

RoberdsLakeClub.com



THE
**Roberds
Lake Club**
Faribault, MN

If you haven't checked out the Club's website, please do so. The website has information on the Club's activities, past events, new

residents Club membership forms, phone number for sewer system repair, efforts at minimizing the effects of the invasive curly leaf pondweed, Club officers and board members, brief history of the Club and Lake, historical ice on and ice off dates, Annual Club Meeting date and agenda and many other items of interest. Let us know if you would like to see something added!!!

Time to renew your 2021 membership

Enclosed is a membership form along with an addressed envelope your convenience to renew your 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. 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 us at roberdslakeclub@gmail.com.

Roberds Lake Club Officers – 2020



Mayor – Tim Cross
Councilman – Tiffany Sandhurst
Councilman – David Lenway
Councilman – Bob Cross
Councilman – Dave Sammon
Councilman – Ted Tuma

Secretary/Treasurer – Shermayne Cross
Past Mayor – Larry Churchill

Summertime Friday Happy Hour



Those of us who have lived around the Lake for some time will remember that we used to have get togethers at 6 PM on Friday evenings. All interested would drive their boat/pontoon out to the grass island area, drop an anchor and enjoy an evening with your neighbors. Those interested would bring a dish to share and a beverage to enjoy. It was always fun and a good way to meet new neighbors. Of course, we needed weather without rain or winds. We would like to see this activity resumed. Using social media, it might be easier to plan this around the weather. Let us know if you are interested!!!

Public Access



As you may know, the yard light at the public access has not worked for several years. The Roberds Lake Club has worked with the DNR to change this. With a financial contribution from the Club, the DNR will have a new light installed next spring. The new light will be operated by

solar panel power instead of being on the power grid as the original one was. Once installed, the light will be maintained by the DNR.

Your email address, please

If you haven't received an email from the Club, it may mean that we do not have your address. Please send it to us via the Club's website at roberdslakeclub.com or to tstuma3@msn.com. This saves your club postage and other mailing costs. We promise not share it with anyone.



Curly Leaf Pondweed



Last Spring, the DNR permitted the Club to treat 20 acres for curly leaf pondweed. As in past years and at the

DNR's suggestion, the public access area is the location used for treatment. This is an area used by both homeowners and lake visitors to launch their watercraft. In addition, it has historically been heavily infested with curly leaf pondweed. Lake Management was contracted to complete the treatment.

In years prior to 2018, the DNR offered grants to help us offset the cost. This ended in 2018. Then, in 2020, the DNR renewed its grant program, although at a much-reduced rate than in previous years. In addition, the new DNR grant program added a new requirement called a delineation study. This increased the cost to qualify for the grant. Rice County has received State funding earmarked for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) treatment in County lakes. A part of these funds has become available to Lake Clubs such as ours.

The Roberds Lake Club applied for and received both grants. Our total cost was \$9,340. The grants did not cover 100% of the cost and this is where the many contributions of our members made this effort possible. Thank you very much for your generous contributions.

We have also worked with the Tri Lakes Sportsman's Club. They have been supporting our efforts financially for several years.

We anticipate a similar effort to be made in 2021. COVID-19 made this project more difficult last spring. Hopefully, next year, that will not be as much of an issue.

This treatment is a preferred method of curly leaf pondweed treatment as it kills the weeds before the new seeds mature and before the weeds get too large. Keep in mind that the weeds die in late June and fall to the bottom of the Lake. There, they decompose and give off phosphorus which helps feed algae.

Is your shoreline weedy?

If you are new to the Lake, you may have noticed weeds along your shoreline. These are likely to be curly leaf pondweeds as discussed in the article to the left. This is an invasive species that starts growing in the fall, continues to grow under the ice in the winter, reaches the water's surface in June and then dies off in late June.

You have options to deal with this nuisance. One option is to do nothing. They will die off in late June and early July. A second option is to cut them yourself. Once cut, they will float to the water's surface as the stems contain air. They must be removed from the lake as soon as they are cut. Even though they have air in the stems, they will be heavy to remove as they are water logged. When removed and left to air dry on shore, they become lighter and easier to dispose of. Our Club has some V shaped cutters that are available to you. If you google cutting curly leaf pondweed, you should be able to find a video showing more of what is involved. No DNR permit is needed for this – at least not at this time.

A third option is to treat them with a chemical. The chemical is called Aquathol Super K. It comes in a granular pellet form (similar to water softener salt). This process does require a DNR permit.



The DNR permit cost has been \$35. The chemical must be applied in the Spring when the water temperature is between 50 and 60 degrees. This is important as it prevents the chemical from harming native plants since it is a contact herbicide.

A fourth option is to have a commercial company make the application for you. This is similar to the process the Club has used in the public access area. Lake Management has done this for us in the past. There are some limits on how much of your shoreline you can treat. In addition, the furthest out from shore that is allowed for treatment is 150 feet. I believe you can treat a narrow path beyond the 150 feet if needed to access your dock and boat lift.

Roberds Lake Club Event Calendar

In normal times, the Roberds Lake Clubs organizes the following events. Since COVID-19 is still with us at the time this is published, the following dates and times are tentative. As we approach the dates, more details will be made available.



**April 11,
2021, 1 PM
Annual Lake**

**Club Meeting - POSTPONED TO
MAY/JUNE**

**April 24, 2021 –
Roadside Cleanup
9 AM**



**July 4th, 2021,
2 PM - 21st Annual
Roberds Lake Boat
Parade**

**August 3, 2021, 7 PM
Nite to Unite**



**August 29,
2021 Annual
Picnic**

5 PM

New Neighbors

The Club would like to welcome those new to our neighborhood. Due to COVID-19, the Board agreed to stop delivery of Welcome Packages, but has approved giving a one-year free membership to new residents who register on line or who reply to a Welcome Letter with an invitation to register. If they go online at RoberdsLakeClub.com, they will see a membership form which can be emailed from the website and provides the Club with the information needed to place new residents on our Active Member list for 2021. We will

then be able to provide the new resident with the annual newsletter and directory by U.S. mail, email updates on the status of our activities and any breaking news. It will also be used to contact the individuals to arrange to get the complete welcome package if and when delivery resumes.

Tornado Cleanup

As we all recall, there was a lot of debris in the Lake after the September 20, 2018 tornado. The Roberds Lake Club worked with Senator John Jasinski and Representative Todd Lippert to secure funding to help clean some of the debris out of the Lake. A State grant of \$100,000 resulted from this effort. We then worked with Rice County Commissioner Steve Underdahl to push the County to get the work done. Several truck loads of debris were removed as a result. Debris removed included hazardous man made and natural objects. Below is a picture of a fraction of what was removed.



The job got physical at times and required the efforts of divers and a crew with access to winches.



Roadside Cleanup

We had a great turnout for the roadside cleanup last spring. Due to COVID-19, this turned out to be the only activity we could do as a Club. Many thanks to all who showed up and helped. Look forward to doing this again in 2021!!!

