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President's Message

Welcome to Summer!

I hope everyone in the Cross Lake Community has had a great start to the summer season. We have been fortunate to have had some great late-spring weather, unlike in some years, and that has been a great kick-off and lead in to the high summer which is traditionally the most enjoyable part of the year in Minnesota. Also, the Lake levels have been nowhere near as high as last year's near-record setting deluge, so keep your fingers crossed!

Late June, of course means Freedom Fest in Pine City, and the Cross Lake Association will be there, as always,

providing great grilled fare at the fairgrounds in exchange for a modest donation to help foster our core mission of improving the quality of life on our terrific lake and river. Due to construction, we will probably be in a different location (yet to be determined), but I promise it will be worth your while to seek us out!

Late last month, Lake Management, Inc. completed their Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) treatments of selectively identified populations of Curly Leaf Pondweed, using the herbicide Aquathol K applied at a target rate of 1.0 ppm using a 5' average depth. By

the time you read this, I expect they will also have completed the treatment for Eurasian Milfoil, which they plan to treat with Liquid 2,4-D applied at a rate of 2.0 ppm using a 5' average depth. Maps of the locations selected for treatment will be available on our website.

We realize that there may be some concentrations of AIS that were not identified by the DNR, and therefore not treated by Lake Management. One of our major goals in the coming year is to partner with Pine County, which has contracted with Wenck Associates

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2017 Cross Lake Association Calendar

Freedom Fest Booth	Saturday June 24 10 am	County Fairgrounds
Boat Parade	July 4 Noon—3 pm	North End of Cross Lake
Fair Booth	August 2—6	County Fairgrounds
Fair Parade	Saturday August 5 4 pm	Pine City
Wishing Lanterns	Saturday Sep. 2 9 pm	Bay by sunken island
Fall Membership Meeting	Saturday September 16	American Legion Hall
Dinner Dance	Saturday September 23	American Legion Hall

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The Crossings

May 20 Membership Meeting

Our first general membership meeting for 2017 was held on Saturday, May 20 at the American Legion hall. Our guest speaker Caleb Anderson, Land and Resource Manager for Pine County, spoke to our membership about efforts that the county is undertaking to address the threat posed by Aquatic Invasive Species. An audio recording of Caleb's presentation is available on our [website](#).



Caleb Anderson



Bill Casby & Kurt Kastel

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

- Kurt Kastel introduced himself as the new association president, and reported on what is happening with water quality.
- Curly leaf spraying has been completed and milfoil spraying will begin in mid-June.
- Caleb Anderson Pine County Planning and Zoning was the guest speaker and talked about aquatic invasive species and what the count is doing to on this subject.
- Membership Committee; the committee is cleaning up the list and bringing it up to date. There are 145 households who are members to date. We will be using the Pine City Lions booth for freedom fest. Volunteers are needed.
- Boat Parade will be held on July 4th Theme for this year is SHOW YOURPATRIOTISM. Start time is at 12 noon prizes will be given out.
- Dinner/ dance will be Sept. 23rd at the Pine City American Legion.
- Senior outing will be June 4th
- John Flood and Rusty Phillips are updating the website.
- Dave Videen mentioned that weed rakes are for sale.
- Volunteers are needed for all upcoming events Senior Outing Freedomfest, Pine County fair booth, Parade, Dinner/dance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47

Bill Casby, Secretary

Thank You, American Legion

Thank you to the American Legion for hosting our May membership meeting! Pine City is a great place to be in the summer. If you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening, stop in at the Legion for some Bang (NOT bingo) at 6:30. They have great prizes, and a good cash coverall.

HOLD THE DATE!!! THE ANNUAL WISHING LANTERN EVENT WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 AT 9 PM BY THE SUNKEN ISLAND. DETAILS WILL BE IN THE NEXT CROSSINGS.

Freedom Fest June 21- 25

Join in the fun June 21—25 in Pine City. The big day is Saturday, with the triathlon (8 am), waterball event (1 pm), the Amazing Race (2 pm), live music with street dance (6:30—10:30) and fireworks at dusk. The Cross Lake Association will be serving sirloin steak burgers, all beef hot dogs, and chili cheese dogs at the fairgrounds between 10 am and 3 pm. Stop in to have lunch and say "hello" to other CLA members.

For more details, visit the Pine City Chamber of Commerce [website](#).

What's Cooking?

By Barb Videen



I am always looking for healthy, easy, and a bit unusual recipes. I found these that were a hit at a recent Farmers' Market Tasting. Jam that you don't even cook? How easy is that. We like it tart, but you can add more hon-

Radish Salsa

- 1 cup radishes, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

In a medium bowl, mix all ingredients thoroughly and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving (best marinated overnight). Serve as a dip or on grilled chicken wraps, burritos, enchiladas, etc.

Makes 1 cup

Refrigerator Strawberry Rhubarb Jam

- 1 1/3 cup strawberries
- 2/3 cup rhubarb
- 2 T. raw honey (or to taste)
- 2 Tbsp chia seeds

Process all ingredients in a blender and refrigerate overnight. The chia seeds will gel, thickening the fruit puree. Add additional diced fruit if you like it chunky. Yup - no cooking. Want it thicker? Add more chia seeds.

Cream of Asparagus Soup

- 2 pounds asparagus, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Sauté onions, carrots and garlic in butter in a large pan over medium-low heat until soft. Add broth, asparagus pieces, salt & pepper. Simmer 15-20 minutes until asparagus is tender. Puree soup with an immersion blender until smooth. Stir in cream right before serving. (I keep a bit of the veggies out before blending - then return to pureed soup as we like some texture). Subtle flavor - Can add cayenne and thyme for more zip - but don't cover the asparagus taste.

Boat Parade

Tuesday July 4th is the day for this year's Boat Parade, starting at 1 pm sharp at the north end of Cross Lake. If you wish to compete for prizes, plan to arrive by 12:30 to register. Prizes in the form of gift certificates will be awarded to the top 6 boats. The parade will travel around the entire

lake, and take about 2-1/2 hours. The theme for this parade is to show your American pride, so come and show the judges how patriotic you can be.

Any questions call Frank at 320-629-3361.



If you have not yet renewed your membership for this year, please fill out and return the form below. If you are already members for 2017, please share this form with one of your neighbors.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Cross Lake Association of Pine County

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail _____

Pine City Address (if different) _____

_____ My information has changed

_____ Send newsletter and communications

I would be willing to help with the following (circle all that apply).

Governing Board Membership Newsletter Boat Parade Senior Outing
Freedom Fest Booth County Fair Booth Fair Parade Dinner Dance

Membership Categories: (check one)

_____ Regular adult couples/\$15

_____ Contributing \$20-30

_____ Associate \$35-45

_____ Sustaining \$50-75

_____ Sponsor \$100

_____ Lifetime \$500

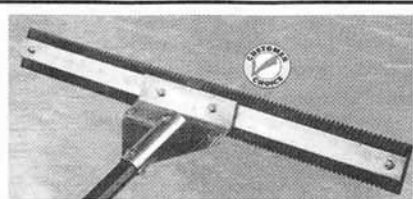
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Mail to: The Cross Lake Association, P.O.Box 325, Pine City, MN 55063

Aquatic Weed Rakes

Cross Lake Association is again selling weed rakes this year to help remove Curly Leaf Pondweed from your shoreline (see pg. 5 for information on Curly Leaf Pondweed). The MN DNR allows you to remove aquatic weeds under certain conditions (www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html). Spring is the best time to remove Curly Leaf. Contact Dave Videen for further information on obtaining weed rakes through the Cross Lake Association.

Aquatic Weed Eradicator



No need for dangerous chemicals. The AWE is excellent for controlling lake weeds. With a reinforced 28" serrated cutting blade, you don't have to worry about the blades bending under a heavy load of weeds. The AWE has grown in popularity every year we've offered it! Comes with a two-piece eleven-foot rust-proof powder-coated aluminum handle.

Lake Weed Maintenance

The Cross Lake Association has made arrangements directly with the manufacturer of this tool to help you reduce Curlyleaf Pondweed along your shoreline.

To purchase a Weedcutter, fill in the order form below and enclose a check for \$99 payable to Cross Lake Association. Contact Dave Videen, 612-219-8875 if you have any questions.

CUT PURCHASE REQUEST FOR AQUATIC WEED ERADICATOR

Print your name: (first & last) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Mail this form with a check for \$99.00 to:

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INVASIVE

Eurasian watermilfoil

Myriophyllum spicatum

KEYS TO ID

- Feathery looking with four leaves per whorl
- Leaves have central axis with 12 – 20 leaflet pairs
- Can grow up to 10 feet long
- Produces pink and white flowers on spike above surface
- Leaves become limp when taken out of water

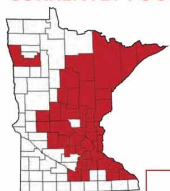
LOOKS SIMILAR TO

- Northern watermilfoil (native)
- Coontail (native)
- Bladderworts (native)
- White water crowfoot (native)
- Water marigold (native)

WHERE TO LOOK

- In lakes, ponds, and slow-moving areas of rivers or streams
- Grows best in depths of 3 – 15 feet

CURRENTLY FOUND



Note: Eurasian watermilfoil is known to hybridize with northern watermilfoil.

Hybrid watermilfoil is also considered invasive and should be reported.



Above-surface flowers

Four leaves per whorl with 12 – 20 leaflet pairs per leaf



NATIVE

Coontail

Ceratophyllum demersum

KEYS TO ID

- Leaves have no central axis and are branching
- Can grow up to six feet long
- Often free-floating

LOOKS SIMILAR TO

- Eurasian watermilfoil (invasive)
- Water marigold (native)
- Northern watermilfoil (native)
- Bladderworts (native)
- White water crowfoot (native)

WHERE TO LOOK

- In water up to 20 feet deep
- Upper leaves may reach surface and form dense patches
- Can become highly abundant and form "oil slicks" when it dies back

CURRENTLY FOUND



Branching



Aquatic Invasive Species

The [May issue of Crossings](#) contained information on how to identify curly leaf pondweed. Unfortunately we have other invasive species in Cross Lake. The graphic above illustrates one example—Eurasian watermilfoil, along with a natively occurring look-alike—Coontail. This information was taken from the “AIS Identification Guide” published by the University of Minnesota. You can download a free copy of the entire guide from the [MAISRC website](#). This is a great resource in helping identify the ‘good’ and ‘bad’ weeds you encounter in the lake.

Thank You, Members

Thank to all of you who have chosen to receive your edition of Crossings electronically. In addition to saving the association money, and reducing your environmental footprint, you receive your Crossings several days earlier. And as you can see the issue is in full color, and hyperlinks easily connect you to related information. If you would like to switch to electronic delivery simply send us an email at CrossLake-Association@gmail.com

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Boat for Fair Parade

The Cross Lake Association is seeking someone to volunteer their boat, preferably a pontoon or deck boat, to be towed in the Pine County Fair parade on Saturday, August 5th at 4 pm. We would need the boat by noon to attach the CLA banner and line up for the parade by 2 pm. We will be near the beginning of the line and should be able to return the boat by 5:30 or 6:00 pm.

We also are looking for a few volunteers to escort the boat on foot while passing out candy to the many children spectators along the parade route.

If you would like to participate please call David Videen at [612-219-8875](tel:612-219-8875). Thank you...

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to conduct a complete survey of vegetation on Cross Lake. Wenck will also monitor selected treatment sites in order to gauge the effectiveness of those applications. If current procedures are not working, or not working as well as we would like, alternatives can be recommended. Their survey will also help create a consistent database for both Cross Lake and Pokegama, so that we are looking at apple-to-apples comparisons when we try to formulate solutions. Caleb Anderson, with Pine County Planning and Zoning has spearheaded this initiative, and his talk at our Spring Membership meeting was extremely well



received. The Cross Lake Association plans to contribute significantly to this effort.

Please check out all our seasonal activities, which you learn more about in the pages of this newsletter, or on our website. If you want to get involved with the Cross Lake Association, and help to build an even better community, we are always welcoming new volunteers and contributors. Please contact our Membership Director, Barb Videen for opportunities, and do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the board with any questions or concerns. We will do our

best to respond as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Remember, we are here for you!

Best Regards and Hopes for a fun and safe Summer,

Kurt Kastel
President, CLA

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