

# **Circle Lake Association Annual Report 2014**



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Circle-Lake-Association/389819021101615>

The race has a new website: [www.circletlake.com](http://www.circletlake.com)

Follow us on Twitter @CircleLakeRun

## Board of Directors

The lake association's Board of Directors has nine members. Directors serve for three-year terms. As stated in our bylaws (sections 5.3 and 9.2), three of the board's nine seats are up for election at each year's Annual Association Meeting. At the board's first meeting after the Annual Association Meeting, the directors elect a slate of officers to serve through the next year's annual meeting.

Here are the current board members and their terms:

Term ending in 2015: Bob Gilbertson, Dale Petelinsek, Sandra Russler

Term ending in 2016: Robert Duban, Keith Kluzak, Dean Sunderlin

Term ending in 2017: Karen Appeldoorn, OPEN, OPEN

## CLA Board Members

### April 2013- April 2014:

Dale Petelinsek, President  
Karen Appeldoorn, Vice President  
Sandra Russler, Secretary  
Bob Gilbertson, Treasurer  
Keith Kluzak  
Robert Duban  
Dean Sunderlin  
Julie Dornbusch  
David Russler

### April 2014- April 2015:

Dale Petelinsek, President  
Karen Appeldoorn, Vice President  
Sandra Russler, Secretary  
Bob Gilbertson, Treasurer  
Keith Kluzak  
Robert Duban  
Dean Sunderlin  
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Feel free to join us at our next CLA Board Meeting. We meet at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month at the Forest Township Hall (west of Boonies on Co Rd 1) 3625 Millersburg Blvd W, Faribault, MN.

Upcoming dates for 2015: April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

## About "Circle Lake Association"

The Circle Lake Association is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization whose members are area residents, property owners, and others interested in the association's mission.

**Our mission** is to promote the improvement, protection, and preservation of the water quality, ecological balance, and environmental health of Circle Lake, its watershed, and vicinity. The association strives to achieve its goals through interactions with lakeshore property owners, landowners within the watershed, and other organizations with similar interests. **Our main goal** is to improve Circle Lake's water quality and get the lake removed from the MPCA's "impaired waters" list. We commissioned the preparation of a Lake Management Plan and are in the process of executing it.

## CLA Membership

Membership in Circle Lake Association is voluntary. Annual membership dues are \$50 per household (Jan 1 to Dec 31). For those interested in membership, send your names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, along with a check payable to "Circle Lake Association" to:  
Circle Lake Association, P.O. Box 147, Northfield, MN 55057.

## CIRCLE LAKE ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The association ended 2014 with a total of our third-highest ever total of 59 paid memberships. This includes two businesses and at least 109 adults from 57 families.

### 1. Circle Lake Area Sales & Service

### 2. State Bank of Faribault

3. Appeldoorn, Karen & Jerry
4. Arnold, Craig & Ann
5. Bartho, Dan & Jane
6. Bates, Peggy
7. Benson, Curt & Gwen
8. Bonnesen, Stan & Jane
9. Boulay, Denise & Matt
10. Boulay, Sue & Kevin
11. Boysen, Joan
12. Carlson, Lisa & Scott
13. Dornbusch, Julie & Scott
14. Duban, Greg & Terry
15. Duban, Robert & Sylvia
16. Eaves, Mike & Beth
17. Erickson, Tina & Bob
18. Featherston, Connie & Mike
19. Foster, Mike & Sherry
20. Gates, Ann & Paul

21. Gilbertson, Cynthia & Bob
22. Harris, Judi & Jim
23. Hochschild, Kay
24. Hoffert, Brianne & Kyle
25. Ingraham, Kathy & Don
26. Johnson, Warren & Ethel
27. Johnston, Don & Sheri
28. Jones, Gordy & Anne
29. Kalkman, Missy & Dave
30. Keefer, Dennis
31. Kluzak, Keith & Jennifer
32. Kluzak, Rodger & Mary
33. Konetski, William & Cherrise
34. Machacek, John
35. Morrison, Susie & Ross
36. Nelson, Barb & Brad
37. Olson, Ed & Bonnie
38. Olson, Penni & Kale
39. Osborne, R & Joan Lewis-Osborne
40. Palmquist, Pam & Rob

41. Panettiere, Nan & Brian
42. Petelinsek, Dale & Kathy
43. Peters, Steve & Julie
44. Quist, Dale & Betty
45. Reiland, Matt & Jolene
46. Russler, David & Sandy
47. Selkirk, Lonna & Scott
48. Sneider, Ann & Alex
49. Sonnee, Doug & Vicki
50. Sunderlin, Sam & Dean
51. Swanson, Patty & David
52. Tonsager, Vern & Gwen
53. Trnka, Steve & Elaine
54. Utech, William & Lori
55. Vogel, Kelli & Jim
56. Vrieze, Kathie & Kevin
57. Wenthe, Fred & Pat
58. Wood, Jason & Tammy
59. Zensen, Kim & T

# Lake Improvement Fund

Membership is one way to help support CLA. Another way is through donations to the “LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND”. Anyone may contribute any amount, and 100% of the money contributed goes toward projects designed to improve lake water quality.

The donation to the Lake Improvement Fund is considered a “Friends of Circle Lake” donor. A few years ago, the “**Flamingo**” and “**Owl**” levels were adopted. Each calendar year, families who donate the minimum amount become the proud owner of a Flamingo OR Owl to display in their front yard.

To qualify for the Flamingo Level, a minimum donation of \$365.00 is required- that is only a dollar a day! In 2014, the Owl Level was increased to a minimum donation of \$700.00. In previous years, the minimum donation for the Owl Level was \$500.00.

## **LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS – 2014**

Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation	\$ 10,000
Circle the Lake Run	8,530
Tri-Lakes Sportsmen’s Club	3,000
Chunky Dunk 1-1-2014	1,827
Miscellaneous cash	28
<u>35 Individual &amp; Business Donors</u>	<u>14,395</u> (Friends of Circle Lake, Flamingo & Owl Levels)
<b>TOTAL FOR 2014</b>	<b>\$ 37,780</b>

**CLA wishes to thank ALL those that have donated.** You have helped to make Circle Lake a better place! Listed are the ‘35 Individual & Business Donors’ in 2014. (In alphabetical order at each level).

### **Friends of Circle Lake \$1- 364**

Garald & Bonnie Barnak  
Stan & Jane Bonnesen  
Joan Boysen  
Mike & Beth Eaves  
Kay Hochschild  
Don & Sheri Johnston  
William & Cherrise Konetski  
Rob & Pam Palmquist  
Alex & Ann Sneiders  
William & Lori Utech

### **Flamingo Level \$365- 699**

Craig & Ann Arnold  
**Boat Doctor Marine**  
Sue & Kevin Boulay  
Mike & Connie Featherston  
Mike & Sherry Foster  
Jim & Judi Harris  
Dave & Missy Kalkman  
Dennis & Diane Keefer  
Rodger & Mary Kluzak  
Ross & Susie Morrison  
Ed & Bonnie Olson  
**OSS, LLC**  
Dale & Kathy Petelinsek  
Matt & Jolene Reiland  
David & Sandy Russler  
Scott & Lorna Selkirk  
Vern & Gwen Tonsager  
Jim & Kelli Vogel

### **Owl Level \$700 +**

Anonymous  
Scott & Lisa Carlson  
Bob & Tina Erickson  
Cynthia & Bob Gilbertson  
Brad & Barb Nelson  
Brian & Nan Panettiere  
Dean & Sam Sunderlin

# Circle the Lake Half Marathon, 10K and 5K

by Dean Sunderlin



On September 20, as a fund raiser, the Circle Lake Association sponsored its third annual run/walk around Circle Lake. Our 2014 race drew 287 registrants. That is almost double the number of participants from the previous year. The half marathon was a certified course this year. Chip timing was used for the first time.

## **The winning times were:**

**1/2 marathon MEN:** Bryan Larison 1:23:08

**1/2 marathon WOMEN:** Leah Holt 1:43:31

**10K MEN:** Mike Cloutier 42:05

**10K WOMEN:** Stephanie O'Bryant 45:56

**5K MEN:** Blake Quinnell 23:16

**5K WOMEN:** Tessa Hentges 24:01

We received very favorable comments from the participants. This, in large part, was due to the enthusiastic support of **over 50 volunteers.**

**Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this event by running or volunteering.**

Your efforts helped raise \$8,530 for the Circle Lake Association's Lake Improvement Fund.

A special thanks to the race organizing team: Julie Dornbusch, Ross Morrison, Kathy & Dale Petelinsek, and Kelli & Jim Vogel.

**The 2015 race will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 9 a.m. Please save the date and come out and run or volunteer. It is a fun day for a great cause.**

## **Also a big thanks to our corporate sponsors:**

Balanced Fitness 4 Life, Northfield  
Boat Doctor Marine, Montgomery  
Boonies Bar & Grill, Millersburg  
Canvas Church, Northfield  
Car Time Auto Center, Northfield  
Cross Country Soaring, Faribault  
Circle Lake Area Sales & Services, Faribault  
College City Beverages, Dundas  
Culligan, Northfield  
The Depot Bar & Grill, Faribault  
Econofoods, Northfield  
Fit to be Tri'd, Northfield  
Forza!, Northfield  
Graphic Mailbox, Northfield  
Northfield Urgent Care, Northfield  
Road ID  
Southview Animal Hospital, Inver Grove Hgts  
The State Bank of Faribault, Faribault  
Tandem Bagels, Northfield

The race has a new website:

[www.CircletheLake.com](http://www.CircletheLake.com) It has the 2014 race results of all participants. There is a great photo section, with photos from the 2014 event.

You can check there for updates about the upcoming race throughout the year. We will also keep the dedicated race page on the Circle Lake Association website up to date. Links to register for the races are on both websites.

Follow us on [Twitter @CircleLakeRun](#)



# Chunky Dunk, New Year's Day 2014

The Chunky Dunk on January 1, 2014 was reported by Julie Dornbusch in the 2013 Annual Report. It can be viewed on our website [www.CircleLake.org](http://www.CircleLake.org)  
Circle Lake Association did not host a Chunky Dunk on January 1, 2015.

## Aquatic Plant Management

by Keith Kluzak



Our aquatic-plant project has involved both trying to get rid of the bad ones (weeds) and promote the good ones (native plants). Little activity occurred on aquatic weeds in 2014. The association did have grants and permits in place to treat curly leaf pondweed but, alas, as in previous years, insufficient quantities of curly leaf pondweed were found to warrant a large scale treatment. However, the Association will continue the annual process of applying for permits and grants so that we can be ready to treat should a heavy bloom of curly leaf pond weed erupt. Eurasian milfoil is still found in very limited quantities on the south side of Circle

Lake near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Continue vigilance is the protocol in place at this time for milfoil. The weed cutter was only used a couple of times, but remains an option available to lake residents.

## Weed Cutter

Just a quick note to remind our members the Circle Lake Association has an aquatic weed cutter available for use. A CLA board member or designee will operate the weed cutter. The lake shore owner must be available to help rake in the clippings. A donation to CLA is highly encouraged to help offset the cost of operation. If you are interested please contact board member Keith Kluzak directly at 507-450-8550 or [keith\\_kluzak@yahoo.com](mailto:keith_kluzak@yahoo.com).

## Sediment

Our lake management plan emphasizes making progress in other areas before we try to do something about our lake sediment, so we are focusing on the other projects for now.





# NATIVE PLANTING

by Dean Sunderlin



The native planting project had a rough start in 2014. The county provided us with several hundred plants to fill in a few empty areas in our project area. CLA supplied the labor. Within days of our getting the new plants in the ground, heavy rains caused the lake to rise and flood the park. The plants were under water for over a week.

Many native plants, once established, can withstand flooding. That is one of the reasons we encourage their use around the lake. The established plants in this project did survive, with most of the grasses appearing unscathed. Unfortunately, the new plants didn't have time to take root and were a total loss.

The CLA board previously set aside \$500 to purchase new plants if they were needed, and we will ask the county to supply more plants as well. We hope to replant the damaged areas in the spring.

With the start of the 2014 growing season, we entered the maintenance phase of the project. The only maintenance required this year was weed removal and watering. Rice County provided us with a pump and hoses for drawing water out of the lake for watering, and a sprayer and herbicide to control the weeds. This was at no cost to the association. Maintenance ended up being light work this year as watering was unnecessary due to the heavy rains. Only a few hours were needed to spray herbicide to control the weeds. We installed small flags between the road (Circle Lake Trail) and the planting to discourage people from driving on the area.

As a reminder, the use of native plants is a highly recommended technique used to stabilize eroding areas, and prevent sediment from getting into surface waters. We anticipate using native plants in some of our ravine projects for that reason. We encourage you to also use them in any lakeshore plantings you might be planning.

The planting is located in Circle Lake Park. Yes, Circle Lake has a park. It is located right next to the public fishing pier on Circle Lake Trail. Drive by and check it out sometime.



Flooding at Circle Lake Park



Circle Lake Trail  
June 15, 2014

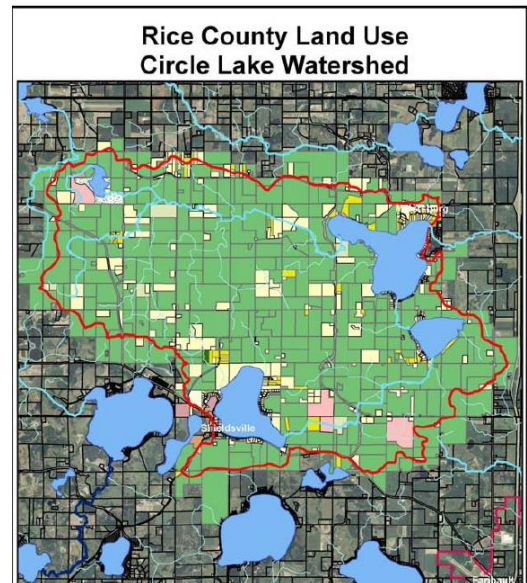




# Watershed

by Keith Kluzak

2014 was a spectacular year for watershed enhancements for the Circle Lake Association. The big project completed was erosion control on the Lundstrom ravine. With the completion of this project it is estimated by McGhie & Betts to save 110 cubic yards of sediment annually from entering the lake. This project entailed the installation of 9 log cribs and one concrete berm. Positive effects were viewed nearly immediately after installation as heavy rains in June did not produce the chocolate milk colored plume at the mouth of the lake as they have in years past. A summary of this project follows on pages 9- 10, "The Lundstrom Ravine Project".



In August 2014, we were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation to do an erosion-control project designed to reduce the flow of water over Culver Trail and toward the lake during heavy rainfalls, and thereby reduce the contaminants entering the lake. We did the work in September and now have three berms and three log cribs in place for future rainfall events. The project summary follows on pages 11-12, "The Culver Trail Project".

Another spot known for many years for significant erosion entering county ditch 32 has been the Dalby property off the west side of Circle Lake. During 2014 the landowner signed a new lease agreement with a tenant who has expressed their intent to plant a much less erodible cover crop, hay.

A further positive note on county ditch 32, is nature doing its own work. On the Vosepkja property where county ditch 32 enters Circle Lake, beavers have created their own log cribs. There are two



beaver dams in the ditch on the Vosepkja property. In talking with the landowner, it is his desire to leave the beavers and the beavers dams alone. The landowner is an avid water fowler and is viewed as a natural habitat improvement for his pursued quarry.



Looking ahead, plans are underway to further reduce erosion coming in on the south side of Circle Lake south of Culver Trail. The project focused upon at this time is the watershed originating on the Messenbrink property and crossing the Malecha property before it passes under Culver Trail and into Circle Lake.

Another task much larger in scale being mapped out is erosion control measures on Wolf Creek, all the way from Fox Lake on into the mouth of Circle Lake. Along with the work on Wolf Creek, it would also involve restoring a navigable waterway from 130th Street to the mouth of Circle Lake that will also act as a sediment basin for any remaining erosion still coming through Wolf Creek, even after the planned erosion-control structures.

# The Lundstrom Ravine Project (SW Corner of Circle Lake)

by Keith Kluzak

Numerous ravines enter Circle Lake. During a moderate to heavy rain event, the water rushing down the ravines transports large amounts of sediment into the lake. Below are pictures of what was occurring in one ravine on the southwest corner of the lake.



April 2014

A chunk of dirt the size of a full size car caving in from the side wall and falling into the ravine where water can readily carry it into Circle Lake.



Late May 2014

A sharp curve in the ravine. Water undercutting the embankment prior to erosion control structure installation.

The solution to the above problem was to slow the water's down to reduce the amount of soil undercut from the sides of the ravine. To do this, a concrete berm and a series of log cribs were constructed in the ravine.

Combined with the use of on-site brushy materials, these structures have succeeded in slowing the speed of the water, and significantly reduced the amount of sediment entering Circle Lake from this point source.

In spite of extremely difficult working conditions, (it was a very wet June) our contractor, Sonnee Environmental Services, completed the project on schedule.

Funding for this engineered project came from the Circle Lake Association, the Tri-Lakes Sportsmen's Club, and the landowners.



June 2014

A sharp curve now with log crib structure installed. Water pools up in front of the structure and no longer achieves sufficient energy to undercut the bank.



By our engineer's estimates, this ravine was contributing approximately 120 cubic yards of sediment annually into Circle Lake. THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE!

June 2014

An example of how the structures were installed in a sequential series to prevent water from gaining sufficient momentum to cause significant erosion. Also, on site brushy material used for additional erosion control assistance.



Water pools in front of the one concrete structure in this project. The open area between the concrete blocks is to allow the water to move more quickly through this structure during high flow. This keeps the structure from being over topped.

The concrete structure during a high water event.



# The Culver Trail Project

by Keith Kluzak

In August 2014, the Circle Lake Association applied to the “Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation”, of Rochester, Minnesota, for a grant to do an erosion control project on the south side of Circle Lake. During heavy rainfall, water would wash over Culver Trail and carry large amounts of sediment and contaminants into the lake. Here are a few photographs showing the problem.



**Picture #1: Farm Field Run Off**

Water rushing off a field about 150 yards from the south shore of Circle Lake. The water is washing over Culver Trail and carrying sediment and nutrients into the lake.



**Picture #2: Lakeshore Resident Ankle Deep in Mud**

You can see the lake over this lake resident’s shoulder. When the water stopped flowing, this resident needed to use a skid to steer to scrape a couple of inches of mud off of the driveway.



**Picture #3: Water & Mud Rushing Down the Driveway**

This picture is taken with their back to the farm field, looking toward the lake.

Circle Lake Association board member, Keith Kluzak, worked with a contractor on plans. They determined that the remediation work could be accomplished at a cost of \$10,000. Keith submitted a grant application, and the “Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation” awarded Circle Lake Association a \$10,000 grant to do the project.

In September, contractor “Sonnee Environmental Services” installed three log cribs and three erosion-control berms.





**Picture #4: Log Crib Backstopped with Rock**

This is a log crib backstopped with rock. The crib will slow the flow of water and provide a location for the sediment to filter out before reaching the lake. Three of these structures were installed with the funds from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.



**Picture #5: Erosion Control Berm in the Field**

There were three erosion control berms built with the funds from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation. This is a picture of the second of the three berms in order from top to bottom going towards the lake.



**Picture #6: Highest Berm on the Hill**

This is the highest berm of the three and a stand pipe to the tile line to allow the water to gradually drain as opposed to rushing down the hill. The outlet of the tile line would be just a few feet upstream from the first log crib.



**Picture #7: The Last of the Three Berms**

This is the lowest of the three berms. It is the closest to Culver Trail and the same general location as Picture #1. It is difficult to see the berm, as it is covered with straw until the seeded grass sprouts. The straw blends in with the surrounding stubble wheat. The darker area is a basin excavated out to capture and slowly release water.

The berms are intended to reduce the violent rush of water runoff that flows toward the lake in a heavy rainfall, and to allow the water to drain more gradually. The log cribs should further slow the flow of water and provide a place for sediment to filter out before hitting the lake. This project was made possible by the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation's generous financial support, a landowner interested in helping protect the lake, a talented contractor, and good, old-fashioned volunteer effort.

# Carp Control Project Status 2014

by Jason Wood

We are now in our fifth year of projects associated with limiting the number of carp in Circle Lake to improve the overall water quality. Carp are detrimental to our lake in several ways as they destroy vital lake vegetation that helps clean the water and provide cover for game fish. They also greatly increase the biomass of the lake which increases algae levels. Our project has an aggressive four prong approach:

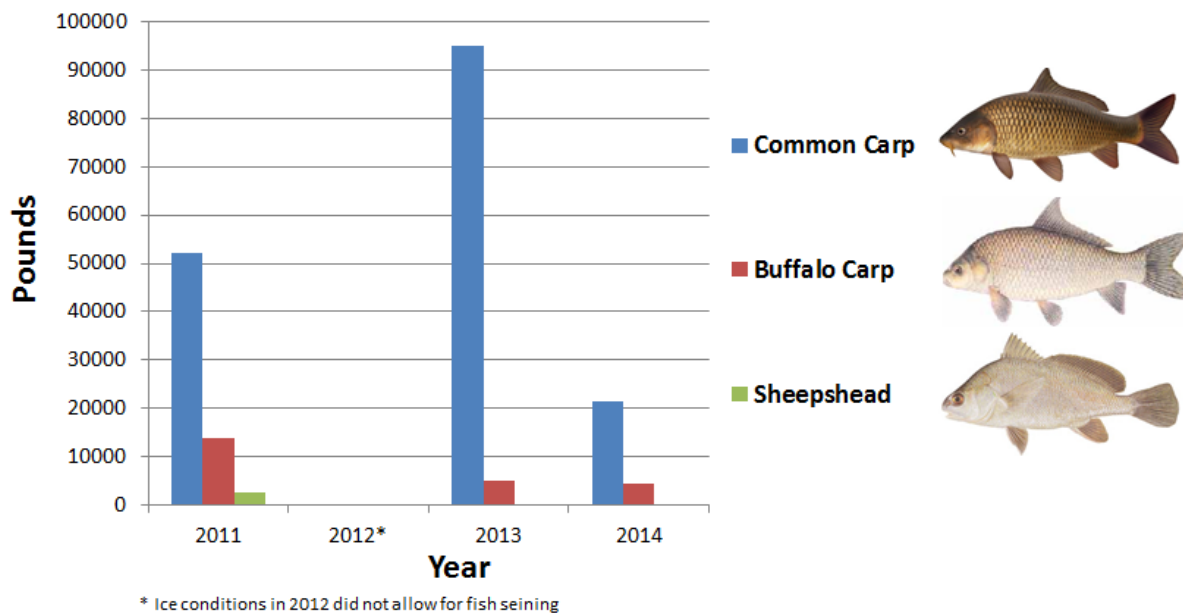
- Reestablish a rough fish barrier at Wolf Creek to help prevent carp from entering the lake from the Cannon River.
- Limit spawning locations for carp around Circle Lake.
- Increase numbers of game fish that feed on carp eggs.
- Remove adult carp from Circle Lake through seining.



**Figure 1: Fish Fitted With Radio Transmitter**

With the first three initiatives complete or underway, in 2014 our team began focusing on the fourth initiative of removing adult carp from the lake. The Circle Lake Association Board approved the first phase of an aggressive carp monitoring and removal project in late 2014. This project involves fitting a group of carp with radio transmitters to better understand their spawning and winter aggregation locations. Figure 1 shows an example of a fish fitted with a radio transmitter. This data will be used to track the carp throughout 2015 and 2016, with the goal of large scale removal in the winter of 2016. The radio telemetry will be used to further limit access to carp spawning locations and to locate the aggregated groups during the removal operation. The radio tagging of the carp in Circle Lake is currently scheduled to occur during a seining event in February of 2015, which is dependent on ice conditions.

Limited ice conditions in late 2014 prevented seining, so the statistics in Figure 2 only reflect one seining event in early 2014. The next seining event is scheduled for February of 2015.



**Figure 2 - Circle Lake Rough Fish Removal Statistic**



**CIRCLE LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
December 30, 2014

In December 2014 our regular operating fund decreased by \$1,076.78, as we had \$50 in deposits (member dues), received \$0.98 in interest, and spent \$1,127.76 (\$920.74 for picnic expenses, \$204.02 for fundraising expenses, and \$3 for our bank service fee). Our Lake Improvement Fund balance decreased by \$406.04, as we had \$233 in deposits (lake-resident contributions) and spent \$639.04 (\$359.50 for the carp radio-telemetry project and \$279.54 in race expenses). As of the end of 2014, association membership included two businesses and at least 109 adults from 57 families.

	Regular Operating Fund		Lake Improvement Fund		TOTAL
<b>Balance to start year</b>	<b>1,513.17</b>		<b>23,530.01</b>		<b>25,043.18</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>3,578.73</b>		<b>37,780.53</b>		<b>41,359.26</b>
Lake-resident contributions			13,693.00	36%	
Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation			10,000.00	26%	
Circle The Lake run 2014 (net)			8,530.44	23%	
Member dues	3,550.00	99%			
Tri-Lakes Sportsmen's Club			3,000.00	8%	
Chunky Dunk 1-1-14 (net)			1,827.09	5%	
Business contributions			730.00	2%	
Weed-cutting donations	20.00	1%			
Interest on bank account	8.73	0%			
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,822.18</b>		<b>28,112.08</b>		<b>30,934.26</b>
Lundstrom ravine project			15,622.00	56%	
Other erosion-control project			10,000.00	36%	
Picnic	920.74	33%			
Insurance	913.00	32%			
Engineering services			843.00	3%	
Carp radio-telemetry project			359.50	1%	
Weed-cutter maintenance	317.50	11%			
Fundraising (flamingos, etc.)	204.02	7%			
Maintenance - previous projects			165.00	1%	
Town hall rental	130.00	5%			
Spillover expenses, 9-14-13 race			122.58	0%	
PO box	84.00	3%			
Web site	65.00	2%			
Annual meeting	63.02	2%			
Dues to CRWP, COLA, etc.	50.00	2%			
Other professional services	36.00	1%			
Bank fees	38.90	1%			
<b>Increase / decrease</b>	<b>756.55</b>		<b>9,668.45</b>		<b>10,425.00</b>
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>2,269.72</b>		<b>33,198.46</b>		<b>35,468.18</b>
<b>COMMITMENTS:</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>11,307.50</b>		<b>11,307.50</b>
Outstanding checks					
Carp-eradication projects			10,807.50		
2011 native-plant pilot project			500.00		
<b>AVAILABLE (after commitments)</b>	<b>2,269.72</b>		<b>21,890.96</b>		<b>24,160.68</b>

Bob Gilbertson, CLA Treasurer

# Presidents Note

by Dale Petelinsek

It is said that when beginning a large endeavor that you: "Over estimate what you can do in the first 5 years and under estimate what you can do in the next 20 years".

This seems to apply to our lake improvement program as we worked hard over the first couple of years to organize our plan, approach, staffing and funding sources, but did not seem to be actually making significant progress getting the water quality improved. This last year, 2014, we greatly exceeded our planned expectations and had major successes in each of our project focus areas.

Many days I am involved in conversations with association members about ideas and more importantly execution of initiatives to clean up the lake. The good news is that our efforts are showing results. And while the lake still has significant algae bloom in the summer months, we are picking away at it, adding another day here and there of clean water to the algae bloom cycle.

The largest investment many of us has in our health and our financial success is directly tied to the quality of the water in Circle Lake. If we can continue to clean up the lake and watershed that feeds it, our investments will appreciate, but if the water quality gets worse, there may be catastrophic consequences. Because of this, I would strongly encourage you to take a look at your priorities and allocate at minimum one dollar a day (\$365.00 per year) to help fund these efforts. I also would encourage you to donate one hour a month to help provide the muscle and brain power that we need to keep these efforts rolling.

Most of our neighbors donate significantly more time and money than this. ALL OF US REAP THE BENEFIT FROM EACH OTHERS HARD WORK AND DONATIONS.

Please feel free to contact me at 612-616-0472 or [Dalep@everest-is.com](mailto:Dalep@everest-is.com) any time if you have a question, concern, idea or would like to donate. Also, please take a minute and pat your neighbors on the back for the time and the money that they have donated. It is working and Circle Lake is a better place for it.

Semper Fidelis

Dale Petelinsek