

# 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing

## Lake Association

"Neighbors helping neighbors  
for the greater good of the lakes"

September 5, 2008  
Fall Newsletter

Greetings to 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Lake Assn. Members and others,

Hope to see you on September 20 for the semi-annual Fall Meeting!



I have arranged for Frank Homer, Hubbard County Sheriff Department, to talk to us about home security and safety. He will address what homeowners can do while in residence and measures to consider when you leave home. There will also be a water patrol officer present to discuss water safety and patrol issues. They will have an abundant array of handouts for people to take info home with them.



The loons are socializing which means the young are on their own and the adults will be leaving shortly. Our association built 4 loon nests a couple years ago and in the past they have been used, however, the nest in 10<sup>th</sup> I have not seen this year and the unit in Solie bay was used but the eggs were abandoned. We may want to consider re-conditioning and/or relocating these nests.

This year has been unique. We had snow early and then nothing until April. Ice out was 3 weeks later than it has been in the last few years AND this summer has been dry! We must be careful what we

wish for but we really could use a soaking 2 day rain.



Fishing reports ..... depends on whom you talk to but the reports, I hear, that fishing was not as good as in the past. The peak water temperature that I have seen was 78°, which is a bit cooler than last year's 83°, but I may have missed a higher number. Warmer weather encourages more algae growth.

The water test results for phosphate and chlorophyll are similar to previous years testing but with more variability for the clarity measurement. We will see if these results make more sense when reviewing the entire year's data.

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President, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing Lakes Association

(Check out the web site [www.minnesotawaters.org/](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/) for information about our lakes.)



### Fall Lake Association Meeting

**September 20, 2008 (Saturday)**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Senior Center**  
(downtown Akeley, next to Blue Ox Market)

#### Agenda of Meeting:

- Call to order
- Secretaries report
- Treasurer's report
- Brief update on lake water testing
- COLA updates
- Curly Leaf Pondweed Update
- Election of officers and directors
- old business
- new business
- Guest Speakers

### MISSION STATEMENT

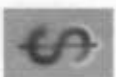


Our organization will work together to restore and maintain the lake water quality to a desirable level and to promote a social atmosphere where all members have common goals for use and care of our lakes.

By adapting this philosophy we can create a security network by knowing our neighbors and maintain or improve our property values. Use of COLA and DNR resources will assist in this endeavor.



**WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!** We'd like to keep you connected with the happenings on your lake. Eventually, we'd like to go "paperless" with this newsletter (save postage, save trees!) Please contact [kimbowen@eot.com](mailto:kimbowen@eot.com) to get on the e-mail list.



Not a member? **BECOME ONE**, it's easy!

Mail \$12 (annual dues -what a deal!) to Treasurer Lisa Hanson and you can VOTE at the next meeting. Plus you will know that your dues are helping to pay for this newsletter mailing, water clarity tests of your lake, loon nests, and future needs of the lake (i.e. Curly Leaf Pondweed eradication). Thanks for supporting the health of your lake!

## CURLY LEAF PONDWEED (CLP) UPDATE

submitted by Kim Bowen, Crow Wing Crest Lodge (218) 652-3111 [kimb Bowen@eot.com](mailto:kimb Bowen@eot.com)

How are the control efforts of this invasive plant going this year? Well, as I'm sure all the neighbors dealing with patches of CLP this season will tell you: it's a struggle. What a lot of work to rake up this stuff and haul it away or simply throw on the banks to dry! Picture weeding a garden; except when you pull up a plant by the roots, the water becomes a murky mess, and it's difficult to see what else is down there until it settles again. One does not want to pull up native plants if we can help it (i.e. wild celery, northern milfoil, coontail) - we want them to seed back in to lock out the invasives. Bare spots are CLP turion seed magnets. Plus you can only pull the plants on calm, non-windy, non-rainy, days, argh! which limits us in trying to plan a day for a group to assist. \*sigh\* What's the answer? Good question.



COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) and other area lake associations have been eager to offer support, but are needing direction on how to help us. (Note: Kudos to COLA for getting "Stop the Spread of Aquatic Species" educational materials and boat ramp signs out to local resorts, campgrounds and public areas this year. They've really been making efforts to figure out how else they can tackle this issue: by applying for DNR grants, getting billboard signs up, hosting meetings of state and local officials to brainstorm more ideas in prevention.)

Would you be interested in volunteering to be on an 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing Lake Curly Leaf Pondweed Taskforce? The semi-annual Lake Association meetings cannot offer enough time for this topic as there are so many other issues for us neighbors to discuss. Perhaps a few of us can create a simple taskforce and meet a couple times to solidify a plan of action? (Maybe we can meet after the Lake Association meeting Sept. 20 for supper at a local restaurant?) It would be good to have several opinions to bounce off each other, to come up with some "outside-the-box" ideas, to figure out how to educate more neighbors and locals and to figure out how we can accept more support from COLA and other concerned lakes in the area.

**How did the CLP get into the lake?** Curly Leaf Pondweed has been around in Minnesota lakes for almost 100 years. In some lakes, CLP co-exists with native plants and does not cause problems. In other lakes, it becomes the dominant plant and causes significant problems (formation of dense mats of vegetation preventing swimming/boating activities, the promotion of phosphorus levels increasing algae bloom, and the limiting of native plants which clarify water and provide habitat/food)\*. (\*Source: Wendy Crowell, MN DNR Exotic Species Program) According to Chip Welling, MN DNR Invasive Species Biologist, it is estimated that many lakes unknowingly already have CLP present, but that the turions are either dormant or the patches so small, it is un-noticable until it gets an opportunity to propagate.

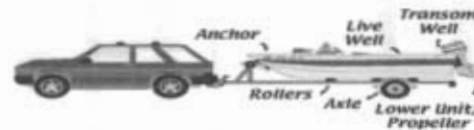
**How can you prevent CLP from spreading to your lakeshore property?**



**Avoid removal or agitation of existing native aquatic or lakeshore plants.** Yes, you need to put in and take out your dock and watercraft each year, and you need to be able to swim and enjoy the lake because that's what owning a lakehome is all about. However, any CLP turions floating around a lake will seek any bare or agitated sediment areas as an opportunity to grow, grow, grow. If you do not want this invasive in your area, try to limit the disturbance of native plants as much as you can, and educate yourself on plant identification and vegetation growth cycles.



**Limit nutrient run-off:** Use only lawn fertilizer with NO phosphates and apply only in the fall. Create a buffer zone/filter strip of native plants/un-mowed lawn between the lake and your yard. Never fertilize right up to the lake edge. Collect and compost lawn clippings and fallen leaves. Do not rake them into the lake or burn them near the shore. Finally, be sure that your septic system is operating correctly and not draining into the lake. (<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG6955.html>)



**Educate your guests:** if you have friends or family visiting your lakehome bringing watercraft, make sure they know their boats, trailers, live wells, bait buckets, etc. need to be clean, clean, clean before putting into the lake so as not to contaminate it with any invasives in lakes they may have been in before visiting

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