



Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association

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Association President: Tom Bacon

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Message from CLPO Association President, Tom Bacon

It has been a Good Year and a Bad Year!

The bad news is that three of our board members have decided to take a less active role: **Stan Otto, Jerry Truman, & Kay Klingelhut**. Jerry & Stan are going to stay with the board for another year.

All have given CLPO Board close to twenty years of service. THANKS!!!!
GUYS

The good news they have helped make this lake one of the best in the watershed-the county & maybe in the state. Yes, we have ongoing issues, but we do seem to come thru them.

We ask that you help make this lake the best it can be.

Thanks & Stay Safe!!!!

Please mark
your 2009
calendars:

Saturday, June

6th-annual CLPO
meeting at
Annandale
Pavilion

Sunday, August

2nd -annual
CLPO picnic at
Truman's Point

*We hope to see
you there!*

CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT NEWS

A total of **333** property owners on Clearwater Lake prepaid **\$22,793.21** for their 2009 milfoil assessment. This is out of **507** property owners assessed and **\$36,8000** in assessments levied for 2009. The milfoil project is a joint effort between the CRWD and the CLPO. The Watershed District levies the assessment and collects and accounts for the money. Certified applicators and volunteers from Clearwater Lake apply the milfoil treatment. It has been a very successful project over a number of years.

Water quality in Clearwater Lake continued to improve in 2008. The secchi disk measurements indicated water clarity down to **17.5** feet.

Other activities either completed or begun by the CRWD in 2008 includes:

1. Construction of Segner Ponds as part of the Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw Lakes Water Improvement Project.
2. 30,000 pounds of carp were trapped and removed from the Clearwater River above Lake Louisa.
3. Over 50,000 pounds of carp were seined from Swartout Lake.
4. Nearly 20,000 pounds of carp were isolated in wetlands near Highway 55.
5. Over 80 people attended the CRWD tour that highlighted rain gardens, lakescaping, and the Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw Lakes Water Improvement Project.
6. Entered Phase III of the Total Maximum Daily Load process to address impaired waters in the District.
7. City of Kimball stormwater planning and implementation.
8. Assisted farmers and lakeshore residents with buffering, lakescaping, and raingardens.

For additional information or assistance regarding CRWD programs or activities, contact Dennis Loewen or Merle Anderson at 320-274-3935.

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enclosed
information
regarding our
2009 Lake
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Curly Leaf Pond Weed Becoming an Increasing Problem in MN Lakes

By: Dean Flygare

I recently attended a meeting put on by the DNR dealing with their grant program for management of invasive aquatic plants. I was surprised to see, when asked for a show of hands, that the majority of attendees were there because of problems with curly leaf and not milfoil. No good reason was given for why curly leaf has suddenly appeared and spread around Minnesota lakes. Curly leaf has been around since 1910, much longer than Eurasian milfoil. For whatever reason it has flourished in recent years.

Curly leaf is present in Clearwater Lake and unfortunately resides in front of my property on the south side of the east basin. I have obtained DNR permits and chemically treated my shoreline for the past two years with mixed results. Curly leaf can be difficult to control because to be effective the treatment has to be done very early in spring. To be most effective treatment should be done when water temperature is around 50 to 55 degrees with a herbicide called ENDOTHALL (I used HYDROTHOL 191). Over winter and into the very early spring it withdraws nutrients from the sediment of the lake and forms its seeds (called turions). If the treatment is done too late, the herbicide will kill the plant but, the turions will re-seed for the next year. If the treatment is done at the proper time, the plant is killed before the turions are formed. Studies have shown that application of herbicide early in the growing season to reduce turion formation can provide potential long-term control of curly leaf pondweed.

Permits can be applied for from the DNR and keep in mind that applications should be submitted during the winter months to give time to be approved and returned in time for early treatment. Also keep in mind that if you or your neighbors water your yards with lake water you should be careful not to water for about a week or two after treatment depending on application rate.

Information on permit applications can be found at the DNR website or, call DNR information at 1-888-646-6367.

Dock and Structures Survey for Watercraft Owners

For the first time, the Minnesota DNR is asking all owners of registered watercraft to take an online survey to express their opinions about structures such as docks, boatlifts, and platforms in the state's lakes, rivers and streams. **January 19th, 2009, is the deadline for completing this survey.** Survey results will be available online shortly after the January 19th deadline.

People who cannot access the survey electronically and would like to participate can call 651-259-5700 to request a paper copy. Those who do not own a watercraft but wish to express their opinion are invited to send comments via e-mail to structures@dnr.state.mn.us or mail your comments to Docks & Structures Survey, DNR, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155, by the January 19th deadline.

The legislature passed a bill last spring requiring the DNR to update rules and permit requirements on structures allowed in public waters by January 15th, 2010. This survey is part of the information gathering process. The DNR will name members for an advisory committee before the end of the year to provide input and review drafts of the rules revisions. A period for public comments and a public hearing on the proposed rules will take place in 2009.

The DNR survey can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2tc4z9FhIOf43XBxeucx1Q_3d_3d

*You will need the 8 digit number from your boat license to complete the survey.

A note from Marge

The annual picnic went well again this past summer. Although it seemed the attendance was down a little from last year.

The day started out questionable because of the weather, and it did rain early, just as we were setting up the tables for the day. But, it cleared up soon and the people started coming and then enjoyed the rest of the day.

A few days after the picnic, Jerry and I drove to Ft. Bragg, N.C. to attend our grandson, Jerry's, graduation into the Green Beret. What an emotional day that was. First, being so proud seeing him accomplish his goal by earning his way into that elite group (only 3 out of 100 even qualify) and then realizing that his life will probably be in perilously dangerous situations because of his willingness to serve our country in that military branch.

We must remember to keep all our service people in our prayers and thank them for putting their lives on hold in order to go and fight for our freedom.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, many people will be missing some of their family members as they are away doing their patriotic duties while we are feasting on turkey and all the trimmings.

Speaking of turkey and trimmings...this time I am going to share my mother's recipe for stuffing. It's not the kind that comes in a box either. It really isn't that hard to make, just takes a little more time than the box kind, but it is so much better and if you try it, you probably will be very pleased with the results. You just can't beat homemade!!!

Mom's Homemade Dressing & Gravy.....(1 Turkey 14-16 pounds)

Ingredients for Dressing

- 6 cups water, to cook the giblets in
- 2 lbs. day-old white bread, cubed & toasted (or I buy the bread crust stuffing from the bakery dept.)
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 TBSP. poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. rubbed sage
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 6 TBSP. butter, melted
- ½ to 1 TBSP. paprika (and other spices & herbs, such as thyme, basil, etc.)



*A special thank you
to all who
participated in the
4th of July Floatilla!
We hope you can
join us again next
year!*

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who have
contributed to
our newsletter.
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advertisements
& when you see
them, please say
"Thank You" for
supporting our
Clearwater Lake
Association!*

Marge's recipe, continued

Ingredients for Gravy

2 cups chicken broth (either homemade or canned)
5 TBSP. all-purpose flour

Directions for preparing the Dressing

1. Remove the giblets from the turkey.
2. In a saucepan, bring water, giblets & neck to a boil. Reduce heat & simmer for about 1 hour or until tender.
3. Remove giblets from water & dice.
4. Set aside 3 cups of the cooking liquid that the giblets were cooked in.
5. In a bowl, combine cubed bread pieces, onions, celery, diced giblets, poultry seasoning, salt, sage & pepper.
6. Add reserved cooking liquid & mix well.
7. Just before baking, loosely stuff turkey with about 8 cups of stuffing.
8. Place remaining stuffing in a greased 2 quart baking dish. Refrigerate.
9. Skewer turkey openings; tie drumsticks together. Place on a rack in a roasting pan. Brush with butter, sprinkle with paprika.

Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 4 ½ to 5 ½ hours or until a meat thermometer reads 180 degrees for turkey & 165 for stuffing. Basting every 30 minutes (cover loosely with foil if turkey browns too quickly).

Bake additional stuffing for 3-40 minutes.

For Gravy:

In a saucepan, whisk flour and ¼ cup pan drippings until smooth. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook & stir for 2 minutes.

Serve with turkey and stuffing.

Makes 14-16 servings.

Happy Eating and until next time,
Marge Truman

If you have something you're looking to buy or sell, please contact Sandy at (320) 274-6311 with the information for the next C.L.P.O. newsletter.

The CLPO newsletter will be printed three times a year. You can expect your next newsletter to arrive in Mid-May.

If you'd like to share your favorite stories of Clearwater Lake, or other articles of interest for those of us on the lake, please contact Sandy at jerpseth@lakedalelink.net or (320) 274-6311. We're hoping to include them in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you for your support of the Clearwater Lake Association! Please remember to fill out the 2009 dues form and mail at your earliest convenience.