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Presidents Corner

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Don Schug - *President*

Our first year as new board members was an exciting one. Now that we have got our feet wet we hope to improve on last year's accomplishments.

- ◆ We are planning an aggressive treatment plan this year, first with the Curly Pond Weed and later for the Milfoil.
- ◆ The association will put in the public dock in town this year.
- ◆ We have some great volunteers who have set up an email database so we can inform members of upcoming events.
- ◆ We also want to expand the 4th of July boat parade.
- ◆ The web site is also being updated and improved.
www.GreenLakeChisago.org

We can do a lot to improve our lake, if you can volunteer please indicate that on your membership card. If you can't your membership is appreciated so we can continue to improve the quality of the lake.



Can You Help?

Hello to all Members & Non-Members!

Would you like to help our lake? Do you like to garden? Do you have some spare time you could offer us? We have upcoming volunteer needs.

- ◇ Little Green Lake landing needs some beautification.

Please call us if you are interested.

- ◇ Please submit photos from around the lake of sunrises or sunsets, boating, fishing, skiing, etc. Feel free to submit comments or a letter on the reason why we all live here
- ◇ Chisago City donated dock for the park area. We have volunteers to put it in, but could use 2-4 more

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Carp Fishing Tournament and Festival

Carp Wreck Havoc on Lakes

The Chisago Lakes Lions Club held first Carp Fishing Tournament and Festival in 2010 on N. & S. Center Lakes. The club was looking for a new event that would positively impact our local communities while providing a new fundraiser. Carp were beginning to show up in increasing numbers in the early 2000s, by 2010 were on the verge of exploding and wrecking havoc on our better sport fishing lakes. After much research it became evident there were very few options available to help mediate this problem. Netting was too expensive and poisoning was not an option because of the lake sizes and costs. Since we will never be able to completely remove all the carp our best option was a process for controlling their numbers. A spring carp fishing tournament during the height of their spawning period started to make sense. If removing a percentage of the pregnant females (each female carp can carry a million or more eggs) we could reduce their ability to add to the problem going forward. In comparison, a female bass will carry an average of around 30,000 eggs.

Why Carp Shoot?

In 2010 there was very little interest in carp fishing or bow fishing here. Since our first tournament in 2010 we have seen the sport of bow fishing in our area grow, the bow fishermen/women are setting up boats designed specifically for carp bow fishing. During the spawning season (mid May through early June) carp move into the shallow bays and shorelines to spawn and are easy targets. Most bow fishermen prefer to go after the carp at night with boats set up with lights, this extends their bow fishing season into the fall, increasing the number of carp they can take. On many night fishing trips, bow fishermen may take several hundred carp out of our local lakes. I'm sure many lake shore owners have seen these boats and the lights reflect off the water into their lake homes for brief periods. This can be alarming unless homeowners realize where the light is coming from. The bow fishermen can control the angle of their lights to help minimize this problem but cannot stop the reflection entirely.

Tournament Expands

Interest grows in curbing the problem presented by carp in our local lakes and dramatic growth of bow fishing interest in our area will expand the event this year from the two original lakes (N. & S. Center Lakes) to include an additional 6 lakes, including Big and Little Green Lakes. The event will be changing from a Saturday daytime tournament to an overnight tournament, Friday, May 17th @ 10pm to Saturday, May 18th at 11am. Frankies Marine in Chisago City take over the tournament for us this year and we will be staging all tournament and festival events at his store on Hwy 8 in Chisago City. He is partnered up with G3 boats who have donated 3 new boats as prizes this year and we have changed the tournament format to bow fishing only. The tournament will be open to 100 boats, 2 to 3 entrants per boat (approximately 250 contestants, many from out of town). Entry fee per boat is \$150 and all fees will be returned to the contestants as cash prizes, totalling of up to \$15,000. The Lions Club will provide food and beer garden at the event and will be handling the festival events (carp king/queen event, little kids carp egg hunt, minnow races, etc.). Youth groups such as the local girl scouts will be handling the beverages (pop and water) and other groups are welcome to use the event as a fund raiser (popcorn or ??). We are seeing interest in the event from all around the country already with entry applications coming in from as far away as Tennessee and Mississippi. Ron Schara sent a film crew last year and will again this year., hopefully as a show on his MN Bound TV series. Several other outdoor TV shows have shown interest along with Twin Cities TV news broadcasts.

Carp on Green Lake

For a long time Green Lake has had a large population of carp and it is something that we have been aware of, but haven't been able to help with until this year. Our hope is that Green Lake shore owners will welcome the bow fishermen you are going to see on your lakes in coming years, they have the potential to help reduce and control the carp, while helping improve your sport fishing and

water quality. Carp destroy nests of spawning game fish, destroy native plants, and add suspended particles to the water column which over time dramatically damage the quality of the lake. They can very rapidly become the dominant species in your lake.

What Can We Do?

We have seen bow fishing for carp go from almost no interest to the point where we estimate that last year during the spawning period, between 3,000 and 5,000 pregnant carp were taken out of N. & S. Center Lakes alone. Over the entire year it is estimated that as many as 10,000 carp or more could have been taken. As the sport grows, these numbers will only increase, hopefully some day we will see major improvements in our lakes. Our lake association is welcome to help with this event and we certainly would welcome the extra manpower. We have invited the local lake associations along with the County Lake Improvement District (LID) to have a booth at the event to help promote not only the carp issue but other important issues involving invasive plants and animals. The festival is an important part of this overall event as it is a platform for informing the public of issues facing our lakes. If your organization would like to sponsor or take over a festival event such as the king/queen event or the minnow races, that would be perfectly fine with the Lions Club as we are starting to be spread pretty thin for this event.

The opportunity is here to have the Carp Festival and Tournament become a huge community event at a time of year when most of our local businesses could use the extra revenue. And it could provide us with an increasing spectator and contestant base coming into our area. It has the potential to be the biggest event of its kind in the northern half of the country...

For any additional information or inquiries, please contact:

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Tournament information available online at: www.frankiesboats.com (under tournaments and pros)



Lake Treatment Update

By Bob Milam— GLA Treasurer

It seems like I just did this report a few days ago and it's really been nearly a year. Things move really fast and hopefully we will be pushing our docks in to a lake with normal water levels this year. With a little cooperation from Mother Nature we should have a great year on the lake.

Last year started out great and we had some nice recovery in the water levels although we were still substantially below the ordinary high water levels (the level where water leaves Green Lake via the weir under highway 8).

Lake Elevations

- Normal high water level— 892.50
- May of 2012 - 890.40
- Mid-November of 2012 889.27

The GLA is just getting started with our fundraising efforts for 2013 and your membership fees are a key to our annual income.

Our 2012 Fundraising Activities

- an aggressive membership drive
- recycling income and
- grants from both the State Of Minnesota and the Chisago County LID.

We hope to have other fund raising activities later this year.

With the increased fund-raising in 2012; the GLA was still able to have a major impact on the Milfoil with substantial weed treatments in June and July of last year. We also made a sub-

stantial investment in the treatment boat which was upgraded to copper pipes and a more efficient pump system as well as new steering and some hydraulic work. The treatment boat is critical to our ability to do such extensive treatments at such an economical cost.

For the 2013 treatment year we are planning to treat areas of Curly Leaf Pondweed and a more extensive Milfoil treatment. The main strategy is to provide navigation lanes on the lake and weed containment. We also are planning on having more lake-wide events, like the 4th of July Boat Parade.

Thank you for your continued support!

Treasurer's Report

Here's the detail of income and expenses for 2012 and the associations cash position as of the February 21st, 2013.

Current Cash

Cash in Checking
\$12566.74

Cash in CD's \$16026.06

Totals Cash \$28592.80

Expenses

boat maintenance	\$2140.48
chemicals	\$5803.00
marketing	\$1375.39
insurance	\$499.00
licenses/tax	\$56.75
website	\$500.00

Total \$10,374.62

Income

memberships	\$6402.00
grants	\$7801.00
recycling	\$904.80
interest income	\$8.44
other income	\$82.00

Total \$15,198.24

Net Income 2012 \$4823.62

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Memberships Up!

GLA Membership is up thanks to the Membership Committee's accomplishments:

- Bethann Kramer, Membership Chair came up with the idea for GLA membership card which would give our members discounts at selected Chisago City business', to date Meredee's Bistro, Chisago Roadhouse Tavern and Wagon Wheel restaurants giving discounts to GLA members. This membership card also gives the GLA organization more exposure in the community.

- We also determined that sending information out through emails to our members on more time sensitive items keeps our members up to date on news items, volunteer needs, community needs.

- For the fall GLA newsletter, instead of mailing the newsletter out to just GLA members, we made the decision to send the newsletter to the 450+ property owners on Green and Little Green lakes. We wanted the opportunity to introduce the organization to new resident of the area, and re-introduce the organization to former members.

- In October and November, the membership committee (Bethann Kramer, Karen Imm, Julie Newbrough and Connie Mayfield) went door to door promoting GLA organization and how it benefits the overall health and welfare of the lakes. We met a lot of great people who shared their stories of living on the lake, building a home, sprucing up the cabin, raising their children here, making lifelong friends in this community. We will finish door to door with permanent residents in March, and will be contacting the seasonal residents this summer.

- GLA organization participated at 2012 Ki-Chi-Saga Days and at the 2013 Home and Garden Show.

Our membership has grown from by **30%** from Fall 2011 to present. And we're only getting stronger!



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Loon Watcher

John Esmay - "Loon Watcher"

Are you aware this long-time Green Lake resident and GLA member enjoys watching loons? Well who doesn't enjoy watching them? But for the past 20 years, John has volunteered to be the DNR's official Green Lake loon watcher. While normally out boating he and his wife keep an eye out for loons - how many pairs, number of chicks, where they appear to be nesting and how many chicks are seen after July 10. Why July 10th? Around that date the chicks are typically big enough to survive snapping turtles and northern pikes. John states that in 2011 it was the first and only year he was able to report two chicks alive in August. That is how rare loons really are. The DNR compiles the data from volunteers from across the state in the fall, which is then used to better understand how and where loons are thriving.

Thanks John, for watching the loons!

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Green Lake Association

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Green Lake Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Green Lake Association, is to preserve and improve the quality of the lake, including lakeshore living and water based activities

Lake Treatment Area

GLA is planning an extensive treatment program for the 2013 season. Permit application was submitted to the DNR for treatment of 80 acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed and over 100 acres of Milfoil. The actual area we end up treating will vary depending on what funds are available for 2013. Most of the funding for treatment comes from memberships so please submit your membership funds and any additional contributions to the treatment fund are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

The treatment areas are primarily focused on the main navigation areas and areas adjacent to residences. The DNR limits the amount of area we can treat. Areas like the west side of Little Green along Highway 8 and the west side of Big Green from Lindbergh Point to Johnson Lane will not be treated. Both areas do not have any residential development, GLA cannot treat lakeshore and our treatment areas are at least 150 feet from shore. Homeowners are encouraged to treat their shoreline. Contact Lake Management or Lake Restoration to establish a treatment program.

Spring Lake Cleanup

It was a great turnout for the cleanup day on the lake. Sixteen people braved the cold sunny morning to clean up after the ice houses. Thank you to all who lent a hand!

Bret Evers and Julie Newbrough

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Wood duck and Loon Nests


Did you know we have funds to help create habitats for wildlife on Green Lake? In the past we had volunteers, who were lake members, make the loon and wood duck nests and GLA paid for the supplies. They launched 3 or 4 loon nest that were floating islands. They also placed several wood duck houses on the lake. Mark's Sheds and Gazebos, and several other men, that also live on the lake, created these floating havens for the loons and wood ducks.

Green Lake Association has a special donation line on the membership form labeled **"For Fish/Wildlife & Lake Health"**. We receive monies for projects like this. Our volunteers made the nests and GLA paid for the supplies.


The Chisago Lakes Sportsman's Club has wood duck houses for sale at the Lindstrom Wheel Horse/Toro Dealer.

If you are interested in creating and maintaining a nest please let us know, we may be able to assist you.







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Green Lake Association Membership Form

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Membership Dues

- ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Annual Membership Fee - (\$ 35.00) \$ _____
- Please check one
- ☐ Lakeshore Owner Additional Funds Are Greatly Appreciated \$ _____
- ☐ Non-Lakeshore Owner For Fish/Wildlife & Lake Health Goals \$ _____
- Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to GLA

Volunteer Opportunities

There are volunteer opportunities around the lake during all season of the year. If you are available and would be interested in participating please check the boxes and someone will contact you when they become available. More help makes these projects more manageable for all. Thank you!

Green Lake Association Officers (2 Year Commitment)

- ☐ President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer

Volunteer Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ki Chi Saga Days Booth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Clean Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Boat Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Park (Boat Launch Beautification) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loon/ Wood Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Put Dock In/Out on | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nests | <input type="checkbox"/> Green & Little Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Carp Fest | |

Please try to return Membership Form and Payment by April 30, 2013. Thank you!

Board Members

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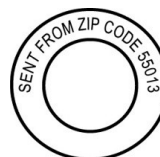
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