

CARIBOU LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018

CARIBOU LAKE ASSOCIATION PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 12-3 PM

All Caribou Lake property owners and families are invited to our annual picnic hosted by Jeff and Mary Charnes and Janice Battersby at 5995 and 5997 Sunny Lane.

CLA will provide hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, buns and soft drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, and a chair.

Questions? Contact jcharnes@gmail.com

TWO HISTORIC CABINS

Jeff Charnes, Janice Battersby and her brother Bob Kubicki are cousins, their grandmothers were sisters. Around 1928-1930 the two sisters and their husbands, Louis and Helen Charnowski and Lawrence and Mary Koneczny bought two adjoining lots on Sunny Lane. Each family built cabins and they spent most summer days at Caribou.

After Louis and Helen died, the cabin passed to their daughter Germaine. When she was no longer able to take care of it, Germaine's nephew, Jeff and his wife Mary took over. In 2013 Jeff and Mary decided to live at Caribou full time. They raised the cabin to put in a basement, added to the back and made it into a comfortable home. The outside retains much of the character of the original cabin with the same colors, same window style and roof line.

After Lawrence and Mary (people knew them as Mae and Konnie) died, the cabin passed to their daughter Sylvia and her husband Ed who lived in Minneapolis and then Atlanta, but every summer they came to the lake with their children, Janice and Bob. After Sylvia died, Janice and Bob decided to add a second floor and a modern kitchen. They restored the front porch and living and dining rooms to be almost exactly as they were when their grandparents were there, even using push button light switches. They also kept the same colors and window styles as the original cabin. Now Janice lives at Caribou and Bob commutes from Atlanta.

Jeff, Janice and Bob have many wonderful memories of spending summers at the cabins with their grandparents.

GOOD FISHING THIS YEAR!

Here is Luke from Shady Lane holding the bass he caught off the shore of Sunny Lane. There was a report of a 41" northern caught over near Birch Point.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE

Thank you to all the people who worked very hard to set up on Thursday, run the sale Friday and Saturday, and clean up Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all of you who donated a great selection of items and treasures for the sale. Profits were about \$1,500, which go toward the new weed harvester fund.

AIS INSPECTIONS

Six trained inspectors work at Birch Point Landing. The landing is covered several hours per day during the week and 10 hours each day on weekends. Most boaters are cooperative and understand why their boats need inspection. Several dirty boats have been turned away, mostly out of state people who are not familiar with the laws in Minnesota.

From the fishing opener in May to July 9, Birch Point Landing inspectors logged 400 inspections and Holly Lane Landing inspectors logged 21.

CLA owns an AIS identification guide published by the University of Minnesota. If you have a question about vegetation or invertebrates, ask one of the trained AIS inspectors or one of the CLA officers for the AIS guidebook.

LOONS

Caribou has two pairs of loons, but so far no chicks have been seen this summer. A description of the meaning of four different loon calls can be found at: <http://www.loon.org/voice-loon.php>

AREA GRAVEL PITS

On June 26, 2018 a Conditional Use Permit, CUP, was approved by St. Louis County Planning and Zoning to allow for expansion of an existing borrow pit near the west end of Caribou Lake just west of the curve from Caribou Lake Road to Industrial Roads. The permit was opposed by the Grand Lake Town Board, but passed by St. Louis County Planning and Zoning. The permit allows for storage and recycling of asphalt and concrete, and asphalt and concrete crushing from December through February. Caribou Lake residents are concerned about the noise, increased truck traffic on Industrial and Caribou Lake Roads, particulates in the air, and pollution in the lake.

On February 14, 2018 Canosia Township Planning and Zoning granted a CUP for a borrow pit near the intersection of Industrial and Midway Roads that would include gravel crushing and recycling, wood debris and recycling, truck, trailer and equipment parking, maintenance and repair shop for equipment, and the sale of mulch, woodchips, compost, soils and gravels. Crushing, grinding and stockpiling are restricted to the hours of 7 am-6 pm, Monday through Friday. No crushing, grinding or stockpiling may take place on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Saturdays or Sundays. Residents are concerned about the noise, dirt, dust in the air, and frequent truck traffic on Midway Road.

CLA NEWS

Thank you to Jowain Wallin from North Shady Lane who has volunteered to be the CLA Vice President.

Thank you to Julia Mader who is working to keep the website up to date with interesting and essential information for CLA members. cariboulake.org

Thank you to all of you who have joined CLA, so far we have 73 members. If you have received a membership form with this newsletter, please join. Membership means influence with our local, county and state levels of government.

THE PICNIC IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, BECOME A MEMBER AND GET INVOLVED TO KEEP OUR LAKE CLEAN.

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WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS

Again this summer weeds are a major problem in the lake. There are more weeds than ever before, weeds where we have never had them before and weeds we have never seen here before. Common causes of increased weed growth are warmer water temperatures and nutrient loading. Increased nitrogen and phosphorus runoff and failing septic systems boost weed growth. Caribou is a shallow lake which means that there is plenty of light for the weeds to grow.

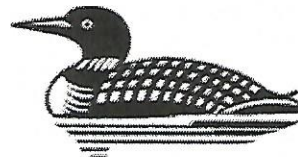
The weed cutter is on the lake, however the temp agency has not found anyone who is willing to operate it. Several lake residents have offered to take it out to cut the weeds near their properties. If you are interested in doing that, contact Tom Marchand (number below). The DNR has mapped specific areas in the lake that can be cut.

We know that cutting weeds is like mowing the grass, it just grows again. A better plan would be to replace our present weed cutter with a harvester that pulls the weeds up from the roots. The new harvesters cost around \$60,000, a lot more than we would ever earn holding sales. If we are truly concerned about the weed problem, we need to have some serious discussions about reducing the nutrients in the lake, and how to raise the funds to obtain a more effective weed harvester.

If you have suggestions, post them on the Caribou Lake Facebook page or send them to mmmanns@cariboulake.org.

OLD TIMES AT CARIBOU

Many of us at Caribou are second and third generation owners of our properties. We grew up at the lake and we have many special memories of those times. The day school was out we moved to the cabin and didn't go back to town until we had to get ready for school again! If you are interested in getting together to talk about old times at Caribou, please contact mmmanns@cariboulake.org.



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