



Weaver Lake Conservation Association Newsletter February, 2004

Weaver Lake Conservation Association is committed to conserving and protecting Weaver Lake, its fish, wildlife, park and marsh lands

President's Corner/ Greetings from John

This year shows a lot of promise for the WLCA. We will continue with activities from prior years (weed control, garage sale, Kids fishing, Easter egg hunt) and we are embarking on some new thrusts. We will reach out more to the community in a variety of ways. We will be having a party each month in the summer to give more people in the area an opportunity to join the fun and get to know their neighbors. We hope to see you there. We will be working with other Maple Grove lake associations to identify common projects and join forces to accomplish things we cannot do alone. Curly leaf will still be with us and we will test new approaches to control it. We plan some studies to see if there are better ways available for future control.

As I look to this year, I would like to thank the other board members in advance for their work for the WLCA and to all of you association members and supporters for your support. We are lucky to have a collection of talented people who are willing to work (and have fun) to make good things happen for Weaver Lake. As always, feel free to contact any board member with your comments or concerns.

John Moriarty

Weaver Lake Weed Kick-off

Friday, March 26 at 7:00 PM
at Bob & MaryKaye Robertson's house

Come meet & greet your neighbors munch on snacks, discuss weed strategy and learn about our CLPW campaign for 2004.

WLCA Calendar of Events for 2004

March 6	Winter Lake Clean-up
March 26	CLPW Kick-Off
April 10	Easter Egg Hunt
May 1	Garage Sales
May 22 to June 5 (approximately)	- Curlyleaf Pondweed Harvesting and Clean-up
June 18	WLCA Social Event
July 10	Fishing Program for Kids
July 17	WLCA Social Event
August 15	Volunteer Recognition Picnic
October 7	Annual Meeting & Dinner
October 30	Board Retreat





Winter Lake Clean-up

Come help us with end-of-fishing-season lake cleanup! Join us Saturday, March 6th at the public access at 9 am. We'll start with **hot chocolate, coffee & donuts** before walking out on the ice. Please bring a garbage bag and something for digging into the ice. Snowmobiles, sleds and many hands make the job go quickly. Any questions call Betsy Hage at 420-5925.

Donations for WLCA garage sale

WLCA needs your gently used household items, sporting goods, furniture, tools, etc. (no clothing please). We'll sell them at our May 1 garage sale to raise money to help support the CLPW project and other lake activities. Remember your donations are tax-deductible. Watch the website for more information.



WeaverLake.org

VISIT THE WEBSITE !!

Check out the WLCA website. You'll find lots of information about Weaver Lake, Weaver Lake activities, photos, links to MN Lakes Association and the DNR. You can also email the board with your questions, concerns, suggestions, and fun lake trivia.

WLCA 2003 Board Members

President: John Moriarty	494-8554
Vice-President: Nancy Bergstrand	420-2880
Secretary: Karen Frye	420-3828
Treasurer: Phil Kleineschay	494-5667
Jon Bottema	416-5305
Chuck Denninger	416-5177
Jack Germanson	416-4210
Betsy Hage	420-5925
Stacey Jassey	494-9383
Ray Johnson	420-3907
Trish Lugtu	416-0367
Deryk Marcaccini	416-6783

Curly Leaf Pondweed Control

The WLCA Board continues to work with the DNR, various experts and the City of Maple Grove to find the best solutions to manage Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLPW) in Weaver Lake. Our goal is to increase the number of options we have to control CLPW.

Our research indicates that there are few viable options to control Curly Leaf in our lake. We will continue with the harvesting program because it

- reduces the amount of new CLPW turians (seeds)
- reduces the amount of biomass that creates nutrients for algae growth
- improves the condition of the lake for recreational purposes.

We are investigating other methods (such as herbicides) to augment our harvesting program. We want to perform a limited test this year and compare results to harvesting and to our uncut area. Stay tuned to our website for further information.

As always, we appreciate your feedback. Your continued support is critical to help us to stamp out this very invasive weed. The long term survival of the lake depends on us to do what we can to preserve this natural resource for our children and their children's enjoyment.



2004 Dues Due

Changing the annual meeting from spring to fall has been helpful in giving the new board time to prepare for the summer activities, but it has created some confusion in that weed cutting contributions are made in the spring and dues are paid at the fall meeting. We will still be happy to collect the \$30 for 2004 dues this spring. All members receive a 2003/2004 WLCA Community Directory.

The following people have already paid their dues: Bergmann, Bergstrand, Blackman, Brown, Christensen, Dalley, R. Davis, S. Davis, Denninger, Dorcy, Ellwood, Faunce, Freitheim, Frye, Gardner, Gerdes, Germanson, Hoffman, Isaaks/Hage, Jacobson, Jassej, Jergenson, J. Johnson, R. Johnson, Jullie, Jurgens, Kleineschay, Lucas, Lugtu, Marcaccini, Martini, McLaughlin, D. Miller, E. Miller, Moriarty, Netz, Newell, O'Connor, Peel, Perry, Princeton, Sabraski, Say, Stensrud, Thompson, Tutt, Wojtysiak, Youngren. Dues may be sent to WLCA/Box 1529 MG 55369. Thank-you for funding the community building and lake protecting activities of the WLCA.