HIGHWAY 6 CLEAN-UP
Saturday, May 3 9:00 AM

The Association takes responsibility for cleaning up the right of way on two miles of Highway 6 each spring. Cleanup will begin at 9 AM at the Clinker Lake Landing. Coffee and donuts will be served. Bags and safety vests are provided.

YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

2014 ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC
Saturday JULY 19 11:00AM
The meeting will begin at 11AM at the home of Jay and Ejie Hanson.

23293 County Road 30
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

A special thanks to Dave Schaefer and Dick Jeub for donating prizes to the Annual Picnic and Winter Social.

DEERWOOD BANK

21236 Archibald Rd
Deerwood, MN 56444

~Our thanks to Deerwood Bank for printing this newsletter~
FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We have come through an extremely cold winter which put a damper on many outdoor activities. Hopefully, the weather will turn around and give us a better spring than last year.

RCCCLA will be participating in our usual activities including placing loon nests, a loon count, monitoring water clarity and lake levels. Oars-N-Mine Bait and Tackle will be placing and removing hazard buoys on Rabbit Lake.

The army worm spraying program was very successful last year. The DNR projects a larger population this year as the cycle has not peaked yet. Please consider participating as it makes it much more efficient to plan and execute the spraying if everyone would participate. Also, take note of the deadlines for participating as planning has to be done well ahead of the actual spraying. Last year, many people came forward after the planning was done and were unable to have their property sprayed.

Invasive species continue to threaten our lakes. The RCCCLA Board discussed using inspectors at the public access. Crow Wing County would train inspectors and administer the program. RCCCLA would pay an administrative fee for this service and would have to pay the inspectors $14.50 per hour. The Board voted to participate but was not aware of all the expenses at the time. It was decided that we will not participate this year.

Rabbit Lake also has an infestation of curly leaf pondweed. It was a problem in the East Bowl twenty years ago but in the last ten years has almost disappeared and is no longer bothersome. The West Bowl now has an infestation on the north side and it seems to be getting worse. Curly leaf pondweed can be treated effectively but would be expensive. A Board Member is gathering information and the DNR will survey the lake to check the extent of infestation.

RCCCLA would have to fund inspectors at the public access and any treatment for curly leaf pondweed. Membership dues are our only source of income so it is important that every property owner join and support RCCCLA. We would also encourage you to join the board or volunteer for any projects you may be interested in helping with.

Rick West
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 04/12/14

Savings: $3933.96
Checking $96.75

Certificate of Deposit: $8575.83

Kim Sandstrom
Treasurer
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!

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER AND HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP
REGISTRATION FOR THE YEAR 2014, PLEASE DO SO!

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

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

Membership Application 2014

__________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 $15.00
The chain of lakes known as RCCC actually begins at Johnson's Pond on Hwy 30. From there the water flows west into Carlson Lake, then Rabbit Lake then Clinker Lake, Lake Cuyuna flows into Clinker Lake & joins that flowage going west. The stream crosses Hwy 6 & flows thru Turner Lake, Big Mahnomen, Little Mahnomen, Pascoe Lake, & finally into Little Rabbit Lake at Riverton. That’s where the water enters the Mississippi River.

JOHNSON’S POND & CARLSON LAKE

Johnson’s Pond was named for Fred Johnson who was Chuck Hagberg’s uncle. He & wife Hilda built the large house that is still on the hilltop above County Rd 30. Bill Humphrey lives there now on the hill overlooking the pond.

The Carlson farm was on the east shore of the Carlson Lake. The old barn from the Carlson place was there for many years. Rod Pakarinen & his family still live on that property.

The Dehning family had a farm on the west side of Carlson Lake just south of where Scott Ruffing & Ron Wendorf live.

Descendant Cheryl Dehning Barber lives on a farm on the southeast side of Carlson Lake with her husband Steve Barber.

Thanks to Chuck Hagberg for details

Oars-N-Mine Bait & Tackle
22640 Highway 6 North
Crosby, MN 56441
218 546-6912

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, remove and install lifts and docks and provide boat storage.

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Sat. by Appointment
888-927-6515
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

RCCCLA will need to fill some offices at the annual meeting. Rick West will be resigning as president after many years in that position. Kim Sandstrom, Treasurer is resigning as she will be selling her property on Rabbit Lake. Terry Dean would like to take the Treasurer’s position. We will need a secretary to fill Terry’s position. We would also welcome new board members who are interested in serving on the Board. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the head of the Nominating Committee, Bob Sandin at 218.534.5453.

RCCCLA WEB SITE

RCCCLA has a website, www.rabbitlake.org, which is still in progress. We will try to provide information on our lakes that would be of value to property owners and others who are interested in our lakes. Ejie Hanson and Karen Wilson have taken some training on maintaining the website and will adding additional contents. Please check out the website and if you have any ideas on making it better or if you would like to help with it, please contact Ejie or Karen.

LAKE CUYUNA NAME CHANGE

Karen Wilson is working on a project to change the name of Mud Lake to Lake Cuyuna. Mud Lake is located on the south side of Cottontail Drive and has been commonly called Cuyuna Lake and that name is used in RCCCLA.

Karen has researched the process of changing the name to Lake Cuyuna. The State of Minnesota requires that local government recommend the name change. Representatives of Cuyuna and Crow Wing County have indicated support and will provide letter of support after voting on the issue. The association has provided a letter of support. The State of Minnesota will make a decision and final approval will come from the Federal government.

Holmvig Excavating, LLC

For all of your excavation service needs, contact Holmvig Excavating, LLC in Crosby, MN. Our services range from basements and driveways to site prep. We are licensed, bonded, and insured for your protection. Contact Holmvig Excavating, LLC today at 218-546-6103 for more information. You may also contact us at 218-820-2447 (Cell) for more information.

ART LESSONS

Come join the watercolor art lessons taught at Donna Maves’ studio at 21423 Cottontail Drive on Clinker Lake. Lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays starting June 2nd and 3rd through late October. For more information, call after May 22nd (218-546-6489).
All Eyes on New Products For 2014
By Jesse Williams

The world of fishing products is constantly evolving and this year is no exception. The heavy hitters of the tackle manufacturing universe have all brought some new items to the table for 2014, and along with a few misses there are surely some that will find their way (or at least should) into your tackle box. With the wide array of fish species available in our area lakes I will highlight a few that cover each, or even several, of our major species.

- Lindy Fishing Tackle, well known in our area and originally founded in Brainerd, is a perennial favorite when it comes to new products. Along with a few new ice-fishing products they have brought something out this year that I personally find very exciting; it’s called the Lil’ Guy. The Lil’ Guy is a perfect meld of two products that have taken the walleye fishing world by storm in recent years; the Lindy Spinner Rig and the Lindy River Rocker crankbait. Now I know what you’re saying, and I agree; the idea of combining a crankbait body to a crawler harness just doesn’t seem feasible or even functional, but this little guy (pun intended) could be the perfect answer for those mid-summer non-active walleyes. Not only do you have the erratic fishing-attracting flash and vibration of a crankbait, you even have the smell and taste they desire hanging off the back in the form of a fat night crawler. Walleyes beware…

- Pure Fishing, manufacturers of Berkley products along with many other brands, has taken their popular Gulp! Alive product line to a much more compact space and price point with their newest packaging options. Although Gulp! Alive is wildly popular among anglers their price points for this bait is at the very top for artificial baits, at $20 for the small bucket and $40 for the large. The new option is a wider, flatter container that they are calling the half-pint, and it has a much more appealing price tag of $10. There is an incredible variety of available Gulp! Alive baits, and regardless of which one you try I’m sure you’ll be amazed at what these baits can do.

- Shimano is a big name in the rod and reel industry, but few anglers realize how popular their line of saltwater artificial baits are. Somewhere along the line anglers from the Midwest caught wind of Shimano’s Wax Wing saltwater baits and started using them for muskies, and apparently the results were impressive enough that Shimano made sizes and colors to target both muskies and big pike. These slash baits run just below the surface and have a wild darting action that triggers strikes. This is something I personally can’t wait to try.

- If you fish crappies in open water by now you have most likely heard of Puddle Jumpers. The incredibly effective little plastics have taken Minnesota crappies by storm, and just as you thought they couldn’t get any better they finally did it; double-color Puddle Jumpers. Now instead of having to choose between different colors or use a certain jig color with a different color body to get the color combo you like, you can have your two favorite colors in one molded body. Blue/white, pink/white, black/chartreuse, yellow/pearl, the list goes on and on! Those poor crappies won’t know what hit ‘em.

- Trout fishing is a popular thing here in our area, and those mine-pit trout love flashy little spoons! New for this year from Johnson (yes, the makers of the Beetle Spin and Silver Minnow) are two spoons that will haunt trout’s nightmares; the Shutter Spoon and the Slim Fish. The Slim Fish has a long, slender body that resembles a Great Lakes salmon spoon, and the action of this interesting looking bait is quite erratic. The Shutter Spoon looks and moves very much like a Little Cleo, but the reason they are so appealing to fish is the endless list of flashy color finishes. They are also more appealing to the consumer than the Little Cleo as they’re about $1 cheaper per bait, so catching a mess of those delicious little buggers is even cheaper than expected.

- If you haven’t top water fished for bass, you haven’t experienced bass fishing. An exciting bait for this application that came out two years ago was the Pad Crasher from Booyah, and after introducing a smaller Jr. version of it last year they upped the ante a bit again with a popper version for 2014. Combining the durable body of the Pad Crasher that made this lure so popular with the surface-thrashing features of a popper this new bait is surely going to turn heads…and sink its razor-sharp hooks into the mouths of monster bass.

This is just a small sample of the newest baits for this year, and I’m sure there are many others that should have made the cut. Being there’s still 3 feet of ice on the lakes as of this typing, I have had a hard time testing them out anywhere other than the bath tub and unfortunately, there just aren’t many fish there. But don’t take my word for it, stop on into Oars-n-Mine and see these new baits for yourself. Maybe one of these new lures could be the one the fish you’re after have been looking for!
TENT CATERPILLARS (AKA ARMY WORMS) AERIAL SPRAYING

Spraying Dates: Tuesday June 10th or Wednesday June 11th.

We will once again perform aerial spraying for the Tent Caterpillars (Army Worms). The property owners who were sprayed last year reported tremendous results. We have checked with the Minnesota Dept. of Forestry, who recommends we spray again, as the area north and west of Rabbit Lake had a significant deforestation caused by the worms.

The spray agent used is Dipel ES. It is commonly used by the DNR. It is effective on the worms and will not harm wildlife or fish. It will be sprayed by Central Planes Aviation (CPA). CPA has received the necessary approvals from the, FAA, DNR, and Crow Wing County.

The cost will be $65 for up to one acre and $60 per acre for each acre or fraction of acre, after the first. Complete the form attached and make a check payable to “Central Planes Aviation” Please give the form and check to your “Area Captain” by May 15. The checks will not be cashed until the spray is completed. Be certain you indicate the lake area address for the pilot to locate the correct property to be sprayed. He states “no pay – no spray”. If you have any questions please call Jon Wittnebel 218 546 8485 or an area Captain listed below.

The Captains are:

East Bowl - County Road 30 and 31, Weinkauf Place, Rabbit Trail
**Ejie and Jay Hanson** (218.527.0014)
4402 W 98 St Circle
Bloomington MN. 55437

East Bowl – Eagle Drive area.
**Dave Schaefer** (218.534.3925)
25953 Eagle Dr
Aitkin MN 56431

East Bowl – Eagle Ridge Rd area.
**Jon Wittnebel** (218 546 8485)
21707 Rabbit Lake Dr
Crosby MN. 56441

West Bowl Cottontail Dr area.
**Gordy Lusian** (218 546 8098)
21336 Cottontail Dr.
Crosby MN 56441

West Bowl – Raider Court Hiway 6 area
**Stan Nagorski** (218 546 6625)
21642 N Raider Court
Crosby MN. 56441

West Bowl – Rabbit Lake Dr
**Stan Berven** (218 831 0027)
21649 Rabbit Lake Dr
Crosby MN 56441
Rabbit Lake
Spraying for Army Worms

Name: ________________________________
Lake Address: ________________________
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Phone Numbers: ________________________
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Mailing Address: ______________________
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Email: _______________________________

Acreage: ______________________________
Comments: ___________________________

Amount Paid: _________________________
Date Paid: ___________________________
Beach Captain: ________________________

Make checks payable to: Central Planes Aviation

Reported Water Levels 2012 - 2013
The MN State Parks is showcasing the Cuyuna State Recreation Area on the 2014 - 2015 park permit. By purchasing a permit, you help maintain and improve the natural resources, facilities and education and outreach programs that make Minnesota’s State Parks among the best in the nation.

The bridge that used to be over the channel between East and West Rabbit Lakes