



# Caribou Lake Association Newsletter

June 2011

## Annual June Meeting

The annual first meeting of summer will be June 25 at Pike Lake Presbyterian Church. Come for coffee and rolls at 9:00, meeting will start at 10:00.

We owe our heartfelt thanks to Dan Thompson, Steve Danielson, Kathy Silverness, and Molly Glibbery for their many years of fine service as officers of the Caribou Lake Association.

Items on the agenda will include nominating and electing new officers, operation and future of the weed harvester, controlling and preventing invasive species, plans for a rummage sale, update on the Birch Point sewer project, Caribou Lake signs, and a demonstration of the new website.

[cariboulake.org](http://cariboulake.org)

Jeff Charnes on Sunny Lane is developing the website. It will be a means of communication and sharing for residents and friends of Caribou Lake. The pull-down menus include *Home*, *What's New*, *Lake History*, *Caribou Today*, *Our Association*, *Environmental Education*, and *CLA Members*. Titles with an asterisk\* currently have information.

The *What's New* menu includes CLA newsletters, upcoming events, meeting dates, big fish reports, and information on how to get a cariboulake.org e-mail address.

Under *Lake History* we are hoping to collect and post stories and photos from people who have been on the lake for many years. Who are our longest residents? How many of us remember the barn dances at Kehtel's? Lake freeze and thaw dates are listed back to 1968, but there are a few holes in the chart. Have any of you been keeping this data?

*Caribou Today* has a lake map, links to a web cam showing the lake (for those of us who can't see it every day), and weather information. This is where more recent photos and stories will be posted. It would be great to share photos of that big fish, the large snapping turtle, the loons, eagles, northern lights, kids having a wonderful time in the water, family reunions, etc.

*Our Association* heading will have names and contact numbers for the officers, committees, minutes of meetings, volunteer opportunities, becoming a member, and a contact form.

The heading *Environmental Education* has information about invasive species, fishing regulations, weed control, landscaping ideas.

The *CLA Members* menu is a bulletin board/forum where people can meet and discuss events and issues. You must create a username and password to get on the owner's forum.

If you have stories and photos you would like to post on the site, send them to [TheWebTeam@cariboulake.org](mailto:TheWebTeam@cariboulake.org). We hope that many people send in stories, photos, fish reports, loon and other wildlife sightings, and information to add to the site. If you have old photos that need to be scanned into a digital format for posting, bring them to the meeting.

The website is a work in progress. Thank you Jeff for your time and expertise in creating the site for Caribou Lake!

## Membership Renewal Enclosed

Attached to this newsletter is your 2011 membership renewal form. Please send the form along with your dues of \$35, and make note of any change of address.

Please remember that the Caribou Lake Association is an IRS approved non-profit under IRS Code 501(c)(3), and any donations made to the association ABOVE the membership dues are fully tax deductible. Your support is appreciated.

## CLA Member Signs

Your CLA member signs will be available at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Aquatic Invasive Species

Pike Lake is infested with zebra mussels. The weeds in Caribou are non-native weeds. We must take care to protect our lake from invasive species. Zebra mussels can cause problems for lakeshore residents and recreationists. Mussels may attach to motors and possibly clog cooling water areas. Shells can cause cuts and scrapes if they grow large enough on rocks, swim rafts and ladders. Anglers may lose tackle as the shells can cut fishing line. Once a lake is infested, zebra mussels are almost impossible to eradicate. They are carried from an infested lake to clean lakes on boats, trailers, motors, bait buckets, in live wells, and bilges. If you take your boat to an infested lake, it is the law that boats and trailers must be decontaminated before entering another lake. To know more and to view a video about the recently passed aquatic invasive species laws, find the links on [cariboulake.org](http://cariboulake.org).

## Schedule of 2011 Events

June 25 – Continental breakfast at Pike Lake Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am, meeting at 10:00

July 4 – Les and Rosie Adolphson's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade

CLA Picnic – TBA

September 10 – Lake Association meeting and social

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