

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2012

2012 Calendar of Events

- Monday, Sept 24 –Monthly meeting on the Loon Lake reclamation beginning this Fall with Scott Mackenthun and TJ DeBates, Waterville DNR office. The current timeline is reclamation in Oct 2012 with rotenone, fish stocking in Spring 2013, and new aeration equipment in place and operating by winter 2013-2014. The WLA will use the proceeds of the 2011 and 2012 Fish Fry to help the DNR to pay for the aeration upgrade.

Invasive Weed Management in Clear Lake

The WLA was permitted and approved for a grant by the DNR for curlyleaf pondweed treatment on April 3rd. With quick work, 30 acres of the most dense areas of the lake (southern end) were treated on April 4th. Early treatment for curlyleaf pondweed is imperative for best results. This was a \$7500 expense to the WLA, but was greatly helped by a \$4000 DNR grant as well as donations from Kiesler's Campground and the Boathouse. In an inspection after treatment by DNR invasive specialist Joe Eisterhold, very good control was noted. The problem we saw this year was that by mid-June, another invasive weed; Eurasian water milfoil, had formed some heavy patches on the northwest, west, and south ends of the lake. This weed requires a different treatment later in the year than curlyleaf pondweed. We will see if we need to go to two different treatments in the future to address both invasive weeds.



Curlyleaf pondweed treatment in Clear Lake , April 4, 2012



Eurasian water milfoil in Clear Lake , August 2012

Thanks to all who volunteered to help make our summer Lakefest Run and the Triathlon a success! Both saw record participation with over 225 Lakefest runners and over 460 triathlon participants. Proceeds go to fund projects such as invasive weed mgmt, kids fishing events, and doggie bags situated around Loon and Clear Lakes.

Water Projects Update

- 1. MSU Water Resources Project:** With data collection complete, we are now waiting for a summary and lake management plan for both Clear and Loon lakes by December, 2012. The goal is to draft a lake management plan for Clear Lake and Loon Lake that will serve as a guide for future water improvements.
- 2. Shoreline Improvement to begin at Clear Lake Park:** You may see a notice in the next couple of weeks to volunteer some time on a shoreline project at Clear Lake park. Funds from Waseca Soil and Water, as well the WLA is contributing to stabilize and plant native plants in September. A photo from this site (below right) has been used as an example of an eroded shoreline on a highway 60 billboard at the west edge of Madison Lake.



The Mike Connors memorial bench at Sportsmans Park was dedicated in July with Mikes' wife Sheleen and other family present. Funds were donated at the fish fry and from the WLA. Thanks to the Waseca Parks Dept for installation.



Two year old Claire Roemhildt was one of the six coloring contest winners who received rod and reels at the WLA booth at the Waseca County Fair. Thanks to Sportsman Stop and the BUZZ for sponsoring this event.

