

LONG AND CROOKED LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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LCLA Mission:

The mission of the Long & Crooked Lakes Association is to promote and maintain environmental, economic and recreational protection of Long & Crooked Lakes and vicinity.

BOARD MEMBERS

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LCLA ANNUAL POTLUCK & MEETING JUNE 23RD

1:00-2:00 POTLUCK
2:00-3:00 MEETING

Summer Events

- July 4th 4pm- Boat Parade! Line up at the north end of Long Lake
- August 6th 6pm-9pm- National Night Out
More info coming soon!



- Koenigs & Steinkrause Beach
- BYOB, a dish to share, and chairs
- 2019 Annual \$20 dues will be collected
- 2018 minutes, 2019 agenda and treasurers report can be viewed at www.longcrookedlakes.org
- Door Prizes
- Bounce house and swimming
- This is a family event!

In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Lyndon Township Hall (No alcohol) Questions? email randal@yeoldhome.com or ireneawilcox@hotmail.com

HERE FISHY, FISHY!

Talking with Joe Stewig area MN DNR Fisheries Manager, we discussed our lakes.

With the bass slot limit still in place (12-20 inches immediately returned to water) our bass are thriving. During the initial 10 year period the bass grew an average 1.9 inches. The catch rate by Fisheries electro fishing was on average 33 % higher than area lakes. This program has been a success on multiple fronts.

Sunfish are also doing well with a number of bluegill caught in nets at 9.5 inches. Fisheries warning us though not to over fish the large males and most should be returned to the water as that is our large breeding stock. Fishing over nesting sites comes to mind for me as when this could occur; this practice should be discouraged.

Carp numbers are reasonably low and can be substantiated with our clear water. Large carp populations are indicative of poor water quality as they stir up the bottom. Carp bow hunters are attracted to our lakes because of large carp and clear water; the balance appears to be in check.

Every fish study seems to have a walleye or two captured and according to Fisheries they are most certainly transported fish done by private citizens. Our lakes are not conducive to reproducing walleyes. DNR fisheries will not stock our lakes with walleyes. Reasons: only three public landing parking spots and Fisheries focus on larger bodies of water.

The next bass electro shocking study will be conducted in 2021 and the next complete fish sampling study will be completed in 2036.

David Weeres
Lake Management Plan Director



AIS UPDATE

Seven residents of Long and Crooked Lakes took part in a DNR training to become AIS Ambassadors on June 4th. The goal will be to educate boaters about aquatic invasive species, MN laws and how to properly clean, drain, dry and inspect a watercraft at the public access.

A few take-ways from the training include:

- Drain all water from your boat when leaving a body of water. Pull all plugs, drain live wells, bait buckets, bilge pump etc.
- Feel and visually check the hull, transom, prop, gunwale, trailer, anchor and ropes for vegetation. Remove immediately if found.
- AIS are in our area, including Lake Sylvia, Pleasant Lake, and Grand Lake.

For more information about AIS go to www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/index.html

ESTABLISHED LAKE ETIQUETTE

- Be kind and respectful to your Lake neighbors
- Counterclockwise travel (left turns) when more than one tuber or water-skier on the water.
- Don't follow too closely behind tubers or water-skiers; distance is safety.
- Loon viewing during the nesting period needs to be done from a GREAT distance; do not approach the nest.
- There is now a "NO WAKE" ordinance in effect in the channel between the Lakes. This is for safety, but also to prevent further erosion and a filling in of the already shallow channel.

SUMMER PASTA SALAD

Submitted by Theresa Ferkinhoff

- 1 lb cooked bow tie pasta
- 1 medium red onion sliced thin
- 1 large red bell pepper sliced thin
- 2 cups fresh broccoli
- 1 8oz block mozzarella cubed
- 1 bottle Newmans Own Italian dressing

Cook pasta according to directions. While pasta is cooking slice onion, red pepper, and broccoli. Mix veggies with 3/4 of the bottle of dressing. Cool pasta to room temperature after it has finished cooking. Add veggies and then continue to chill for 2-3 hours. Add mozzarella and any extra dressing. Stir before serving.



FRUIT SALSA

Submitted by Theresa Ferkinhoff

- 2 kiwis
- 2 Golden Delicious Apples
- 1 package raspberries
- 1 package strawberries
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp preserves; raspberry or strawberry
- 1 bag cinnamon sugar pita chips

Mix fruit, sugar and preserves. Chill for 1 hour. Serve as a dip with cinnamon sugar pita chips.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LONG AND CROOKED LAKES

1856 - Records indicate the Lumley family owned a large area of property around the Long/Crooked lakes area.

1960's - The public access was bought by a local sportsmen's club and donated to Lynden Township. It is a cooperative agreement between the DNR and Lynden Township.

1967 - Shores Point was available for sale for \$3,000.00; a cow trail ran where the current road is.

1968 - (Approximately) - Diversion of outlet from the end of Long Lake lagoon to current outlet. Records of this activity are nonexistent. The water level of Long and Crooked Lakes was raised approximately 3.8 feet as a result of the new outlet. Area DNR officials had not issued permits in regard to this move.

1974-Long & Crooked Association was established and remained active for a number of years before falling into inactivity.

1977 - Stearns county records confirm the Long and Crooked Lakes are classified as "Natural Environment" lakes.

1995- The association was resurrected after a boating accident on the 4th of July weekend. Lake residents were concerned about safety on the lake

For more information on the lakes, their history and the lake management plan go to:

www.longcrookedlakes.org

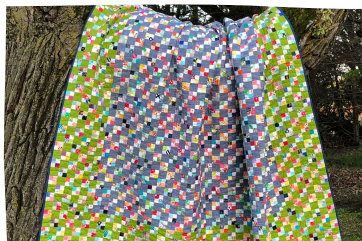


LOCAL ARTISTS ON THE LAKE



AMANDA NYBERG

Quilting and
Fabric Arts



CARYN THOLE

Quilting and
Fabric Arts



**KATHLEEN
WELLIK**

Ceramics



IRENE WILCOX

Fabric Arts



LCLA PHENOLOGY

- 2018- Ice covered the lakes on 12/11
- 2019- Ice went out on the lakes on 4/19
- There are currently loon pairs on both Long and Crooked lakes
 - The Crooked lake pair currently has one baby

Please be cautious when near the loon family



FRESH STRAWBERRY MARGARITAS

Submitted by Ann Melrose

- 4 to 5 cups of hand picked strawberries, fresh picked, halved and frozen on a baking sheet
- 1 cup Sauza Gold Tequila
- 1/2 cup Grand Marnier (or other orange liqueur)
- 1 1/2 cups Simply Limeade
- 2 limes juiced

Combine all ingredients in a blender and mix to a slushy consistency. Pour and enjoy in the sun!

