

10th & 11th Crow Wing

Lake Association

"Neighbors helping neighbors
for the greater good of the lakes"
September 1, 2009
Fall Newsletter



Hello neighbors!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 19 at the next Lake Association meeting and chatting about what's new with you.

Despite the economy, our resort season has been good, and personally, we've LOVED the cooler weather. On the plus side of cooler temperatures, our guests have seemed to experience better fishing this summer - much to their delight. ☺

FLYING FUN: It just so happens that we've scheduled our Fall Relaxation Retreat here at Crow Wing Crest Lodge on the same weekend as Fall Lake Association meeting. Between some our guests and those of you neighbors who may be interested, I've invited John Justad (a local pilot from the Hackensack area) over to offer **FLOAT PLANE RIDES**.



He has a classic 1957 "Beaver" Float Plane and

charges \$50 person (max. 5 persons per ride) for a 25 minute ride wherever you'd like to go. (Cash, MC/VISA accepted.) He'll take you over to Leech Lake or the rest of the Crow Wing lakes chain, or over to your house to do a photo fly-by. He has headsets and microphones for all passengers, so that you can chat and fly at the same time. All seats are window seats. He is an exceptionally smooth pilot and we highly recommend the experience! Weather permitting, he'll be offering rides starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, just after our Lake Association meeting. Come on out to the resort and park ---- he taxis the plane into our beach area, so bring your sandals or wading shoes. ☺

(E-mail or call me if you're interested and I'll sign you up on the schedule to help us get a good idea of how many folks would be interested. If no one signs up, he'll make arrangements elsewhere.)

ELECTION of OFFICERS: Dan Rud will be stepping down as President of the Lake Association after graciously agreeing to be President for a one year term (thank you Dan!). Would you be interested in volunteering for a year? We will be holding a quick election at the upcoming meeting. Also, if members decide to switch the Fall semi-annual meeting to an August date, we will need someone to help with this newsletter (I'd be willing to keep doing the Spring one, but I won't have time to take on the newsletter during our peak summer resort season) AND we will be looking for a volunteer to kinda spearhead a social picnic or portluck after the August meeting. *sigh* Yep, we could use some help in the Association and are hoping you or your neighbor could volunteer a couple hours of your time per year to help support? Think about it and we'll see you in a couple of weeks!

- Kim Bowen, Vice-President
10th & 11th Crow Wing Lake Association

P.S. Last spring's meeting minutes can be viewed on the Akeley website: <http://www.akeleyymn.com>

From the President's Pen . . .



While this was not the most perfect of summers, many of us were able to enjoy the peace and solitude of the lakes. This next Lake Association meeting will be centered around the change of by-laws . . .

- 1) to request member dues be paid at spring meeting
- 2) to discuss and possibly change semi-annual Lake Association Fall Meeting to an August date instead (the suggestion on the table of the 2nd week in August is the idea that there would be more attendance at meetings and to couple it with a picnic or lake neighbor social event.)

-- Dan Rud, President

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 218-280-2912. During summer, my lakehome address is 31090 County Road 23.



If you would like to be put on our e-mail group list (we e-mail several updates throughout year), contact Kim Bowen at kimbowen@eat.com (Feel free to ask for more copies of this newsletter to spread around! ☺)

Swimmer's Itch



The life stage that causes swimmer's itch is called a "cercaria" which is an immature stage of a blood fluke common in waterfowl. The cercaria only lives for a day or so and typically inhabits the upper few inches of water which increases its chances of coming into contact with a duck (its definitive host). This behavior makes it easy for them to be moved around the lake, and tends to concentrate their numbers along the shoreline.

Actions to take to reduce odds of getting swimmer's itch:

1. Don't feed ducks and make efforts to discourage them from hanging out on your docks or shoreline. (Try an owl wind-sock or statue?)
2. Avoid wading around in the first 10-15 feet of lake from your shoreline if you have sensitive skin or have a heavy infestation. (Swim in middle of lake or out by your swim raft, away from shore.)
3. Dry off with a towel as soon as you exit the lake.
4. Apply baby oil or tanning oil to your skin before swimming, as it will act as a barrier.
5. If you have a really bad swimmer's itch issue, contact your local DNR office and apply for a copper sulfite chemical application permit to kill snail population, a critter also involved in relaying the blood fluke. (This is the least effective and most expensive action to try, just FYI.)

Curly Leaf Pondweed Update

Darrin Hoverson, DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, performed a Curly Leaf Pondweed "turon" survey early this summer to estimate how widespread this invasive species is in 11th Crow Wing Lake. While we do not have the official survey results to pass along yet, his rough estimate is very good news for all of us: the turions were only found in and around the obvious and already known areas (none were found in the lower basin) and those found were very few in number.

After last spring's Lake Association meeting, many of the neighbors around the lake with CLP in front of their lake property (estimated 8-11 properties around the lake) discussed the hardships they've experienced in eradicating this weed. Hand-pulling and raking have been problematic, and chemical application seems to be the most effective, but also the action costing the most. (\$35 annual DNR permit per property owner, \$150 for a 5-gallon bucket, plus the time/energy needed to apply it.) It was suggested that we ask for help from other Crow Wing lakes associations and COLA for donations in starting a fund specifically dedicated to pay for these annual permits and chemicals needed. (Estimated three or four 5-gallon buckets total per year to apply onto CLP patches in the affected areas.)



Join us for the FALL Lake Association Meeting

September 19, 2009 (Saturday)

10:00 a.m. at

Akeley Senior Center (next to Blue Ox grocery)

AGENDA

- Secretary's Minutes from last meeting approved or amended
- Treasurer's report- Who hasn't paid yet?
- COLA report
- Clean Water report
- By-Law discussion and vote to require dues paid at Spring meeting
- By-Law discussion and vote regarding change of Fall semi-annual meetings
- Curly-Leaf Pondweed report and Plan of Action
- Open issues – bring up a topic you think appropriate to discuss



NOT A MEMBER? BECOME ONE, it's easy!

Mail **\$12** (annual dues -what a deal!) to Treasurer Lisa Hanson (or bring a check to the meeting with you) and you can VOTE at the next meeting. Your dues are helping to pay for this newsletter mailing, water clarity tests of your lake, and supplies to build loon nests, etc. Thanks for supporting the health of your lake!

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