

Goose Lake Chain of Lakes Association 2014 Membership Form

The annual membership fee of \$20.00 is per household.

Make check payable to: Goose Lake Association

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Name(s): _____

Lake Address: _____

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Phone: _____

E-mail Address : _____

Please check box if you would like to receive the Lake Association Newsletter Via e-mail

Neighborhood (Please Circle): Northern Pines, Cambridge Estates, Hilding Beach, Rolling Shores, Durfour Shores, Tschida's Shores, The Narrows, Oxbow, Mandall, Sterling Hills, Holiday Shores

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Spring Lake Association Meeting

May 31st at 9:00am
Fish Lake Township Hall

Everyone is Welcome, come check it out!
We look forward to seeing you on Saturday May 31st

On the Agenda.....

- Mike Robinson (Chisago County Commissioner) will be speaking on the construction of the bridge on County Road 8.
- Gambling Update
- TMDL Study
- Volunteers for Isanti County Fair (To raise money for our lake association)
- Up coming Events
 - Monthly meetings
 - Fishing Contest
 - July 4th parade
 - Set Fall meeting date
- Update on Hook, Line and Sinker program
- Update: Boat Landing on Robour Lake
- Weed Spraying: Private homeowners and Lake Association
- North Goose Winterkill
- Vote for Secretary
- Advertising in our newsletter

Fall Meeting: Saturday September 6th 2014 at 4:00pm

Check out the
NEW Lake
Associations
website at
www.gooselakemn.com

If you have any suggestions for the website or would like to help with the design, we would love your input. Please contact Jessica Wolkerstorfer at 763-689-5725

Why do we need a Lake Association?

To maintain and enhance the quality of recreational and residential enjoyment by working to identify lake issues that affect all who live on, near or use the Goose chain of lakes. The lake association is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting the quality of the lake and it's watershed. We need you!! You can be as active in the association as you desire. From your support of the yearly membership fee of \$20 or to joining a committee. It is all need and appreciated by all who live on or near the lake and those who visit the lake. Thank You!!

Value of Aquatic Plants

MN DNR compiled by John Bilotta

Aquatic plants are a natural part of most lake communities and provide many benefits to fish, wildlife, and people. In lakes, life depends--directly or indirectly--on water plants. They are the primary producers in the aquatic food chain, converting the basic chemical nutrients in the water and soil into plant matter, which becomes food for all other life.

Aquatic plants serve many important functions:

Provide fish food: More food for fish is produced in areas of aquatic vegetation than in areas where there are no plants. Insect larvae, snails, and freshwater shrimp thrive in plant beds. Sunfish--Minnesota's most sought-after game fish--eat aquatic plants in addition to aquatic insects and crustaceans.

Offer fish shelter: Plants provide shelter for young fish. Because bass, sunfish, and yellow perch usually nest in areas where vegetation is growing, certain areas of lakes are protected and posted by the DNR as fish spawning areas during spring and early summer. Northern pike use aquatic plants, too, by spawning in marshy and flooded areas in early spring.

Improve water clarity and quality: Certain water plants, like bulrushes, can absorb and break down polluting chemicals. Nutrients used by aquatic plants for growth are not available to algae. This reduces algae abundance improving water clarity. Aquatic plants also maintain water clarity by preventing the re-suspension of bottom sediments. Algae, which thrive on dissolved nutrients, can become a nuisance when too many submerged water plants are destroyed.

Protect shorelines and lake bottoms: Aquatic plants, especially rushes and cattails, dampen the force of waves and help prevent shoreline erosion. Submerged aquatic plants also weaken wave action and help stabilize bottom sediment.

Provide food and shelter for waterfowl: Many submerged plants produce seeds and tubers (roots), which are eaten by waterfowl. Bulrushes, sago pondweed, wild celery, and wild rice are especially important duck foods. Submerged plants also provide habitat to many insect species and other invertebrates that are, in turn, important foods for brooding hens and migrating waterfowl.

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Local Winterkills

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/fisheries/westmetro/fishkills.html>

The retreat of lake and stream ice can sometimes leave a grim reminder of winter's effects: dead fish.

In most cases the dead fish result from a normal process known as "winterkill." When snow and ice cover a lake, they limit the sunlight reaching aquatic plants. The plants then cut back on the amount of oxygen they produce. If vegetation dies from lack of sunlight, the plants start to decompose, which uses oxygen dissolved in the water. If oxygen depletion becomes severe enough, fish die.

Winterkill potential is worse in winters with abundant or early snowfall. Lower autumn water levels increase the probability and severity of winterkill. Early ice-on and late ice-out dates also increase the winterkill potential. Wetlands and shallow, soft-bottom lakes are more winterkill-prone than deeper, hard-bottomed lakes.

Some species of fish are more vulnerable to winterkill than others. Trout require the most oxygen. Bluegill and largemouth bass also are moderately sensitive to lowered oxygen levels. Walleye, northern pike, carp and crappie species have intermediate tolerances, while bullheads and fathead minnows are the most tolerant of low oxygen. Winterkills seldom result in the death of all fish in a lake. Lakes with regular winterkill events are usually dominated by bullhead species.

Winterkill can have some beneficial effects. In lakes with overabundant panfish, winterkill can result in increased growth rates and less competition for survivors. It also can greatly reduce carp abundance, allowing for improved water quality and increased success of subsequent fish stocking efforts.

*Article found on Minnesota DNR website.

From the Kitchen:

Turkey Sandwiches

Ingredients:

- 6 cups turkey, cooked and cut up
- 1 1/2 cups chopped celery
- 1/2 -1 cup miracle whip
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 chicken bouillon
- 1-2 cups american cheese
- water to moisten

Directions:

- Saute celery and onion in butter until tender. Then combine all ingredients and heat up in crockpot. Serve it hot on buns.

Things to know....

- The Secretary position is open. If you are interested in position please speak up at the meeting! **This fall the President and Treasure will be up for re-election.*
- The Lake Association has been holding regular monthly meetings. This is required to obtain a gambling license. Meetings are less than an hour and are currently held at various lake association members homes on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. **meeting location and dates are subject to change. Please visit the website or contact a board member for updates on the monthly meetings.*
- The gambling committee is in the process of getting a local establishment to sell pull tabs for us. If you know of an establishment that would be interested please contact a board member.