

# Waseca Lakes Association

## NEWSLETTER

Web Site: [wasecalakes.org](http://wasecalakes.org)



### Fall 2009 Edition

#### WLA Meeting Notice for Monday, November 30 7pm at county highway building

- Leo Getsfried of the DNR will be on hand to discuss area lake levels and other waters issues such as aquatic invasive plants.
- On the lighter side Hal Watkins will also share some of his Grand Royale/Lake Superior boat trip photos. This will be our last regular meeting of 2009.

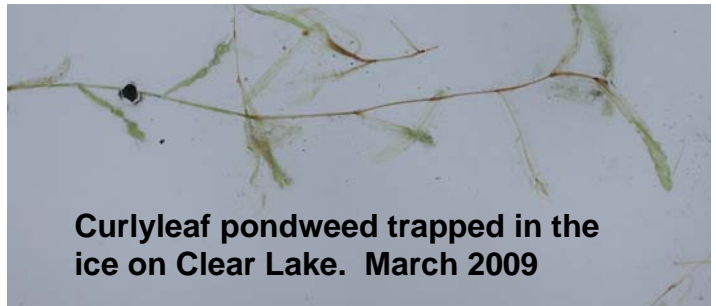
#### 2010 Schedule of Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 25. TBD
- Monday, Feb 22, TBD
- Monday, March 29, Shaina Keseley of the MPCA on Lake TMDL's and lake management plans.
- Saturday, April 27, Lakeshore and parks cleanup

#### Aquatic Invasive Species – Curlyleaf Pondweed

Curlyleaf pondweed is the cause of the annual spring choking of areas of Clear lake followed by the smell of its' decay. This is an invasive species that germinates and begins to grow back in February. Having such an early start means it can out compete most other plants in the lake.

The Waseca Lake Assn will look into having a lake assessment done in 2010 documenting the areas of the lake with the weed. This must be done in order to qualify for several grant opportunities to reduce it's presence in our lakes. A removal program is expensive and can take several years.



Curlyleaf pondweed trapped in the ice on Clear Lake. March 2009



# Activities Report

## Gaiter Lake Project Progress Report

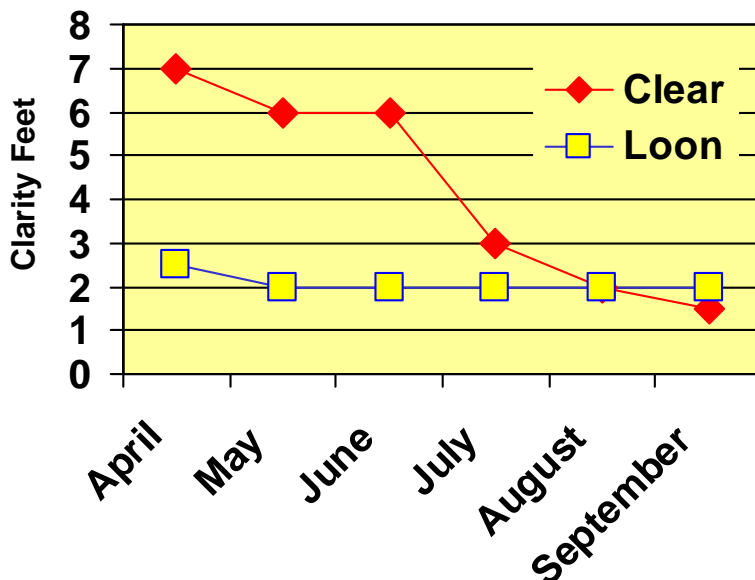
The most recent report is available at the WLA website on the home page box called "Issues and Positions". The most significant changes are:

1. To route county ditch 15-1 through a treatment pond instead of Gaiter Lake. This would put less pressure on Gaiter lake and make routine sediment removal more convenient. A treatment pond is also planned for the ditch which takes water at highway 14 from the wetland near Kieslers and transfers it around the rearing pond into Clear Lake.
2. Easement cost estimates are now much lower than previously expected, which along with possible grant dollars should help to move the project along.

- Bolton & Menk hired by WLA in the fall of 2002 . After 1-year of study, the final report was submitted in November of 2003.
- Found most phosphorus to Clear Lake originated from (CD 15-1) which is culvert at Barneys'.
- City & county signed joint agreement in 2005. City is lead agency on project.
- Bolton & Menk - construction.
- Rienke-Noonan (legal firm) to handle permitting
- Appraisals by Warfield Messner & Dodd

## 2009 Clear and Loon Lake Water Clarity Report

The WLA participates in the MPCA Citizen Lake Volunteer Monitoring program by taking weekly water clarity readings in Loon and Clear lakes, as well as recording the ice on and ice off dates. This information is available at the DNR lakefinder website. Notice the June drop in water clarity in Clear lake after the pondweed dies.



*Thanks to all who helped at one of the summer events including Lakeshore cleanup, Kids Fishing, Lakefest Freedom Run, County Fair booth, and the Waseca triathlon.*