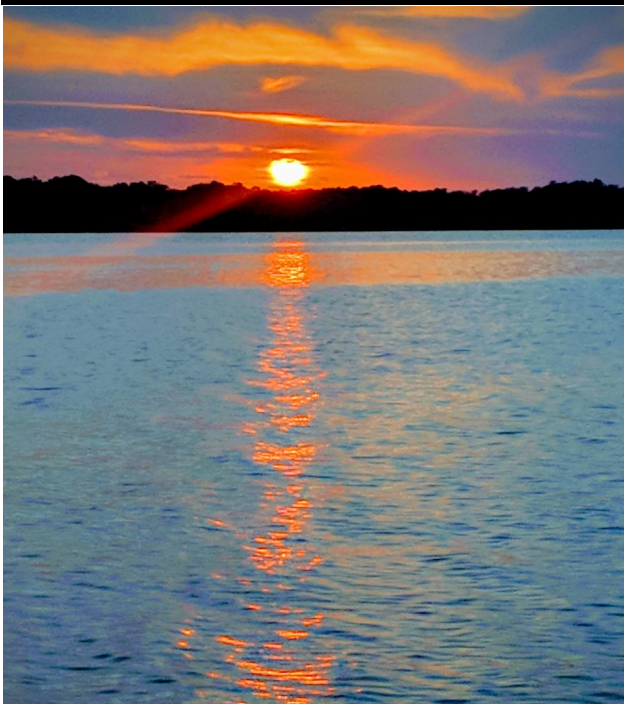
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One project is the Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw Project (CASH-sometimes called PO6) to preserve water quality. The other project is the Cedar Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project. Each year, the CRWD Board of Managers carefully reviews the budget to estimate the funds each project needs for maintenance.

For 2020, overall, we expect the Cedar lakeshore owner's assessment to remain about the same. The CASH-PO6 project budget for 2020 is \$60,000, up from \$49,000 in 2019. Replacement or repairs are needed to the five rough fish barriers. The Cedar AIS project budget for 2020 is \$22,000 down from \$30,000 in 2019.

Final individual assessment calculations are underway. The assessment amounts appear on your Wright County property tax statement—usually on the lower left hand side.

Where on Cedar? Answer page 14



Here is a dazzling memory of a July day on Cedar in 2019. Is it sunrise or sunset? Looking east or west?

We would love to have your photos of the beauty and enjoyment on fantastic Cedar Lake. Quiet moments and raucous fun are all welcome; so much texture and energy to share and enjoy in the language of photos.

Please send your Cedar Lake pictures to:
kjonsrud@yahoo.com

Remembering Vern Harper

Long time Cedar Lake resident Lavern "Vern" Harper passed away on September 1st, 2019 at his home at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn; two children, and many grand and great grand children.

Vern was a student of the lake. He is remembered for his organization of the initial volunteer eurasian water milfoil searches on Cedar which started in the 1990's and continued yearly for decades. Past President Bill Westhoff remembers Vern devising and building throw-rakes to aid in the eurasian search. Another Past President, Carter Diers, recalls that Vern was the person who got him interested in serving on the CLCC Board of Directors.

Several Cedar Lake residents provided memorials to the CLCC Visionary Fund in memory of Vern.

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

By Kathy Jonsrud Water Quality Committee Chair | kjonsrud@yahoo.com | 320-274-2166

2019 Control of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil



2019 turned out to be a year of change for the Water Quality Committee to manage curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and eurasian water milfoil (EWM). Overall, our aggressive treatment strategies have served us well and we have a very manageable amount of CLP and EWM to treat.

- **9.6 acres of CLP were treated on May 20th.** The DNR cut back on our request to treat 21 acres and also denied our request to use a faster acting, less expensive chemical. The areas that we were allowed to treat were of high priority to us and the Committee continues to watch all areas of CLP to minimize recreational impact. This year's CLP treatment cost \$11,980 and was paid from our Clearwater River Watershed District Cedar Albion Swartout Henshaw Project PO6.

- **5 acres of EWM were treated on September 16th.** Our initial request for a DNR permit was reduced to 1.6 acres because in the late spring the EWM areas appeared to be moderately density and native vegetation was intermixed. We conducted an August mapping of the EWM and re-applied for the permit and successfully secured a permit to treat all areas. We used a new chemical (ProcellaCOR) for the treatment which has been found to be very effective on small patches of EWM. The high water this year caused the EWM to be in deeper water, so more chemical was needed. This year's EWM treatment cost \$8,417; we received a \$2,275 grant from Wright Soil and Water Conservation District and the balance was paid from our Clearwater River Watershed District Aquatic Invasive Species Project.

AIS	2019 Financials
Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) 9.6 acres	Treatment Cost (endothall) \$ 9,760 Pre-treatment survey \$ 900 Delineation (post) <u>\$1,320</u> \$11,980 EXPENSE \$ 11,980 (CRWD PO6 Project)
Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) 5 acres	Treatment Cost \$7,097 Delineation (pre) <u>\$1,320</u> \$8,417 Wright County Grant (\$2,275) EXPENSE \$ 6,142 (CRWD AIS Project)
Starry Stonewort Search	Diver assisted search (Fall) \$750 EXPENSE \$750 (CRWD AIS Project)

Plans for 2020

The Water Quality Committee plans to work closely with our treatment vendors and DNR over the winter months to define the best treatment strategies. Though we are lucky to be in a "steady state" with our CLP and EWM control, new strategies and methods are evolving which we want to leverage. Those include:

- Consideration of a different chemical for CLP treatment to reduce costs;
- Evaluate harvesting CLP (rather than chemical treatment) in areas of high water movement to improve results;
- Determine effectiveness of the new chemical used for EWM treatment in 2019 and efficacy on small areas.

Zebra Mussels

Present on Water Equipment This Fall

Zebra mussel colonies were discovered on Cedar in 2018. Zebra mussels are an invasive species, with extraordinary abilities to multiply, alter a lake's ecosystem, and impact recreation with their razor-like shells.

Many have commented that zebra mussels—in many sizes—were present on their lake equipment when removed this fall.

If you sell your lake equipment, seriously consider doing so only after it has overwintered. The one sure method for killing zebra mussels is freezing.

CLCC 2019 Water Quality Committee

The work of the CLCC is done in committees and one of the more active committees is the Water Quality Committee. We have a formal committee of 20+ committed volunteers who have regular meetings and manage numerous complex issues—including DNR permits, vendor relationships, and grant applications.

Here are the active members of the 2019 Water Quality Committee—please take a moment to give them your thanks the next time you see them!

- ◆ Bill Arendt
- ◆ Glenn Baird (AIS Chair)

- ◆ Liz Baird
- ◆ Larry Christen
- ◆ Carter Diers
- ◆ Bobby Ebert
- ◆ Julie Grimme
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- ◆ Kathy Jonsrud (Chair)
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Cedar Lake 2020 Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Waiver

Cedar Lake Property Owners:

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) plans to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil, both Aquatic Invasive Species, in Cedar Lake in 2020.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is planning to provide to the CLCC a waiver of the requirements that the Association obtain signatures of approval by owners of lakeshore property. Instead, the CLCC will notify property owners of the treatment through the:

CLCC newsletter which is mailed to all residents of Cedar Lake.

CLCC website www.cedarlakeecc.org.

Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger (local weekly newspapers).

With regard for treatment for 2020:

The proposed timeline for treatment is May – September.

The target species for the treatment is Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

The products being used are aquatic herbicides appropriate to control CLP and EWM and/or harvesting methods.

If the landowner does NOT want treatment to occur adjacent to the landowner's property:

Fill out the form to the right and notify Kathy Jonsrud immediately at the following address, phone number or email address:

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7646 Isaak Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302

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Sincerely, Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

I request that no herbicide treatment occur adjacent to our shoreline property in 2020. All requested information must be entered for verification purposes.	
Year: 2020	Property Identification Number(s):
Property Owners Name(s):	
Lake Property Address:	
City/State/Zip	
Phone Number(s) Preferred:	Alternate:
Mailing Address (If different from the Cedar Lake Property Address):	
Signed:	Date:

2019 Access Monitoring

New Record With Over 1,600 Inspections

Part of our strategy on Cedar Lake to control the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) has been to purchase extra hours of access monitoring. The program, through Wright County Soil and Water, is based on the AIS Prevention funds received from the state each year.

Cedar has consistently purchased extra monitoring hours to supplement the base (standard) county program. This past summer, we purchased \$22,000 extra access monitoring. This was an increase from 2018 when we purchased \$16,000.

Below is a summary of our 2019 funding, hours, and inspections:

Funding:

- ✓ CLCC \$22,000
- ✓ Wright Soil and Water \$5,320
- ✓ Wright County Parks \$1,000
- ✓ Initiative Foundation Grant \$6,545

County Road 6 landing

- ✓ 987 hours of monitoring; 907 inspections

Schroeder Park landing

- ✓ 848 hours of monitoring; 735 inspections

Thanks to generous gifts, we are really stepping it up on Cedar Lake to reduce the spread of AIS.

Chinese Mystery Snails Found on Cedar

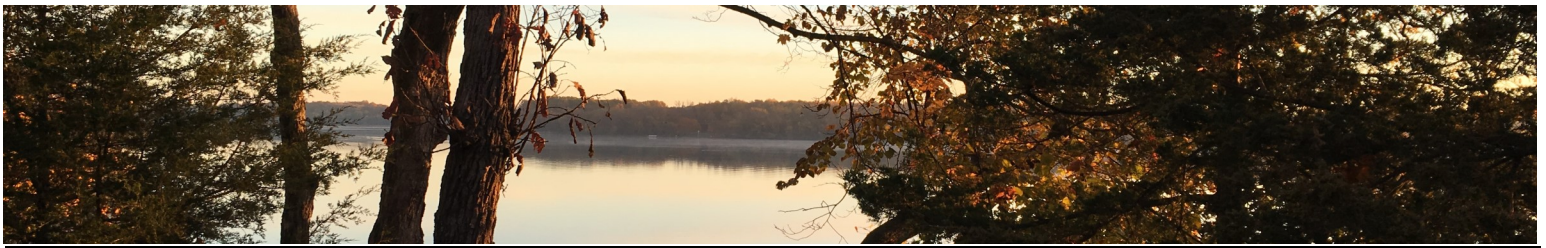
WOW, that is a big snail! Many residents on the lake reported the presence of unusually large snails on Cedar. Our vendor for vegetation mapping—James Johnson from Freshwater Science—confirmed the presence of Chinese mystery snails on Cedar this summer.

Chinese mystery snails are considered an invasive species, but their impact is not fully defined. There are still questions as to whether these large snails harm lakes. They can produce large numbers and serve as a host for swimmers itch, but scientists have not clearly identified a severe impact to the lakes they infest. They can serve as a food source for fish and wildlife; in fact in some areas of the world they are considered a delicious delicacy.



Above: Chinese mystery snail
Below: Areas in red infested





CALENDAR OF 2020 CLCC EVENTS *Mark your calendar!*

April 18th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
May 9th	CLCC Fishing Contest Opens	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
June 13th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
July 18th	CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water	Stay tuned for more details!
August 26 th	CLCC Fishing Contest Ends	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
September 12th	2020 Member Meeting Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 14th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

For Everyone's Sake Own Your Wake

As we enter the winter season, thoughts about summer fun on the lake are momentarily in hibernation. However, there are active conversations state-wide about the popularity and impact of wake boats. Given Cedar's narrow and long shape, the impact of wake boats can be amplified. Under Minnesota law, the damage caused by wakes is treated the same as damage caused by an actual collision.

Wake boats are designed to create artificial wakes that are:

- Four times as powerful and destructive above and below the water as motorboat wakes;
- Two times as high as motorboat waves;
- Two times deeper than motorboat waves.



The Problem: Artificially-enhanced wakes created by wake boats and wake enhancing devices cause environmental damage to lakes and lakeshore, safety risks for people on the water and on shore, and physical damage to property and shorelines.

Safewakes' recommendation for wake boat operation:

- ◆ **Stay 1,000 ft from shore—that would be a 2,000 ft radius.**
- ◆ **Operate in at least 16 feet of water.**

Wake boats are getting more powerful every year with manufacturers boasting of bigger and stronger wakes than before. These boats are allowed on all sizes and shapes of water bodies in Minnesota with no regard given to the effects of these wakes on shorelines, aquatic vegetation, and to the dangers they present to others on the lake. Additional research from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research center identifies wake boats as a high risk vector for spreading zebra mussels due to the large ballast.

There is a Minnesota DNR voluntary campaign "Own Your Wake" to remind people to be courteous to others and be responsible for their wakes. Some believe this campaign is not doing enough to minimize the environmental danger and safety risks of wake boats. More information about the grass roots activity to legislate wake boat activity can be found at www.safewakes.org.

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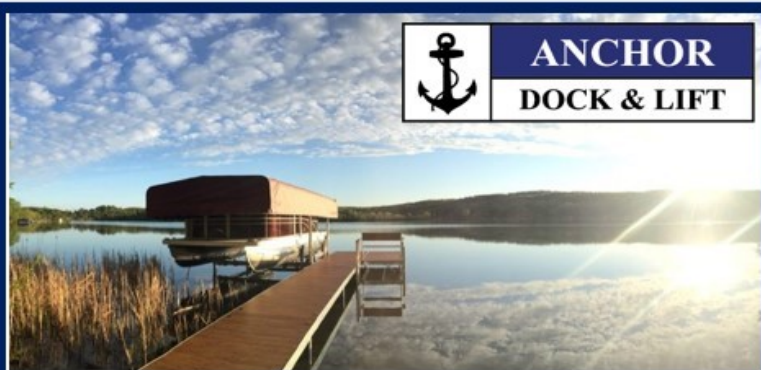
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CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By David Glass CLCC President Elect | davidaglass@gmail.com | 651-433-9674

As of early November, we have 190 paid members—about 75% of Cedar Lake residents. To add perspective, most large lakes are lucky to reach 50% lake association membership. Thank you!

If you have yet to pay your membership dues for 2019, it's not too late. Membership fees can be paid easily online with just a few clicks at cedarlakeecc.org or by mailing them along with the form located on page 16 in this newsletter. Also, we are ready and willing to accept your 2020 dues.

Adding a few extra dollars allows you to direct your contribution to any of our Visionary funds: Water Quality, Walleye, Memorial, or the General fund.

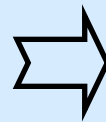
An important part of our outreach is to identify new owners on Cedar Lake. **Please let me know if there is a new owner in your neighborhood and we will reach and introduce them to CLCC.**

Whether you're new to Cedar or a long-timer, thank you all for being a part of CLCC.

TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY DUES



Fill out the dues form on the last page of this newsletter and mail in



Online payment at www.cedarlakeecc.org

CLCC Website Great Information

www.cedarlakeecc.org

The CLCC website was updated this summer with a new look and great information, thanks to CLCC volunteer webmaster Scott Brooks.

As before, **you can pay dues and contribute to the Visionary Fund online** and the new site provides slick navigation.

Take a look at the great information on the website!

Visionary Contributions	CLCC Events
Summary of Water Quality Information	Board of Directors Contact Information
CLCC Committees	Historical Information (starts at 1930)
Advertiser Websites	Electronic Newsletters

CLCC Treasurer's Report

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$58,354.95
Walleye Stocking	\$5,923.15
General CLCC	\$23,519.72
Memorial Visionary	<u>\$3,205.44</u>
TOTAL	\$91,003.26

Thanks to Liz Baird —Treasurer of CLCC. Accurate and timely financial recordings are critical to maintain the trust and confidence of members. An outside financial review is performed every two years to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.

Newsletter, Website, Facebook Stay in Touch with CLCC

Our Facebook page followers have been growing steadily—now over 150. CLCC Board member **Elizabeth Hace** (elizhace@gmail.com) manages the page. Facebook provides yet another way to stay in touch with Cedar Lake.

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November). A copy is also posted on our website. **Kathy Jonsrud** is the editor of the newsletter.

Scott Brooks is our webmaster—taking care of the website and e-mail notifications.

We can support up to two emails per family. Updates to emails (and other directory information) should be sent to Liz Baird, lizbaird22@gmail.com.

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Where on Cedar from page 7

The photo is looking at a sunset from the northeast side of the lake. Photo credit goes to Cedar Lake resident Susan Long. We would love to have your photos of Cedar Lake—send to kjonsrud@yahoo.com

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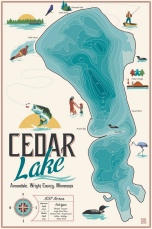


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CLCC needs your support. Annual dues to CLCC are \$25, based on the calendar year, and can be paid by check with the form below or electronically online. If you want to pay online, visit the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org).

CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so dues and contributions are tax deductible.

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