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Owners Association

2018 Spring Newsletter

Save the date:

Saturday, May 26, 2018: Annandale Chamber of Commerce 15th Annual Chili Cook Off
(See the CLPO Events Calendar on the website for add'l info.)

Saturday, June 2, 2018: 9 AM Annual CLPO Meeting at Corinna Town Hall

Saturday, July 7, 2018: Band at the Point, Sponsored & Hosted by Dingmann Marine, time TBD

Saturday, August 4, 2018: 11 AM-2 PM Annual CLPO Picnic: Lower level of the Annandale City Park Pavilion

CLPO Annual Meeting:

Saturday, June 2nd at Corinna Town Hall: 8 a.m. Coffee & Rolls; 9 a. m. Meeting

Meeting Agenda Items:

- AIS: Milfoil, Starry Stonewort & AIS Fund
- Boat Ramp Inspections
- Clearwater Lake Real Estate update courtesy of Joy Carlson
- Treating the Sandbar for Swimmers Itch
- Board Member Nominations

We hope to see you there!

Membership:

2018 Dues are \$50 and go to support many lake benefits. You may pay your dues via check (a Dues form is attached), on our website at www.clpo.org or at the Annual Meeting. All donations are tax deductible and if you pay on-line, PayPal can issue you a receipt. Please remember that the activities of the Lake Association benefit everyone! Also, make sure we have your current contact information, especially your email address. We send many updates throughout the year and it helps us save on postage. You may update your information on the website, complete the membership form attached or email us your information and we'll update it for you. Thank you!

A word from our president...

As I write this "Spring" newsletter we're getting dumped on with several inches of snow... but that's a good thing! Snow cover has been well below average this season, which means that groundwater levels could be lower this coming summer - not good for farmers or any of us. So, we rejoice in getting all the snow we can, and besides, this is Minnesota! We're all about four seasons.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): Most of you have already heard there is a new aquatic invasive species in nearby lakes known as Starry Stonewort. According to experts, uncontrolled Starry Stonewort has the ability to kill a lake and render it unusable. In response to this threat this past fall the CLPO conducted a successful petition drive in which many of you participated. As I wrote last fall the CLPO has been conducting treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) for several years. The current EWM project is managed by the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) with treatment costs covered through our tax levies. However, the existing 1990's EWM project was written in a way that funds can only be used to treat EWM and no other AIS. The CRWD board looked into amending or modifying the current EWM project, but the legal opinion was that it would be better to create a new project that includes both EWM and Starry Stonewort, and any other invasive species.

In order to create such a new project the CRWD needed input and direction, and consequently the CLPO conducted a petition drive to request that the CRWD create this new project. Strong support from you was demonstrated by getting many more signed petitions than we needed! This demonstrated to the CRWD that the need and desire exists among us and the wheels were put into motion to create the new project.

As I write this letter the proposed project is being defined and written by the CRWD's engineers. Once the costs and benefits are determined, a public hearing will be held. We will do our best to let you know when the public hearing is scheduled. So please be looking for announcements about it. This will be your chance to learn more about the project, speak to the matter, and listen to others. Whether the new project is in place for 2018 or is delayed to 2019 is yet to be determined and depends on how fast the preparatory tasks can be completed.

Regardless of the new project timetable, the current EWM treatment project will continue this year. All necessary advance work has been completed and applicable permits have been applied for. Our goal is make any transition from the old project to the new one as seamless as possible.

In the meantime the CLPO board will continue with other ongoing AIS activities. Our weekly rake toss examinations at the ramps will continue as we check for Starry Stonewort or other invasive species. Various grants ramp inspections will continue this year at the two west-end DNR ramps during peak days and hours. We will also hire divers to literally 'get into the weeds' at the ramps to check for AIS during the summer. In the background, the CLPO board has rapid response plans – if Starry Stonewort is found anywhere in the lake we will immediately mobilize to deal with it. As experienced by other lake associations, the sooner it's detected and addressed, the lower the costs will be. A small infestation may cost a few thousand dollars to treat, while a lake-wide infestation as seen in Lake Koronis will cost well into the millions.

All of this activity has the goal of keeping Clearwater Lake an attractive and pleasant place for all of us to live and recreate. You can help: if you see something, say something. If you see something that looks like Starry Stonewort don't assume that others have seen it. Contact us and we'll take a look.

Events: The CLPO Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd starting at 9 AM. The agenda is still to be developed but one major item will be the election of CLPO board members. If you are interested in helping with the work of the CLPO, we will be looking for a call for nominations to the board.

The July Fourth holiday is always a popular event on the lake. Ahead of the Fourth, the CLPO will again be treating the sandbar for swimmers itch. We also advise a vigorous towel-off when you emerge from the water

near shore to minimize the chance of swimmers itch. And a word of caution on the Zebra mussels: They're in the lake and on the sandbar. Wear your water shoes to avoid cuts!

We will again hold the annual CLPO picnic at the Annandale Park Pavilion. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 4, 2018. The picnic committee will soon ramp up and if you're interested in helping out – not a huge effort! – Please contact us.

Clean. Drain. Dry. Finally, as I've previously reported Starry Stonewort is spread by boats and trailers. In every lake where Stonewort has been found in Minnesota, it was found at a boat ramp and in most cases only at the ramp. It's imperative that boaters thoroughly clean, drain and dry their boats before leaving a ramp. To see videos and photos of Starry Stonewort and more info go to <http://clearwaterlake.mylaketown.com/StarryStonewort>.

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply a story that needs to be told please contact us. I can be reached at jkutzner@mindspring.com or send a letter to the CLPO at our PO Box 476 in Annandale.

Starry Stonewort Update – by Tim Isle, AIS Committee

With the discovery of starry stonewort on neighboring Lake Sylvia, the CLPO Board has taken several proactive measures in regard to the threat of the latest invasive species. Those actions have been focused on getting background information, prevention and developing proactive measures to combat the spread of the starry stonewort should it appear in Clearwater Lake.

Background Information: Board members have attended local, regional and state meetings addressing the starry stonewort issues, developed strong working connections with lake associations currently dealing with starry stonewort, observed treatment techniques in other lakes, and have obtained a clear idea, including costs, for treating starry stonewort.

Prevention: Since one of the key factors in limiting the spread of starry stonewort is the identification of its presence in the lake as quickly as possible. Starry stonewort is, almost without exception, first located near landing sites. In addition to procuring boat landing inspection monitors at the public landings, the Board has purchased rakes and on roughly a weekly basis used those rakes to collect samples of weeds in the areas around five of the most commonly used access point to the lake. In addition, the Board hired Blue Waters Science to have a scuba diver thoroughly search the areas around the three most popular boat launches. The good news is that those searches of these areas conducted at two different times last summer, found no evidence of the starry stonewort. Blue Water Science will be conducting three more dive/rake toss searches in the coming summer. A point intercept survey was also done last summer by AIS Consulting Services and this rake survey of nearly 1000 positions at different areas of the lake also yielded no evidence of starry stonewort.

Proactive Measures: The Board is working with the Clearwater River Watershed District to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species fund that would include the ability to treat starry stonewort as well as other invasive species. The Board is also developing an action plan should starry stonewort be discovered and contacts are already in place to initiate the first steps in an aggressive treatment of starry stonewort should it be found in Clearwater Lake.

Each Of Us Can Help: The key to minimizing starry stonewort's impact on Clearwater Lake is for each of us to be vigilant and to follow the mantra, "If you see something, say something." We each have the responsibility to make a point that all boats entering the lake are free from substances from other lakes and we should all be aware of potential aquatic invasive species that we might detect in the water. If you would like to volunteer to help with our starry stonewort raking program, please contact Tim Isle by phone at 651-231-9377 or via email at t_ilse@yahoo.com.

Decontamination:

To help fight Aquatic Invasive Species: What **YOU** can do!

1. Inspect all watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment; remove any visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species before leaving any water access.
2. Drain water from boat, live-well, bilge, impellor, bait containers and other equipment holding water before leaving any water access. If you want to keep your live bait after draining bait containers, you must replace water in bait containers with either tap or spring water.
3. Dispose of unwanted bait into the trash. It's illegal to release live bait into a water body or release aquatic animals from water body into another.
4. If you have been in any other lake, take your boat to the FREE aquatic invasive species decontamination washing station. (A collaboration between Wright County Soil & Water & Bishop AIS Services)

Where: Anchor Dock & Lift – New Location – 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale, MN 55302

When: Sunrise to Sunset, 7 Days a week

Questions: Chip Purcell 952-212-9863 or Jefferson Bishop 320-274-6500

Cost: Free

**** Boat Lifts/Docks must be out of the water for 21 Days before they are used in another lake unless they have been decontaminated. ****

Ramp Inspections:

Stearns County has approved the CLPO proposal for Ramp Inspection Funding for the 2018 season. A total amount of \$19,120.00 has been approved, which should fund 1,158 hours of inspection.

The current funding covers weekend inspection (Saturday and Sunday) starting in May and carrying to Mid October for both the ramps at Bobs Bay and the Black Pool. Additional inspection days will be covered on the Fishing Opener and Holiday weekends as well.

Sandbar Treatment for Swimmers Itch:

We will again be treating the sandbar for Swimmers Itch. Treatment will be sometime around the first week of June and again a few weeks later. The dates are dependent on the water temperature. Check the website "News" for an update of the treatment dates. Please also remember that this does not eliminate swimmers itch, but helps reduce it.

CLPO Website & Newsletter

Last year we updated our website and we're continually adding additional items on there. Here are some of the items you'll find there: Events happening on the lake and around the community, current news of lake pertaining items, boating and fishing guides, our Lake Map, AIS Information, quick links to our Business Member Sponsors and their websites, meeting minutes, and a link to pay your dues online. We hope you'll take a moment to check it out. If you are interested in submitting an article of interest for our up-coming newsletters or pictures to post to the website, please email them to: clpomn@gmail.com.

Treasures Report: by Debbie Flygare, Treasurer

The CLPO has been working to develop a small reserve fund that will allow us to quickly respond to many emergencies in the lake. In the face of increasing costs we ended 2017 with a cash reserve increase of approximately \$6000. We've added a new source of revenue with advertising in our newsletter and on our website and this netted us an additional \$2700. We anticipate a small increase again in 2018.

Expenses that increased included spending to combat AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species), treating for Swimmer's Itch around the Fourth of July, and our Newsletter and Website. Our AIS group ramped up detection efforts for Starry Stonewort and they are looking ahead and researching other potential threats that are appearing elsewhere in Minnesota. Our funding goals include providing members with added benefits such as treating for Swimmer's Itch and providing as much information as possible through our website and newsletter.

Detailed Financial Reports will be available at our annual meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Nominations

The CLPO is a very active lake association, constantly thriving to improve and protect this beautiful resource we all have the privilege to enjoy.

We are seeking nominations for additional board members to join our board. If you have interest in becoming a Board Member or if you know of someone who is willing to serve, please email the CLPO and the nominating committee will contact you. clpomn@gmail.com.

Please see the job description below:

Board members of the CLPO manage the affairs and budgets of the association.

Operational:

Board members are elected to three year terms and may serve up to a maximum of two consecutive terms. Board members are expected to attend CLPO board meetings and other meetings held throughout the year. Board members represent the organization in dealings with CLPO members and the public.

Specific Duties:

Management of the affairs of the association includes but is not limited to the following tasks and activities:

- Management and oversight of the association's budget and expenditures
- Leading and/or participation in aquatic invasive species management in the lake
- Leading or participation in various selected committees and other subgroups of the association
- Represent the association at public and private events and meetings
- Attendance and participation in periodic and other board meetings, which are typically monthly during the high seasons and lower during the low seasons
- Elect officers of the organization

The CLPO is also looking for Committee Chairpersons to help plan, manage and conduct events such as the annual picnic and the ongoing efforts to combat aquatic invasive species.

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Even Better Granola – From Jim

Crapola® Granola is my favorite commercially available, but IMHO this recipe beats that hands-down. The quantities are pretty forgiving (but watch the liquids). If an extra half cup of oats falls into the bowl, oh well! The choice of nuts and dried fruit is up to you – whatever you like is fine. I usually make two batches at a time, but I don't try to double up because one recipe fills two baking sheets by the time you're done. Makes several cups

My ingredients:

¾ c	apple juice	½ c	maple syrup	3.5 oz	unsalted walnuts	2 oz	pecans
½ c	brown sugar	¼ c	canola oil	2 oz	low salt almonds	2 oz	raisins
3+ c	rolled oats	1.5+ c	puffed rice cereal	2 oz	Craisins®	2 oz	dried apricots
Dash	cinnamon						

1. Preheat oven to 300F
2. Cover two baking sheets with parchment paper
3. Nuke the apple juice for 90 seconds and dissolve the brown sugar in it. Add the other liquids and mix
4. Put the oats in a large mixing bowl (which you'll use several times so keep it handy) and pour the liquid over it. Let it sit for a few minutes and absorb the liquid. A little extra liquid is fine at this point, it will eventually be absorbed.
5. Spread the oats mixture over the two sheets with the paper and put into the oven. Bake the oats for 20 minutes or so until the oats are not wet but still sticky. During this time rotate the sheets and stir the oats around so they don't clump and stick and they get even heat
6. Remove the sheets and dump the oats back into the bowl. Add the puffed rice to the bowl, mix it up and put the mixture back on the sheets. Back into the oven for the same 20 minute routine – oats and rice still sticky
7. During these two 20-minute baking times weigh and chop the nuts and put them aside in one bowl. Keep all the powder generated by chopping the nuts as this will further absorb the liquid. Then do the same for the fruit and put it in a separate bowl
8. Put the oats and rice mix back into the bowl and mix in the nuts. Back onto the baking sheets and back into the oven for 15 minutes doing the same rotate and stir
9. Then back out of the oven and into the bowl and mix in the fruit. Add cinnamon to suit and back into the oven for 10 minutes - rotate and stir
10. Then out of the oven and cool completely on the sheets



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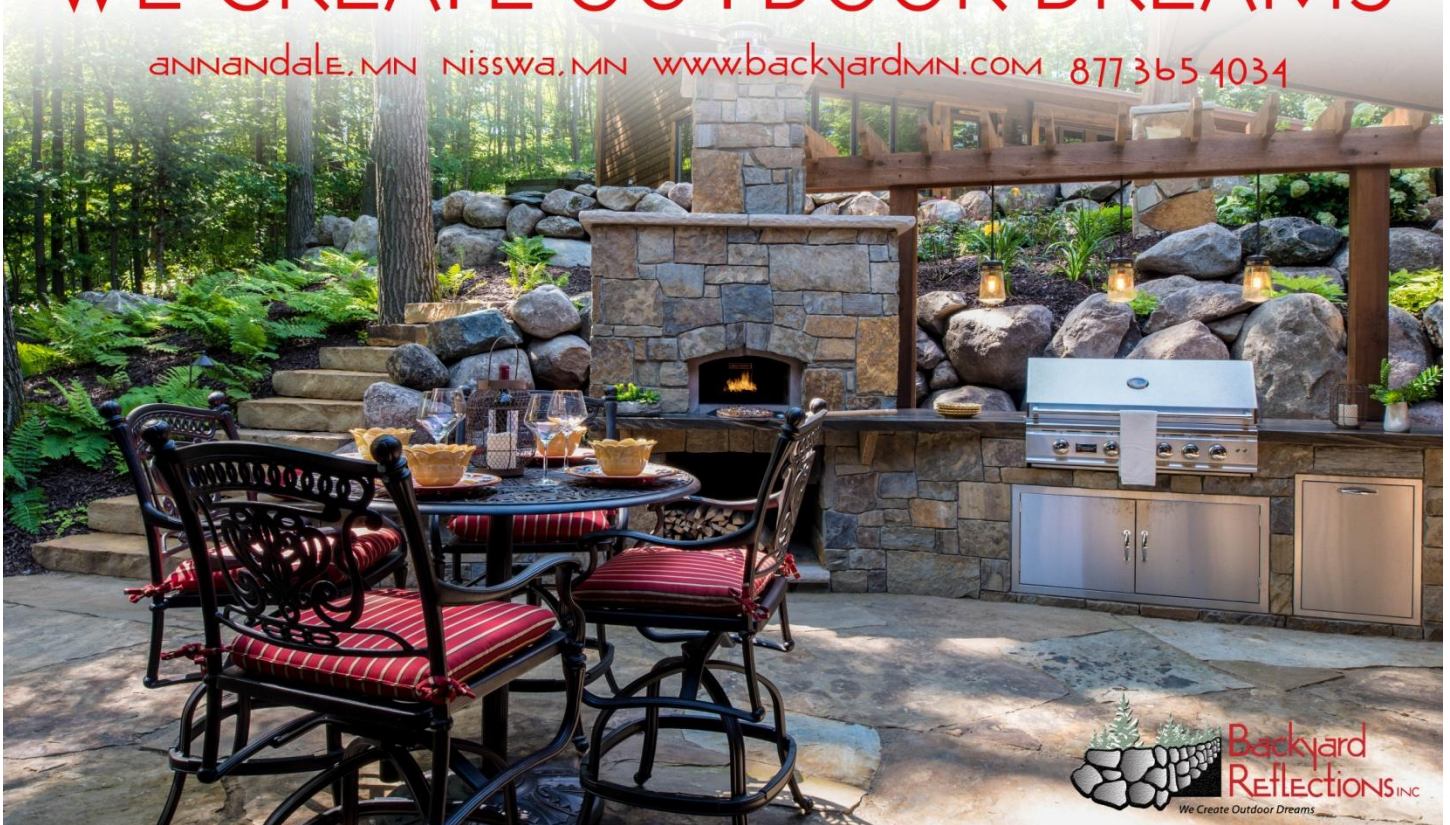
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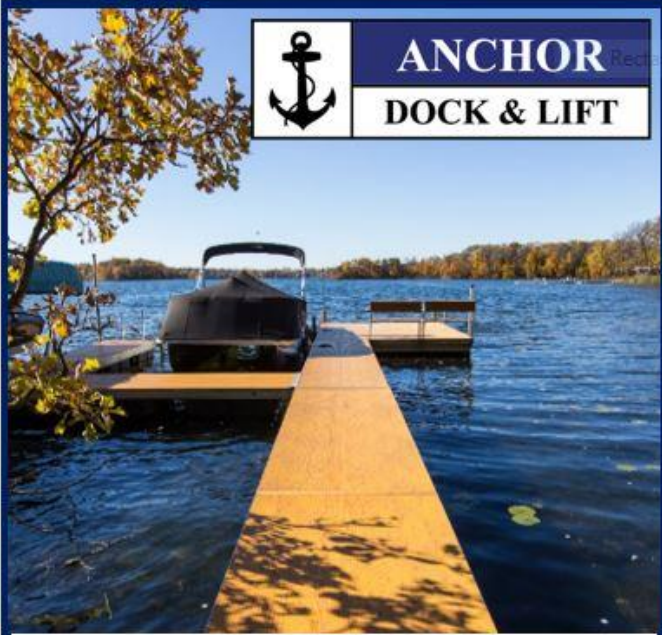
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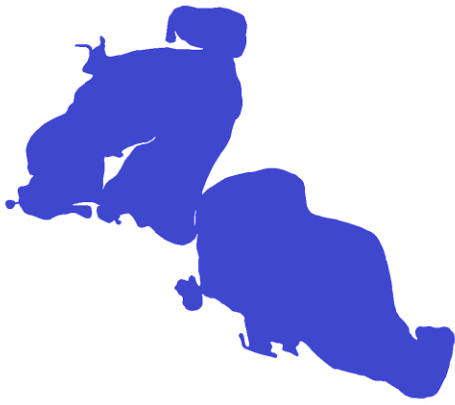


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