



RCCC Lake Association Newsletter

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Fall 2015

HIGHWAY 6 CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 3
10:00 AM

The Association takes responsibility for cleaning up the right of way on two miles of Highway 6 each spring and fall. Cleanup will begin at 10 AM at the Clinker Lake Landing. Coffee and donuts will be served. Bags and safety vests are provided.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL
BE APPRECIATED.**



Great turnout for the Spring Clean Up

2016 WINTER SOCIAL

Saturday, January 16
Bridge Tavern
Social Hour 5:00pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Details to follow

2016 ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Saturday JULY 16 11:00AM

Location to be determined

The meeting and program will be followed with a lunch. Hamburgers/brats and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors around the lakes. There will be DOOR PRIZES



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Deerwood, MN 56444

*~Our thanks to Deerwood Bank for
printing this newsletter~*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my term begins, I hope all have enjoyed their summer on the lake. Special thanks to Gordy for your year steering the helm of the board. Your board has been busy behind the scenes this year, working as our lakes advocates on your behalf.

I want to encourage everyone to use our web page (RabbitLake.org) to keep current on the direction of your board and items specific to our lakes. Our yearly RCCCLA membership numbers remain consistent, and it is this collective help and support that allows all of us to be a common voice for the health of our lake. This year, be assured your board will continue to address the importance of membership and its role in promoting lake health and property value. Our lakes and their resources truly need our help. This year, please consider contacting a committee chair to help and attend a RCCCLA event.

Rad Royer

2015-2016 RCCCLA President

RCCCLA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 12, 2015

9:00 am Cuyuna City Hall

1. Approval of last minutes
2. Treasurer's Report

Old Business

3. Committee reports
 - a. AIS - Jon & Jay
 - b. Boat landing - Gordy
 - c. Lake Level - Tom
 - d. Secchi disk - Jon
 - e. Lake map with owners - Jay & Ejie
 - f. Water testing - Rad
 - g. Buoys
 - h. Loon nests - W - Dick Johnson - E - Rick West
 - i. Annual Meeting picnic/date/place/speaker/food
 - j. Newsletters/publication date/ - Ejie
 - k. Loon count - Pete & Jan
 - l. Road side cleanup - 10/3/15 at 10 am and 5/1/16 at 9 am
 - m. Winter social - Ejie

New Business

4. RCCCLA checking account/ PO Box keys - signature card w/minutes
5. Web page change - Rad
6. RCCCLA Bylaws discussion
7. Winter water sampling - Rad
8. Committees for next year
 - a. Review last year's committees' with chairs /changes
 - b. Others
9. Proposed Board meeting dates - Sept 12, 2015 (week after Labor Day) New board and officers
January 16, 2016 Winter Social at the Bridge - (3rd weekend of Jan)
meeting before if needed
March 26, 2016 (last week of March)
May 21, 2016 (week after fishing opener)
July 16, 2016 Annual Meeting (3rd weekend of July)
10. Other

Meeting minutes will be posted on the RCCCLA website at www.rabbitlake.org.

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HELP KEEP RABBIT, CLINKER, CUYUNA AND CARLSON LAKES
THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN, SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL!

IF YOU ARE NOT YET A MEMBER, PLEASE JOIN THE ASSOCIATION
BY SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION!

It is not too late to be a member. Please complete the attached form

Membership is valid from January 1 – December 31

RCCC Lake Association
P. O. Box 212
Crosby, MN 56441

Membership Application

_____New Member

_____Renewal of Membership

Name(s) _____

Lake Property Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing address (if different from address above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Membership fee \$20.00

TREASURER'S REPORT



Balance as of 09/11/15
Savings: \$1655.04
Checking \$422.11
Certificate of Deposit: \$8621.08
(Maturity date is 9/13/15)
126 paid memberships

Kim Sandstrom
Treasurer



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ART LESSONS

Come join the watercolor art lessons taught at Donna Maves' studio at 21423 Cottontail Drive on Clinker Lake. Lessons are on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Please call for an appointment to see the studio. For more information call 218.330.8946.



Oars-N-Mine Bait & Tackle

22640 Highway 6 North
Crosby, MN 56441
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Oars-N-Mine Bait and Tackle has volunteered to remove and install our safety buoys.

Please thank them for helping us with this project, by using their products and services.

Besides bait and tackle, they sell licenses, boat lifts and docks. They also fill propane tanks and provide boat storage.



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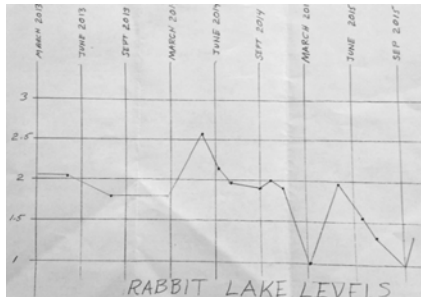
Hours

M – F: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. by Appointment
888-927-6515

RABBIT LAKE LOON COUNT 2015

Submitted by Pete and Jan Backlin

	Adults	Juveniles
East.	19	5
West.	14	3
Total.	33	8



WILD RICE SALAD BY DONNA MAVES

A favorite from the 2015 summer picnic

- 1 cup wild rice
- 1 cup brown rice
- 5 cups chicken broth - use canned or 5 chicken bouillon cubes.

Cook rice in separate pans using half broth in each one. Cook rice until rice pops or is tender. Drain rice.

Add to warm rice:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. fresh orange juice
- 1 fresh orange zested
- 1 cup dried currants
- 1 cup cranberries (dried) called (craisins)
- 4 green onions chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro

Add a little salt and pepper to taste. Donna doesn't think it is needed.

Let stand for an hour or two.

Caramelize 1 cup of pecans or walnuts

To caramelize, put in a stick free pan with 1/3 cup white sugar. Stir until sugar is melted on nuts.

Cool on wax paper. Add to salad.

Great for picnics and lasts for a week in the fridge.

WEBSITE FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION

To find out up-to-date road condition information, visit www.511mn.org.

Conditions are reported on segments of stretches of specific roads (US routes, interstates highways and state highways).



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If you have any questions/concerns or would like to submit an article for the RCCC Lake Association Newsletter, please contact:

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We take ads and service announcements from members at no cost.

The deadline for the Spring Newsletter is
April 1, 2016.

CHECKING ICE THICKNESS

Before heading out on ice:

1. Contact a local bait shop or lakeside resort to ask about ice conditions.
2. Check ice thickness once you get there.
Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away. Check the ice at least every 150 feet.

Check ice thickness using the following:

Ice chisel

An ice chisel is a metal rod with a sharp, flat blade welded onto one end. Drive the chisel into the ice, using a stabbing motion, to create a hole. Next, measure ice thickness with a tape measure.

Ice auger

There are 3 different kinds of augers: hand, electric and gas. Hand augers are low cost, light weight and quiet. Electric augers are also quiet, but use less manual labor than a hand auger. Gas augers drill through ice the fastest, but are heavier, noisier and generally more costly than hand or electric models. After drilling a hole with the ice auger, measure ice thickness with a tape measure.

Cordless drill

Using a cordless drill and a long, five-eighths inch wood auger bit, you can drill through eight inches of ice in less than 30 seconds. Most cordless drills that are at least 7.2 volts will work, but the type of bit is critical. You need a wood auger bit since they have a spiral called a "flute" around the shaft that metal drilling bits don't. The flutes pull the ice chips out of the hole and help keep it from getting stuck, much in the way a full-sized ice auger works. After drilling a hole, measure ice thickness with a measure tape. Dry the bit and give it a quick spray of silicone lubricant after each use to prevent rust.

Tape measure

Use a tape measure to find ice's true thickness. Put the tape measure into the hole and hook the bottom edge of ice before taking measurement. You can also use an ice fisherman's ice skimmer with inch markings on the handle in place of the tape measure.

Don't judge ice thickness by how easily a chisel or drill breaks the surface. It happens so quickly that it's easy to overestimate the thickness.

Additional recommendations

Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking.

Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole - the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.

For more information on ice safety, please contact the information center at Phone: (651) 296-6157 (metro area) or 1-888-646-6367 (toll free outside the metro area) Email: info.dnr@state.mn.us.

NOTES FROM MAMA CUYUNA

History of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, (CCSRA) – NUMBER 1

As you ride, walk, paddle, dive, or any of the many activities in the CCSRA, you might have asked yourself, “Who or what made this place so spectacular, so beautiful, and so perfect for a break after a day at work or a weekend getaway?”

We didn’t do it, of course, nature did, but a lot of folks had the vision, patience and persistence to preserve and protect the former underground and open pit mines until nature gave them new life.

This and future columns will share from my recollection of how the CCSRA came to be a fabulous gift for us all.

I have been part of the CCSRA’S transformation and it has been part of mine, for more than 60 years. As a teenager I stood on a small, rickety, handmade viewing stand on Highway 6—overlooking the Portsmouth open pit mine hundreds of feet below me. My brain knew I was watching giant trucks hauling ore up the spiraling roads surrounding the deep pit, but my eyes told me I was watching toy trucks, little hydraulic pump strippers, and tiny scooping shovels moving in a rhythmic dance around the bottom of the two mile wide circular hole in the ground. Similar work was being done at the many open pit mines that had replaced the underground mines on the Cuyuna Range.

Around 1903, Cuyler Adams and his dog, Una (Cuy-Una), first discovered pockets of magnetic ore in Crow Wing County. Adams began a dramatic change that would affect the future of the Cuyuna Range and result in the CCSRA. Without mining we would not have the CCSRA, our gem on the Cuyuna.

Submitted by Barb Grove



NOTES FROM MAMA CUYUNA

History of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, (CCSRA) – NUMBER 2

Mines opened and closed at different times, finally closing for good in the early 1970's. Left were giant gaping holes, barren landscapes, small mountains of overburden--- mostly after ore deposits were exhausted. Communities were devastated and their residents were often left penniless. No one had the money or the desire to bother with thousands of acres of destruction. Survival was the work of each family, who wouldn't, or couldn't, leave for a better life.

The abandoned mines became dumps. Old car bodies, construction trash, deer carcasses, and several more decades of debris littered the mine pits and surrounding areas. The communities bordering the mine pit eyesores ignored the growing plight, as there were more immediate needs. And many still believed that mining would return and rescue them from their physical and economic crisis.

Looking back, I see this neglect as a blessing---a chance for nature to work its magic. As the pumps that removed the water were shut off, the water slowly began to fill the gaping holes. Trees and underbrush began to grow, their roots stabilizing the shifting overburden. (Many people see the rugged looking terrain of the CCSRA as solid, but it is very fragile and easily damaged). As the water rose, the sides of the pits began to slough into the new lakes until the banks reached approximately 45 degrees. You can still see this as you boat or kayak on the Cuyuna Lakes.

As the vegetation grew and the water rose, a spark of interest in our diamond-in-the-rough began to burn. Campers pitched tents and lovers' hideaways beckoned. Rumor has it that half the babies born in the area were conceived in the mine pits. Oops!

(For more information on mining and Cuyuna Range history, read, "Cuyuna Country, A People's Story", and remember to visit the Soo Line Museum during the summer months, behind the Super One grocery in Crosby and the Croft Mine Historical Park off Highway 6 www.cuyunahistory.org)



Then



Now

Submitted by Barb Grove

Barb Grove was the Director of the Cuyuna Range Economic Development Inc. from 1983-1995. It is because of her and many others' years of hard work that the Cuyuna State Recreation area was developed. She also founded The Mother's Club of Haiti and is the author of "Now I Can Sleep" which documents her work with the people of Haiti.

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