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Greetings neighbors! Sure seemed like a much more "tolerable" winter this year, at least when we compare it against the beastly winter in the prior year. Hoping you had a most excellent winter and are ready for some serious spring and summer fun!

To people who may be reading this and are not lake association members: We are a group that can both laugh together and also have serious discussions about lake and lakeshore topics. We meet just twice per year: May and October. We hope you find the dues to be reasonable (\$20 for the 1st year, \$14/year thereafter). Dues support numerous projects in and around 10th and 11th Crow Wing lakes. We encourage you to read on to find out more info. Even if you can't attend meetings, your financial contribution can go towards a lot of good projects.



Website: Yup, we still have one ☺
Announcements, current topics, archived info,
and a lot of useful links for the property
owner or angler. Go to <http://crowwing11.org>.

Current/Past Events



- **Highway 64 Issues:** Last summer MN DOT completed the shoulder paving project of Hwy 64 from the culvert over 11th to Hwy 34. My family with younger kids have ridden on it; it's a lot safer! What a tangible win for the lake association. Hoping you notice less noise from cars or trucks going over the rumble strips too, as these were pushed away from the road edges.

- **Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) update on 11th Crow Wing Lake** This continues to be a top priority for the lake association. As can be expected, sometimes we win battles, sometimes we lose battles, and sometimes we are in a draw. Some areas have seen less CLP than in years past due to spot applications of herbicide when the weed is first growing in the spring. Some areas we continue to hold our own, without making or losing ground. Unfortunately we do have some new areas that have sprung up as well. The first patches were discovered two summers ago in the far western portions of the bigger basin. Very discouraging, because up until this point the weed seemed confined to the same areas of the smaller eastern basin.

Spring Meeting **Saturday May 23**

ARCC (old Akeley school - meeting room behind stage)

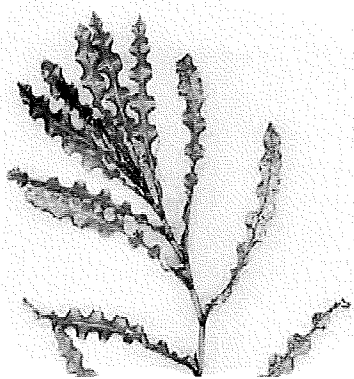
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,



(Akeley city-wide rummage sale Day - a great weekend to come up to your cabin, spend a couple hours at our meeting and run around town lookin' at stuff.)

Bring a mug full of coffee and your smiling disposition. In addition to learning all about current topics for the lake association, it's a great opportunity to meet and socialize

- If you are unfamiliar with what CLP looks like, check out these two pictures. The leaves literally look curly or crinkly. The dead giveaway that you have CLP instead of the healthy, native type of pondweed is the telltale saw tooth pattern on the leaf edges of CLP. Look closely, CLP can be easily confused with healthy native plants. I find it best to scout for these weeds from your boat using a trolling motor (once you can easily identify it). It grows best in shallow water (less than 5 feet). It seems to spread more easily when the lake bottom is disturbed by foot traffic, around docks & lifts, etc.



Curly Leaf Pondweed



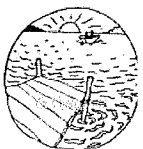
Turion (seed), form and released if plant is left to grow

LAKEWEEDS Minnesota DNR allows you to hand pull/rake submerged vegetation in a 15 foot wide path (i.e. the area around your dock) to open water for swimming/boating recreational use without a permit. But please remember that native vegetation has numerous benefits (plant diversity, reducing waves ability to erode shoreline, provides oxygen and source of food for fish, etc). More info:
www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html

- Last year Kim wrote a DNR grant that was approved (THANK YOU!!), giving our lake association \$1000 that went towards lake chemical / AIS projects. We were approved for the same grant and dollar amount this year. Also contributing to our herbicide supply are all those pay a few extra dollars towards CLP efforts; huge thank you for helping to make a difference! On the advice of some experts who deal with AIS, we tried a new chemical last year called Aquathol K. Although just as effective as the Hydrothol 191 we've used in the past, it was nearly double the cost to treat the same area. So we will likely return to buying and spreading Hydrothol 191 in the spring. Various owners and lake shore members can also revert to hand pulling the weed during the warmer months when applying lake chemical is not advised. This can be effective too, but most of the root system and plant fragments need to be removed or it will grow right back. Once they are pulled just throw em' up on the shore to kill them, or better yet try composting them.
- Remember that we now have a lake wide DNR permit to spread the chemical (so no need for individuals to apply for one). The signatures of affected shoreline owners are currently on file with the DNR. They are good for this year and 2016 as well. DNR wants to limit the "applicators" to just a few people who are skilled at identifying CLP, to try and limit the inadvertent spreading on top of native lake weeds. Those native plants can quickly fill in areas where CLP was killed, so we want to give them that chance.

AIS - Aquatic Invasive Species:

- Lake Service Providers (LSP) Who do you hire to install your docks, boat lifts and swim rafts? You are allowed to install your own docks, boatlifts, swim rafts, etc. without a permit, but if you hire anyone to do it for you, please make sure they have a LSP permit. Also remember that state law requires equipment to dry for 21 days in between moving equipment between lakes. Be aware of this as you buy or sell your lake equipment this year.



Lake Service Providers used by 10th/11th Crow Wing lake shore owners to install/remove docks and lifts:

- Mike Prosocki - Prosocki All Care, Pine River. Phone: 218-947-4518. Email: allcare@tds.net
- MCN Specialists, Park Rapids. Phone 218-252-7728
- Northwoods Dock and Service, Hackensack. Phone 218-675-5175. Email: nwdock@uslink.net
- Skip Groth - Groth Dock and Lift, Walker. Phone 218-760-0859

To add your LSP provider to this list, please send email to: Scott.Solberg@bsci.com



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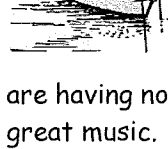
- **AIS Watercraft Inspections:** To prevent more aquatic invasive species (namely *Eurasian Milfoil* and *Zebra Mussels*) from entering our lakes, the following contributions were made to fund paid lake access inspections in 2014: 10th/11th Lake Association \$1000, City of Akeley \$500, and Akeley Township \$750. This was an increase by \$500 from 2013, the first year of inspections. The results of the 2014 inspections are shown below for both 11th CW and summed data from Hubbard County. Note that 2 boats with *Zebra Mussels* were prevented from entering local Hubbard County lakes just last year, because of boat access inspections. Boater education is the key. Please remain vigilant.

	11th Crow Wing Lake	Hubbard County
Total Inspections	241	11,602
Paid Insection Hours	152	7,336
Inspections per Hour	1.59	1.58
Entering from Infested Waters	11.5%	9.5%
Entering from out of state	3.8%	15.2%
Inspections with noted issue	12.1%	5.7%
<i>Drain Plug In on Arrival</i>	5.1%	2.3%
<i>Vegetation on Arrival</i>	4.5%	1.5%
<i>Snails on Arrival</i>	2.6%	0.3%
<i>Water on Arrival</i>	0.0%	1.6%

Pipeline Update: We voted at last fall's bi-annual meeting to support "Friends of the Headwaters", a non-profit group in Park Rapids working to stop or divert the Sandpiper pipeline project that was originally scheduled to go through our area. The unique aquifer that we depend on is at risk should an oil spill ever occur.



Fisheries Committee: If anyone is interested in fisheries projects or has a passion to serve on a committee, please contact John Bowen (218-652-3111). Past ideas included stocking gamefish (Bass/walleye) and habitat improvement.



Loon Nests: Loon nests were not placed in the lake in 2014 (as discussed in the spring meeting). We will continue to discuss this. So far it appears that the loons are having no problems doing what loons do best: creating nests, caring for young, and making great music.



Facebook Ask to join 10th & 11th CW lakes assoc. page to view and post your own lake photos and links to affiliated video clips! (Need help signing up? Contact Carl: imagery@iuidesigns.com 651-489-7040

Hope to see you all at the spring meeting! - 10/11th Crow Wing Lake Association