



Lake Edward Lines

Newsletter of the Lake Edward Conservation Club



KEEP LAKE EDWARD HEALTHY

ICE OUT

The definition of lake ice-out varies from lake to lake, and individual to individual. For some, ice-out occurs only when the lake is completely free of ice. For others, ice-out is defined as the moment when navigation is possible from point A to point B. And yet for others, ice-out is when 90 percent of the lake is ice free. The unseasonably mild winter led to an early ice-out. As reported by many lake residents the ice was off the lake by March 26, 2012. Last year, 2011, the ice went out on April 22nd. The year before that, 2010, ice-out was April 1st. And in 2009 the lake was navigable on the 20th of April.

LECC Annual Meeting

The Lake Edward Conservation Club annual meeting will be held at the Merrifield Marathons Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on June 16th, 2012. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments to follow the business portion of the meeting. Anyone with agenda items contact Herb Nelson 218-765-4001 or Jay Beebe 218-963-7750. The Merrifield Marathons Center is located on County Road 3, South of Merrifield.

Annual dues for the LECC are \$15.00 per property owner. Dues are due January 1. Not a member? The application to join is on the next page of this newsletter. Thanks for your support.

LECC WEBSITE ADDRESS

<http://edwardlake.wordpress.com>

Fast Facts

Size:

2,032 acres

Maximum Depth:

75 feet

% of water less than 15 feet:

59%

Acres less than 15 feet:

1,199 acres

Age:

8,000 years old

Water Clarity:

18 feet

Current Lake Level

1206.22

Public Landing

Southwest shore

Miles of shoreline:

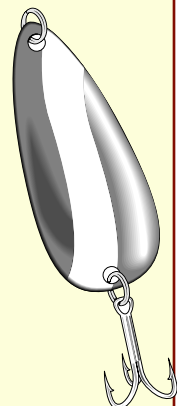
9.4 miles

Width

2 miles

Length

3 miles





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many of my Lake Edward neighbors have told me that they are quite concerned about Zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species (AIS) getting into the lake. Last fall, one Zebra mussel was found on a dock taken from Pelican Lake, the next lake to our north. The landowner sounded the alarm and the Minnesota DNR conducted a thorough search of other docks and boat lifts around Pelican Lake. Fortunately, no more Zebra mussels were found.

If you see anything that might be a Zebra mussel in or near Lake Edward, please contact Dan Swanson at 218-833-8645. Dan is the DNR's AIS expert in the Brainerd Lakes area. You may also contact me at cell 651-239-4860 or herbnelson@brainerd.net if you see something suspicious.

The Lake Edward Conservation Club has an Aquatics Committee that is intended to help us become educated regarding invasive and native species. The problem is that we currently need more members for that committee. Please consider being a committee member and invite some concerned neighbors to join with you to work on this important topic. Lake board members can help get you started in the right direction.

In 2012, our lake association intends to join other lake associations in the area and the DNR to distribute packets of information on invasive species at the public boat landing. We hope to catch crappie anglers and folks at the walleye opener to remind them to be careful to not transport water in boats or bait buckets and to remove all plant material from their boats and trailers. For more information regarding aquatic invasive species, see the DNR's YouTube, Aquatic Invasive Species - Minnesota Waters at Risk

Herb Nelson

President, Lake Edward Conservation Club

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To renew current memberships or to become a first time member please send a check for \$15.00 to: LECC P.O. Box 134 Merrifield MN 56465-0134. Your membership dues are tax deductible as are any donations to the organization.

Name _____

Lake Edward Address _____

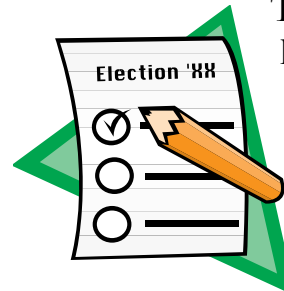
Lake Edward Phone # _____

Other address, if applicable _____

E-mail address _____

() New member

() Renewal



This LECC has been fortunate to have volunteers step up and fill positions as openings occur. This year three positions will expire, two director positions and the position of treasurer. Each position is for a two year term.

If anyone is interested in being a candidate for any of the three positions please contact President Herb Nelson 218-765-4001 or Vice-President Jay Beebe at 218-963-7750. Elections will be held at the June 16th, 2012 meeting.

Thanks to all who support the LECC through dues, donations, and volunteering!



It is everyone's responsibility to keep an eye out for Aquatic Invasive Species to prevent their spread. The quality of the water in Lake Edward depends on all of us. AIS is becoming more prevalent in our area. There is no cure but prevention is important. When hiring a company to put in your dock or do work near the water check to see if they are an **LSP** certified company. **L**ake **S**ervice **P**rovider business owners or senior managers of the company, by law, are required to attend an in-person training session. The training helps participants identify AIS species and allows them to implement best practices to prevent their spread. Since late January over 300 business owners have attended a Lake Service Provider (LSP) training. Certified companies know what to do if they spot a zebra mussel, how about you? What should you do? If you see something suspicious contact Dan Swanson at 218-833-8645. Dan is the DNR local contact person in the Brainerd area.

Infested Lakes

Lakes in Crow Wing County as of October 2011 that have been identified as harboring aquatic invasive species.

- *Bay Lake
- *Clearwater
- *Kimball Lake
- *Long (Tame Fish) Lake
- *Louise Mine Pit
- *Lower Mission
- *Ossawinnamakee Lake
- *Ripple River, between Bay Lake and Tame Fish Lake
- *Ruth Lake
- *Upper Mission



Beavers and Ditch 13 update.

On April 12th a few members of the LECC toured the culverts, beaver dams and water flow that starts its journey under County Road 3. There was little activity to report. Water levels are low and no active beaver activity was evident. Fallen limbs and debris have accumulated in selected areas but not enough to restrict water flow. The lake level would have to rise considerably to be affected by the debris. Although we didn't see much beaver activity ticks were present in large numbers.

June Annual Meeting Agenda

- ↑ We are going to depart slightly from the regular practice at our June meeting. Instead of a speaker we are going to focus on the invasive species threat to our lake region with an excellent video. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources commissioned Al Linder's production company to produce a video on invasive species. The excellent video with great underwater videography will be previewed at our meeting. In addition to the video, a sample from Mille Lacs Lake of the dramatic effects of zebra mussels on a native mussel will be on site for observation. Come with questions and those on hand will try to answer them as best we can. In addition to the video we will also elect new board members. There will also be time for socializing and meeting new and old friends. As always conversation about projects for the LECC will be discussed. Hope to see many of you on June 16th.

No Permit Needed

- ↓ This year because of the unusual winter the county will not require a permit to deal with any ice ridges. However, the work must be completed by July 16 to take advantage of this exception.

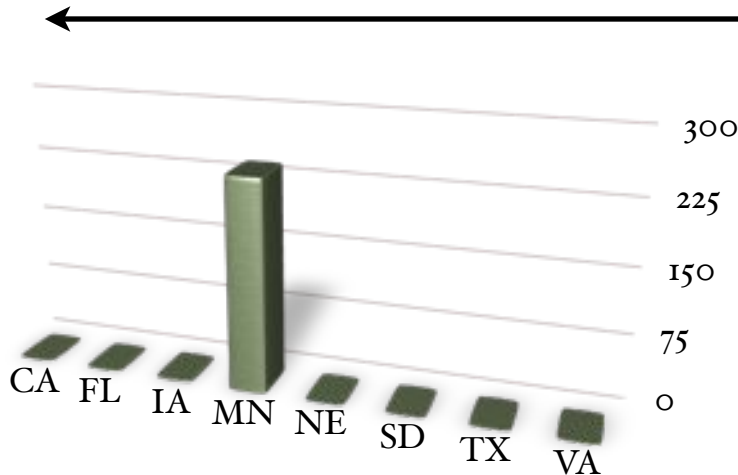


Looking for more information on Lake Edward? Check out either of these web sites.

MPCA--- <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/surface-water/lakes/lake-water-quality/lake-water-quality-data-search.html>

DNR-----<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html> Click on Lake Finder

Lake Edward ID Number is 18-0305



Who is sent this newsletter? This graph shows where friends of Lake Edward live. By far most live in Minnesota, but folks in seven other states are represented.

Calendar

March 26 Ice Out

May 11 Fishing Opener

June 16th, 2012

LECC Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m. Merrifield Marathon Building

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

August 18th, 2012

LECC Open Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Merrifield Marathon Building



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