



Winter 2009/2010 Newsletter

New Board for 2009-10 season

We want to thank everyone who attended the Circle Lake Association Annual Picnic in June. If you were not able to make it, you can find the meeting minutes on our website: <http://www.circlelake.org/>
It was at this meeting that our new board of directors was formed. May we introduce...

Officers:

Keith Kluzak - President
Fred Wenthe - Vice President
Bob Gilbertson - Treasurer
Denise Klokow - Secretary

Denise Boulay - Board Member At Large
Pete Fettig - Board Member At Large
Rodger Kluzak - Board Member At Large
David Russler - Board Member At Large
Diana Lobo - Board Member At Large

Monthly Board meetings

The CLA board members meet on the second Monday of every month at the Forest Township Town Hall. Everyone is welcome at the meetings. March 8th, Hugh Valiant will be a guest speaker at the meeting. Hugh is the manager of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Waterville Fish Hatchery.

Boat Launch

You may have had an easier time getting your boat out of the lake this past fall. You can thank the DNR waterways. They dredged the launch pool out 50 feet and also reset the cement blocks of the launch. If you have any feedback, questions or concerns about the boat launch, please contact any of the board members or submit a comment on our website and we will address it with the proper people.

Who does CLA work with?

As an association, we often work with organizations that have similar goals and purposes as Circle Lake Association. We receive help from these organizations either in the form of monetary donations or valuable information. If you are interested in becoming more familiar with these groups, you'll find more information on their websites.

Cannon River Watershed Partnership	http://www.crowp.net/
Rice Soil and Water Conservation District	http://www.riceswcd.org/
Rice County Coalition of Lake Associations	http://ricecountylakes.org/
Minnesota Waters	http://www.minnesotawaters.org/
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/

Lake Owners Survey

Your opinion counts! Along with this newsletter, you received a survey. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and mail it back to Circle Lake Association P.O. Box 147, Northfield, MN 55057 or give it to any board member. If you have Microsoft Word, you can also fill out the survey online from our website (<http://www.circlelake.org/>) and email it back to us. Visit the Circle Lake Association website for more information. The CLA board members use the results of this survey to determine what is most important to the lake property owners, make decisions at our board meetings and prioritize possible lake projects.

Mark your calendars and save the date!

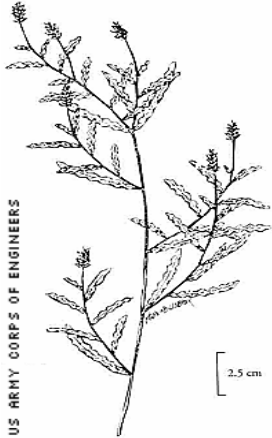
The 2010 annual picnic will be **Saturday July 24th** at Rodger Kluzak's house. (3774 Culver Ct)
It will be a great time to meet new people and learn more about CLA.
We hope to see you there!



LAKE WEEDS

Curly-Leaf Pondweed

You may have noticed the abundance of Curly-leaf pondweed in Circle Lake this past summer. Curly-leaf is a non-native submersed aquatic plant. It generally grows in 3-10 feet of water and can tolerate low water clarity.



Curly-leaf is generally the first pondweed to come up in spring. It can cause ecological problems because it can displace native aquatic plants. In midsummer, curly-leaf plants usually die back, which often results in an increase in phosphorus and undesirable algae blooms.

Like other aquatic vegetation, the abundance of curly-leaf varies from year to year depending on environmental

conditions, such as winter snow depth, and spring water clarity, which can affect its growth.

Look for more information on controlling Curly-leaf pondweed in the Spring Circle Lake Association Newsletter.

Eurasian Watermilfoil

A concern to all lake home owners, Eurasian Watermilfoil is another invasive plant that, once introduced, may spread rapidly throughout a lake.



Eurasian Watermilfoil was recently discovered in Fox Lake. As you know, Fox Lake feeds Circle Lake via Wolf Creek. An invasive species specialist from the Minnesota DNR visited our lake on 9/16/09 and did not find any evidence of the Watermilfoil; however we need to be especially vigilant in monitoring the Wolf Creek inlet for future evidence of the Eurasian Watermilfoil. Also, please be sure to remove all vegetation from your watercraft before you move it from one body of water to another

If you notice Eurasian Watermilfoil anywhere in Circle Lake, please contact a board member or the Minnesota DNR immediately.



Eurasian watermilfoil typically has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets. The native northern watermilfoil, with which it is often confused, usually has 5 to 9 pairs

Weed Cutting information

When do I need a permit? No permit is necessary if you are cutting weeds in an area less than 2500 square feet. An exception applies to channels that are 15 feet wide or less, which do not need a permit. If you are unsure, please contact the DNR.

When do I apply for a weed cutting permit? If a permit is needed, the DNR recommends submitting your application prior to April 1st in order to have the permit in time for cutting.

When is the best time to cut weeds? May is the best month to cut weeds. The DNR does not recommend weed cutting after June 1st.

Weed cutters are available and dispersed to various neighborhoods around the lake. If you would like to find a weed cutter, please contact a board member.

For additional information, visit <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/water/answers.html>

Join CLA!

If you would like to support the Circle Lake Association and become a member, please fill out the form below and mail it along with a check for \$30 to: Circle Lake Association P.O. Box 147, Northfield, MN 55057 or give it to any board member.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____