



# THE CEDAR LOG

SUMMER 2021

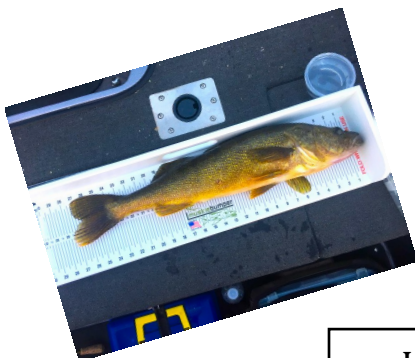
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## AITKIN AREA FISHERIES

By Greg Berg, Assistant Fisheries Supervisor

We are planning to do a standard fisheries survey of Cedar Lake this summer to update our records. We do this every three years. It was scheduled to be done last year but was postponed due to the pandemic. The survey will be going on during the week of August 16 but may begin the week of August 9. During that time we will set and lift 20 gillnets, two suspended gillnets for sampling Tullibee, and 24 trap nets. Nets will be marked and labeled with orange buoys and DNR stickers. Part of the survey began on June 2 with night electrofishing for largemouth bass where the crew caught about 30 bass per hour, a pretty good rate for this area. Bass ranged in size from 7" to 18" and averaged 13". One smallmouth bass was caught as well, which doesn't happen too often! This isn't too surprising given the connection to the Mississippi River.

More to report after the August survey; enjoy the summer!



Just some of the entries in the 2021 Fishing Challenge! Send pictures of your prize catch to Lanae Paaverud at [lpaaverud@gmail.com](mailto:lpaaverud@gmail.com)  
Challenge ends Labor Day, September 6!

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Debbie Campbell



"Hot fun in the summertime!" Many thanks to those who came out to cruise the southern end of the lake on July 4th. And, what fun to

receive this flag! Thanks are due to the boat that delivered it to me and whomever was the prior keeper of the flag.

This spring our current website host informed us they would no longer be providing website services. Lanae and Yoerg Paaverud, our site's monitors, have been tirelessly working on transferring all our pages to a new platform. It should be up and ready to go mid August. Be sure to check it out. Our website address remains the same. Along with updated information, new to the site is a PayPal Donate button where you can pay your dues online and make donations to the CLC.

Quoting words from another old song, we "gol dam gone and done it". Zebra mussels, not the end of the world, but ugh! Rest assured your Board is staying on top of this and will keep everyone informed whenever there is something significant to report. Let's all do our part and stay vigilant in the fight against **any** AIS. You know what to do!

My two-year term as the CLC's President is at its end with this writing. I've also stepped down from the Treasurer's position. It was my pleasure to serve; heartfelt thanks to those who made these jobs a breeze over the years! At its June meeting the Board elected Jon Campbell, President, Mark Miller, Vice President, Dan Yentes, Secretary/Treasurer and welcomed Heather Rykhus as a Director to the Board. The CLC has been, and continues to be, in good hands. The entire slate of nine Directors will be approved by the membership at the annual meeting in September. Thank you, Steve Haasl and Mark Miller in persevering and finding a meeting location.

Enjoy the summer; see you on the lake!

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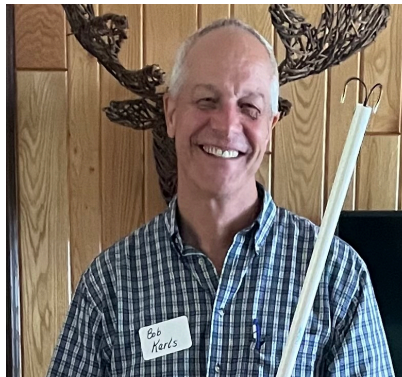
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## SHORE LAND By Susan Nielsen

On July 24 I hosted a meeting for my Shore Land Stewards. Thirty attended and Bob Karls gave a most informative presentation on the various AIS followed by a question/answer session. The first picture on the left shows the materials distributed to attendees. The second picture is Bob Karls holding a tool used to pull up weeds for identification purposes. This tool was created by Steward, Bob Rykhus. If you'd like information on making one for yourself, don't hesitate to contact Bob at [rykhusfam@comcast.net](mailto:rykhusfam@comcast.net)



The committee is checking each area of Cedar Lake August 1 - 14. Searchers will be looking for eurasian watermilfoil, starry stonewort, zebra mussels, purple loosestrife and curly pondweed. Don't forget to send me your findings asap!

Two new tools are aiding searchers: 1) Tim Plude, DNR AIS Specialist from the Brainerd office, will answer picture texts to help identify good or bad specimens, and 2) new subs are going out to search with veteran Stewards so they know what to look for when they are their own.

I highly encourage shore land owners to inspect their own shore, boat lifts, trailers and swim platforms. We want to find these AIS in the early stage.

## CONSERVATION By Bob Karls

There is foam on the lake? Is this indicative of pollution? Most lake foam is caused when the surface tension of water is decreased and air is mixed into the water. As with most liquids, water molecules are normally attracted to each other. This attraction creates tension at the surface of the water, often referred to as a thin "skin", which allows some insects to glide across it.

Organic materials from naturally decaying plants and animals can reduce the surface tension of water. When the wind blows across it or waves wash against the shore, bubbles are produced. Most foam observed in lakes or streams is naturally occurring and not an indicator of pollution.

Not all foam is natural. Certain man-made products, including detergents and manmade compounds commonly known as PFAS, can cause foam that is similar in appearance but may be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

To determine if foam is natural or not, collect some of the foamy water in a jar. Shake the jar. Detergents will produce more bubbles; natural foam usually dissipates. Detergent foams feel slippery and usually smell of perfumes. Natural foams often smell like fish or soil.

Scientists are still studying why and how PFAS foam appears in some lakes and streams and not in others. There are some ways you can distinguish PFAS foam from naturally occurring foam. Generally, PFAS foam can be bright white, is usually lightweight, can be sticky, tends to pile up like shaving cream and can blow onto the beach. Phosphates also contribute to foaming on lakes so it is important to keep all fertilizers and sewage discharges from entering the lake.

If you do some of the simple tests above and see the characteristics above or are unsure, you can contact a Board member, the DNR or MN Control Agency.

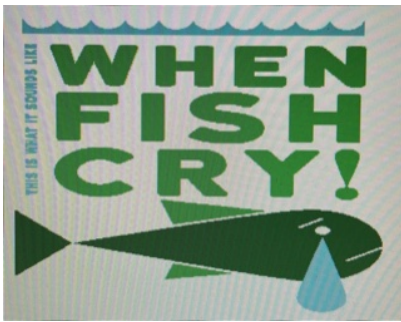
Got Buckthorn? Many property owners are finding this non-native, invasive species on their property. Information from the DNR on these trees can be found here:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>

Still unsure if you have it? Val Varno, Cedar Lake property owner, is happy to walk your property with you, verify and discuss options. Contact her at 612-518-9763.

## MEMBERSHIP

By Dave Mackaman



If you haven't already renewed your 2021-2022 Conservancy Membership, now is the time. Can you hear them crying? The fish are sad and we miss you! Only with your support can we continue to keep Cedar Lake's water clear and free of invasive species and our fish healthy and happy. Turn a fish frown upside down. Send in your renewal today. Unsure if you've renewed this year? Contact Treasurer, Dan Yentes, at [danyentes@gmail.com](mailto:danyentes@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL

by Steve Haasl & Mark Miller

With, hopefully, the worst of the Covid lockdown and quarantine behind us, we're enjoying 2021 with an optimistic outlook. Although the golf tournament was not played out this year, we did have a wonderful turnout for the Annual Boat Parade with more than 40 watercraft in attendance on a scorching, iconic 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Those of us on Little Cedar were delighted and a bit surprised we were able to get through the very shallow narrows.

The Fishing Challenge continues throughout summer so get those minnows working. Debbie and Jim Campbell are rumored to be growing a large dogfish under their pontoon; it could be a winner.

The Spring Roadside Cleanup on CR 28 was well supported by a great group of volunteers. The Fall Cleanup is September 25. Think about attending. The Annual Picnic will be reinstated in 2022 for sure. With total confidence, after a long hiatus our Annual CLC Meeting **will** take place this year on September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am. Watch for further details, as it gets closer.

As always, your suggestions for other social events or improvements to our current lineup are appreciated.

*Some of the best memories are made at the lake in flip flops!*

- Unknown



## SAY HELLO TO NEW CLC BOARD MEMBER HEATHER RYKHUS

Heather and husband, Bob, have been on Cedar Lake since the early 1980s with a seasonal cabin on the north end and now a year-round place on the east side. They also have a home in Edina. They have one married son with two grandsons and a large "rescue" dog named Ross who likes to ride on the sun platform on the back of their pontoon. Heather retired as a RN at M Health Fairview-University Hospital eight years ago. Heather and Bob have enjoyed doing AIS checks, loon counts and water clarity readings as well as CLC get togethers. Other interests include, but aren't limited to, gardening, sunset watching, pontooning and keeping up with friends.

No secrets on the lake! Sound, from your boat's



speakers or the lively conversation you are having with passengers, travels farther over water and ends up in your neighbor's ears on shore!



Spring County Road 28 Clean Up Crew – LtoR: Val Varno, Linda Schneider, Bob Karls, Jenny Palm, Larry Palm, John McIntosh, Isaac Nadeau, Dennis Nielsen, Don Carlisle, Jerry Braton. Not pictured Mary Braton. **Join the crew for the fall cleanup on Saturday, September 25!**



Dog days of summer...who thinks about fall chores now? The U of M Extension Services recommends mulching leaves with your lawn mower. The mulched leaves will turn into organic matter and fertilize your lawn in addition to reducing weeds. Please **do not** blow, dump or rake **any** yard waste into the lake.

Anyone witnessing a fish or wildlife violation is encouraged to contact the MN DNR's 24-hour, toll free Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-652-9093. Cell phone users can dial #TIP.

Enjoy reading about the activities on Cedar Lake? This publication is sent to every property owner on the lake. If you don't belong to the CLC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and the efforts of all the volunteers.

When you remove your watercraft, lifts, docks and swim platform for the season, check for tiny zebra mussels. If any watercraft sat in the water all summer long, run your hand over the hull feeling for fine sand particles that may be stuck on. These minuscule particles may be zebra mussels. Same goes for dock/lift poles and swim platforms. Check dock tires. If you discover these, please contact Bob Karls as soon as possible.

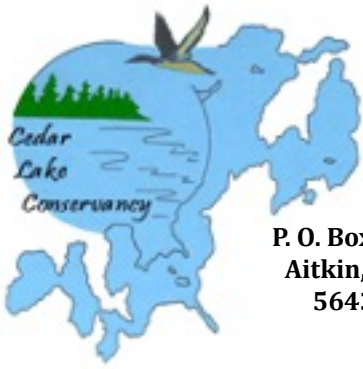
## SAVE THE DATE

August 3 - 7	Crow Wing County Fair
August 7	Aitkin Dump Run
August 13	ACLARA Meeting
August 13 - 14	Deerwood Summer Fest
August 26 -	
September 6	MN State Fair
September 6	Fishing Challenge Ends
September 11	ACLARA Meeting
September 18	CLC Annual Meeting
September 25	County Road 28 Clean Up
October 9	ACLARA Meeting

## CALLING ALL KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 13!

We all love Cedar Lake! Share your reasons why you love the lake, or your favorite lake experience this summer. Have someone email them to Debbie Campbell at [jackpine@aol.com](mailto:jackpine@aol.com) All submissions will be published in The Cedar Log's fall edition.





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Loon	\$ 50	\$25 dues plus \$25 tax-deductible donation to AIS Fund
Heron	\$ 75	\$25 dues plus \$50 tax-deductible donation to AIS Fund
Eagle	\$100	\$25 dues plus \$75 tax-deductible donation to AIS Fund

Your check and this form should be mailed to Cedar Lake Conservancy, P. O. Box 152, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address (street, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number to Reach You \_\_\_\_\_ I/We are the property owners \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I/We prefer to receive any information via email \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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I/We are making an additional, tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the CLC Aquatic Invasive Species Fund.