

19th Annual 4th of July Boat Parade

Just as our parade was to start, a wind storm came across the Lake. Balloons and decorations of all types were blown from the pontoons and boats. Many had a difficult time getting back to their docks. At first, the Parade was postponed and then later, cancelled. This was the first cancellation in our 19 years. It proved to be too difficult to get all the participants lined up once again without getting into the dinner hour. We decided to award all the prizes at the usual time and place – making all the entrants instant winners!!! Let's hope for a more cooperative afternoon in 2019. Below is a great picture taken as the storm approached. This picture came from the Club website at Roberdslakeclub.com.



**The following local merchants all contributed to our Parade with donations –
Thank you!!!**

43rdStreetRestaurant/Holiday Inn
A&W
Anna Dee's Café
Arby's
Bashers
Community Coop
Dairy Queen
Depot Bar and Restaurant
Family Video
Famous Dave's BBQ
Fareway Foods
Faribault Tire & Auto
Farmers Seed & Nursery
Godfathers Pizza
Gran Plaza

Grand Stay Hotel
Great Clips
Hardee's
Harry Brown's
Joe's Sports Café
KFC
LaCanne's Marine
Lori Ann's Bar
Malecha's Auto Body
MoJo to Go Coffee
Papa Murphy's Pizza
Perkins
Pizza Hut
R.C. Bliss Ford
Reliance Bank

Roberds Lake Resort
Sherwin Williams Paints
Signature Bar
Taco Bell
Taco Johns
The Legacy
Timber lodge
Truckers Inn
Walmart
Wendy's
Winjum's Shady Acres Resort



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Roberds Lake Club Events Calendar

April 7, 2019 – Annual Lake Club Meeting – This will be held at the Wells Township Hall, 18200 Roberds Lake Blvd starting at 1 PM. There will be discussions on weed treatment, lake debris cleanup, events and the election of officers/board members.

April 27, 2019 – Roadside Cleanup – This is an opportunity to clean up our neighborhood. Between last year’s weather cancellation and tornados, we’ll have our hands full. Come to the Wells Township Hall parking lot at 9 AM, pick the area you want to walk and we will give you a vest along with some garbage bags and you are all set. There will be some treats for you before you start.

July 4th, 2019 - The 20th Annual Roberds Boat Parade – This Holiday is on a Thursday this year. It is a fun event and open to anyone wishing to participate. If you wish to enter a boat/pontoon, all you need to do is stop at the Roberds Lake Resort to sign up, get an identification number and a copy of the rules. There is no entry fee and you pick your own theme. All entrants receive prizes. This is chance for you to be creative with family and friends!!!

August 6, 2019 – We organize our own **Nite to Unite** – The Club schedules the evening to coincide with the National Nite to Unite. It will be on a Tuesday evening at the Wells Township Hall’s parking lot (indoors if weather doesn’t

cooperate). The event starts at 7 PM. We will have local law enforcement out along with a guest speaker. This is time well spent to learn of current local safety issues. Root beer floats are served afterwards, compliments of the Roberds Lake Club.

September 8, 2019 – This **Annual Picnic** is planned for Sunday evening starting at 5 PM. It is held at the Roberds Lake Resort. Hot grills and beverages are provided by the Roberds Lake Resort. Bring something to grill and a dish to pass. It is an enjoyable evening by the Lake with neighbors.

Welcome to Roberds



Lake!!!

It has been over three years since the Roberds Lake Club has been welcoming new residents to our beautiful, very special place. During that time, we have enjoyed meeting more than 30 individuals and families and providing them with a free Welcome Package. The package, put together by the club, contains state, county and local information that can be valuable to newcomers. Contents include area maps, boating guides, lake data, local publications, coupons, club highlights and more.

For a preview, visit the club website at roberdslakeclub.com and click on the Welcome panel.

If you are new to the lake or have a new neighbor, you can arrange to have a Welcome Package delivered by a neighbor or one of the club board members by submitting your name and phone number, the new residents name, street address and if available, phone number in any of the following ways:

- On the roberdslakeclub.com, click on the Welcome panel and fill in the New Residents form.
- Notify any board member.
- Call Ted Tuma at 507-334-2004 (tstuma3@msn.com) or Larry Churchill at 507-332-8372.

Please help to make our new neighbors feel more at home in their new lake residence.

Roberds Lake Club Officers – 2018

Mayor – Larry Churchill
Secretary/Treasurer – Shermayne Cross
Councilman – Bob Cross
Councilman – Tiffany Boozier
Councilman – David Lenway
Councilman – Dave Sammon
Councilman – Ted Tuma

We need your email addresses!!!

We need your email addresses. we have many of them, there are several we are missing. Using saves the Club mailing costs. We only use the addresses for Club correspondence. If you are new Lake or have not received email the Club, please use the Club website to send it to us or send it to tstuma3@msn.com.



RoberdsLakeClub.com

Board member Tiffany Boozier has been doing a great job maintaining the website. This is a good resource for Lake Information and activities as well as links to various local sites. Please feel free to use the email link to send in pictures or items of interest.

Storm Lost and Found

The Club website has a link for lost and found items. This should help us find owners of items lost in the storm that may appear in the spring. Let's make good use of it. The website is roberdslakeclub.com.

Need Trees?

One source to check out is the Rice County Soil and Water Conservation District. They offer a large variety of small trees. They need orders in by February 26th. Their phone number is 507-332-5408 and the website is www.riceswcd.org.

Curly leaf pondweed

The Club is once again planning on treating the invasive pondweeds in the public access area next spring. Last spring, we had 17.7 acres treated in that area costing \$7,097.70. We covered this cost with a donation from the TriLake Sportsman's Club of \$500, many donations from lake residents and then \$5,000 grant from Rice County. I wrote last year that the DNR grant program for pondweed control was ended in 2016. We were fortunate that the county's funding became available just as the DNR's disappeared.

At our annual meeting next April, we will have Mike O'Connell from Lake Management available to answer questions you may have about treating your own shoreline. Plan to attend!!!

Time to renew your 2019 membership!!!

While Enclosed is a membership form along with an addressed envelope for your convenience to renew your email membership. The dues remain at \$25 per year. The Roberds Lake Club is the oldest Lake Club in Minnesota dating back to 1947. Thank you for your membership!!!

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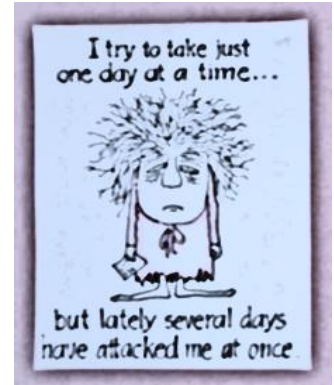
A line is included on the membership form for an additional contribution to be used for lake improvement. See the article below.

Dues are used for out of pocket expenses only associated with the Club activities. All planning is done by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the Club activities, come to our Annual Meeting or send an email to roberdslakeclub@gmail.com

Lake Debris from the Tornado

As you know, there is a lot of debris in the Lake resulting from the September tornados. The debris is made up of anything from downed trees and branches, parts of lifts and docks, roofing shingles, insulation, etc.

We have been and continue to talk to the DNR, Rice County Water Patrol, Rice County, CRWP and the State of Minnesota to see what our options are.



Shady Acres Restaurant and Resort coordinated by Pam Winjum has raised funds to help with this effort. In addition, on our membership cards this year, we have once again added a line for an additional contribution for lake improvement. In the past, the amounts collected have been used for weed treatment. Due to the tornado, we now have additional needs to maintain the Lake.

This is an item that will be on the agenda at the next Annual Meeting. We would like to hear any thoughts or suggestions you may have.