

## Homeowners' Spring Meeting Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am at Clearwater Forest

Please plan to attend the homeowners' association meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Clearwater Forest in the Dinning Hall from 9 – 11 am. Thank you to The Camp and DJ for hosting.

### Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Eurasian Milfoil Report
- Clearwater Forest update
- Invasive Species – Crayfish & Buckhorn
- Water Level, Quality & Habitat Report
- Summer Dinner

As always, if you have a full house for the Memorial Day weekend, bring along a family member or two to allow them to get to know what's happening on our Lake.

## Treasurer's Report

Louise Seliski's brief Treasury's report -

Beginning Balance	\$1,900.79
> Deposits	\$13,650.00
> Expenses	(\$12,139.49)
Ending Balance – Current	\$3,411.30

Louise will provide her full report at our Annual Meeting.

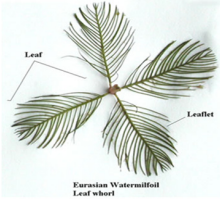
**Annual Association Dues \$50** - If we all contribute our \$50 each year, we have the funding to handle priority issues of our Lake Association (e.g. milfoil). Please make your check payable to Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn. and send to our treasurer: - Louise Seliski, 15479 Ladyslipper Lane, Deerwood, MN 56444.

## Eurasian Milfoil Update 2013

Jennifer Lick's report –

Just a quick milfoil update.... I plan to meet with Dan Swanson (Brainerd DNR) early in May to get a water management plan in place for Clearwater Lake.

I was very saddened to find out at the end of the grant process that we need to have a plan in place with the DNR before they will approve our grant so once again we relied on our amazing milfoil warriors to get the job done.



It is a huge undertaking and I believe unsustainable to continue to ask our Park Estate neighbors to go this job alone. The state will give a maximum grant of \$3,000 to have a professional apply the herbicide. This would leave us with one application to be applied by the Lake Association per year.

I will have far more to report at the Memorial weekend meeting and hopefully we can get the application process through in time for the summer treatment, if we are overcome by the timing, then we will shoot for fall.

I will also be bringing tasty treats to celebrate our ongoing success in battling invasive species and to thank our amazing milfoil warriors without whom we would all be able to walk across the surface of the lake with a milfoil spring to our step.

## Clearwater Forest

A note from DJ Jeremiason -

Clearwater Forest is updating their entire waterfront for the upcoming summer at a cost of \$10,000 for docks and recreational equipment.

As part of this funding campaign and in conjunction with the Lick family, we are establishing The Louis Lick Clearwater Lake Memorial. Funds donated will benefit Clearwater Forest and are tax-deductible. Donations will go to fund waterfront activities and equipment to benefit the thousands of guests that come to Clearwater Forest each summer.

Please consider a generous gift in memory of Louis Lick. Checks may be written to "Clearwater Forest".

Clearwater Forest cares for 18,000 ft. of shoreline on Clearwater Lake and is committed to preserving the natural qualities of Clearwater Lake that make it the special place which we all enjoy.

At our Annual Meeting I will share more details of this funding campaign and provide a general Camp update.

## Lake Loons – High Tech Tracking

This year the U.S. Geological Survey's loon study includes five adults from Clearwater.

Specifically, five Clearwater adult loons were equipped with a Geolocator, which is recording their daily location and the depth they dive to feed. The USGS researchers will return to Clearwater to recapture the loons and remove the Geolocators so



the data can be downloaded. We'll keep everyone updated on the progress of the study. This link explains the

current study we are participating in.

[http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory\\_birds/loons/migrations.html](http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/migrations.html)

As far as our loon nesting success for 2012 we had a record 16 eggs laid on our 7 nesting

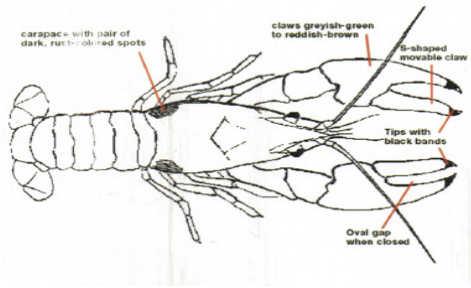
platforms. One pair laid a second set of eggs after their chicks disappeared in the first couple days. We had 15 eggs hatch and 9 chicks survive into fall.

Thanks to the yearly nesting preparation efforts of Paulette and Jeff Zernov, and others, here is the success we have had the last five years:

2008 - 7 chicks to adult,  
2009 - 9 eggs and 4 chicks to adult  
2010 - 12 eggs and 10 chicks to adult  
2011 - 13 eggs, 6 chicks to adult  
2012 - 16 eggs, 9 chicks to adult

## New Invasive Species- Rusty Crayfish

Last summer Jeff Zernov identified we now have the invasive exotic species in Clearwater, rusty crayfish.



Rusty crayfish cause a variety of ecological problems. Invading rusty crayfish frequently:

- Displace native crayfish.
- Reduce the amount and kinds of aquatic plants.
- Decrease the density and variety of invertebrates (animals lacking a backbone).
- Reduce some fish populations.

Environmentally sound ways to eradicate introduced populations of rusty crayfish have not been developed, and none are likely in the near future.

At our Annual Meeting we will bring live samples and share how to trap and cook them. Is it Cajun Cookout time?

## Lake Property For Sale

There are currently a couple properties for sale on the lake. Here is a link with details -

<http://matrix.northstarmls.com/DE.asp?ID=12255717387>

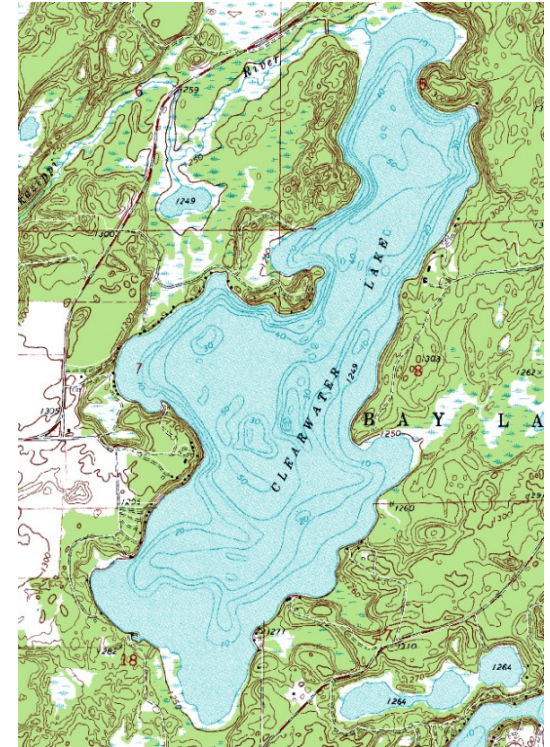
**Roster** - Please review the enclosed/attached Roster to ensure accuracy of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This includes helping us get information on new lake neighbors and adult children. Please email or send new (or corrected) information to Gary Perkins at [giperkins2@comcast.net](mailto:giperkins2@comcast.net) or 4600 Hibiscus Ave, Edina, MN 55435.

## Web – Through Facebook

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In Facebook just search **Clearwater Lake Homeowner's Association**. Become a Friend of our Facebook group to keep updated on what is going on at "the Lake", and to share photos and information with our lake association neighbors.

## Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn. May 2013



Please join us for the annual meeting of the Lake Association on Saturday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 beginning at 9am in the Dining Center of Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp on Crooked Lake Road. See inside for complete agenda

**Co-Chairs** – Gary Perkins and Jeff Zernov