

You won't want to miss what's happening on Kimble Lake!



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Long Time Resident Steve Erickson

The Kimble Lake community is saddened by Steve Erickson's passing on June 29, 2019. Steve was a longtime advocate and resident of the lake. He served on various committees and as President KLHA from 2004 to 2009. He also served on the LID from 2010 to 2019.



In 2007, Eurasian Milfoil was found in Kimble Lake. Steve led the effort to work with the DNR and eventually Ron Duy of Central Minnesota Aquatics to survey and treat this invasive species. He also, as KLHA President, led the effort establish a LID on Kimble Lake to effectively deal with the management of milfoil going into the future. This involved petitioning the property owners and having preliminary meetings with various County Commissioners in order to help position us for success with the County. The LID was approved by the Crow Wing County Commissioners in early 2008. Steve was elected to serve as President of the KLID in 2010 and 2011. He helped establish the bylaws that the LID still operates under. He remained on the board of directors of the KLID until his passing.

Steve's leadership and commitment to common sense solutions are an inspiration to all who were lucky enough to work by his side. His love and stewardship of Kimble Lake was never ending and will help people enjoy the pristine waters for years to come.

His devoted friendship and easy smile will be missed by all of us around the lake.



Directory by Lot Number

In the last newsletter we provided a link to the latest directory. Many people have asked for a directory sorted by lot number. You can access this sorted directory by clicking this [link](#). If your lot number is incorrect, please let Jan Lodico know at yukonbird@yahoo.com

Tim and Kristin Kurtz - New Kimble Homeowners

Tim and Kristin Kurtz recently purchased David Plattes and Shelly Cook's home on Kimble Shores Drive. They had been searching for the right cabin for almost 2 years. According to Kristin, "when we walked in the door of our new cabin for the first time, we both immediately fell in love with it. Everything about the cabin, inside and out, was exactly what we were looking for."



They have 2 children. Zac is 26 and lives in Delano, close to them. You will be sure to see him out boating with Tim and Kristin, usually with fishing rod in hand. Megan will be 21 in the fall and is attending Mankato State for her nursing degree. She also loves to be at the lake and spend time on the boat. Kristin says, "it is always a fishing tournament between the kids when they are at Kimble with us".

For now, this is summer home for us but eventually we will have plans to retire at the lake. Our favorite thing about Kimball lake is how quiet it is and everyone we have met has been so Minnesota nice! We all enjoy fishing, hunting and being outside year-round.

Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social

Once again, the rain held off and spectators were out in abundance as the boat parade made it's way around Kimble Lake on July 4th. Families enjoyed a follow up of ice cream sundaes, conversation with neighbors and a chance to win a prize donated by one of our generous community sponsors. Thank you to Andy's Bar & Grill, Judy's House of Gifts, Crosslake Coffee, Moonlight Bay, Old Mil, Raffertys, Pine Peaks, and Norwex Home Products (Annie Rheineck) for donating the prizes.



Fishing Contest Results

Seven teams brought their skills and a little luck to the 2019 Kimble Lake Fishing Kontest on what proved to be a good day for fishing. Thank you to all who participated.

Overall braggin' rights for the 2019 Kontest go to the Maas/Mork Fishing Team. They landed a MONSTER 21.5 inch Large Mouth Bass, good for 1st Place in that category. (It just might be the same one that Maddie Mork landed in pre-tournament fishing last year...see Summer 2018 newsletter #2 for a photo and decide for yourself).

The Wangsness-Panian Team (Kent, Luke, Jonah, Adam, Mark, Sam, and Ella) made a nice haul with a 20.5 inch Northern (2nd Place), 13 inch Large Mouth, 8 inch Sunny (1st Place), and 11.5 inch Rock Bass (1st Place)

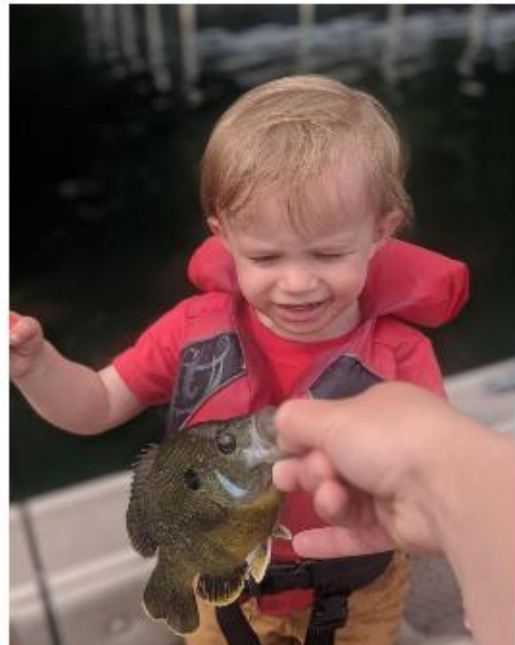
The Olson Family Fishers (led by Chris Knutson) also had good luck, boating 10 bass and a Northern! The biggest Bass went 16.25 inches, good for 2nd Place, and the Northern went 22 inches, good for 1st Place!

The Gregersen's (Joel, Nathan, and Morgan) always field a competitive team and 2019 was no exception. They brought in several fish, including 9.5 inch Crappie (1st Place) and a 14 inch Bass. Nice work!

New resident and avid fisherman, Chuck Maday, and his team took advantage of a change in this year's rules, landing a number of nice fish, including a 15.5 inch Large Mouth Bass on Ossie Lake.

Team Mathewson was well represented by Rob and his boys Oliver, age 3, and Jace, age 2. Way to get'em started young! Moreover, they scored a little hardware for the effort, landing a 7.5 inch Sunny, good for 2nd Place!

Nels Johnson and his grandsons, Palmer and Ryland, rounded out the field. And while they didn't boat a winning fish, they definitely win bragging rights for best team name - the Screamin' Reels! I am also pretty sure, Nels counts himself a winner for the opportunity to spend some quality time in the boat with the lads.





Volleyball Tournament

On Saturday, July 6th, six teams competed in the Kimble Lake volleyball tournament, held at the Larson's beach. Although there were fewer teams competing this year, there were lots of friends and family who showed up to cheer for their teams. First place went to Team Hansen and friends, while second place went to Team Folkerts and friends. Roger Weber, Jerry Cassidy, Scott Thompson and Kent Larson put together a last minute team, aptly named FOG for Fat Old Guys, and displayed some impressive skills, with the support of Abby Mohr and Ali Larson. Thanks to all for another fun tournament!

Pictures courtesy Sue Matthewson.



First Place Team



Second Place Team





AIS Update

Spotlight on Spiny Waterflea and Starry Stonewort: In this newsletter, we wanted to provide an overview of these two AIS that are spreading across MN and would be particularly troublesome if they infected Kimble. Each of these would have a greater impact than the Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels that we have today. We each need to do our part to prevent these AIS and others from entering Kimble by following recommended practices to clean, drain and dry watercraft, trailers and equipment that comes in contact with out state's waters.



Starry Stonewort is a bushy, bright green macro-algae, meaning it does not have a vascular system like true plants. Each branchlet or stem is a single cell. It produces a star-shaped bulbil (flower). Bulbils are the size of a grain of rice and are present throughout the growing season but become most obvious and plentiful in late summer.

Starry stonewort impacts lakes by:

- Producing dense mats at the water's surface that reduces or even eliminates the ability to use infected areas.
- Overtaking habitat and outcompeting native aquatic plants, potentially lowering native plant populations.
- Providing unsuitable shelter, food, and nesting habitat for native animals.

People spread starry stonewort primarily through the movement of water-related equipment. Fragments can get tangled in trailers, motors, anchors and inside watercrafts (boats, canoes and kayaks). Small bulbils, which may be hidden in mud and debris, can stick to trailer bunks, anchors, ropes, fabric, footwear, as well as scuba, fishing and hunting gear. A small fragment or bulbil can start a new population.

Lake Kronis was the first lake in MN infected with Starry and has spent millions of dollars trying to control this AIS through mechanical harvesting and herbicides to maintain some usability of infected areas. With no known effective way to eliminate this AIS from a lake, Lake Kronis residents can expect to continue spending significant dollars into the future. Thirteen lakes have confirmed infestations across MN including Cass and Winnibigoshish that several of our lake residents visit from time to time.



Spiny Waterfleas are microscopic animals, also known as zooplankton, that live in open water. Adults range from one-quarter to five-eighths of an inch long, and are opaque in color. They have a single long tail with one to four spines and have one large, distinctive black eyespot. The spiny waterflea is often found on fishing line or other equipment in clumps that resemble a gelatinous blob with a texture of wet cotton.

The spiny waterflea is a predatory zooplankton that eats other zooplankton. They migrate into deeper waters during the day to hide from predators and return to shallower water at night to find food. During the spring and summer, they reproduce by cloning. In the fall, or when conditions in the lake are cold or there is less food, they will reproduce sexually and produce tough eggs that are resistant to drying and freezing. Females carry their eggs and young on their back. Spiny waterflea impacts lakes by:

- Clogging eyelets of fishing rods and prevent fish from being landed.
- Prey on native zooplankton which are an important food source for native fishes. In some lakes, spiny waterfleas can cause the decline or elimination of some species of native zooplankton.
- They do not provide a good food source for native fishes, because their long tail and spines make them difficult to eat. The result is that native fish populations including walleye will likely decline in infected lakes.

People spread spiny waterfleas primarily through the movement of water-related equipment. The species collects in gelatinous blobs on fishing lines and downrigger cables. They can survive in water contained in bait buckets, live wells, bilge areas, ballast tanks and other water-containing devices. Adults and eggs, which may be hidden in mud and debris, can stick to anchors and ropes, as well as scuba, fishing, and hunting gear. Females can produce eggs which resist drying and freezing. Therefore, transfer of a single female could start a new population. Watercraft operators should air dry their equipment for at least six hours to kill any spiny waterflea eggs.

There is no known effective population control for spiny waterflea in natural water bodies at this time. Sixty-six lakes have confirmed infestations across MN including Lake of the Woods and Mille lacs. If you visit an infected lake, please take extra care to dry all equipment and decontaminate your watercraft before launching it into Kimble.

Kimble Access Video Camera: The camera has been up and running since late June. Based on review of videos so far, there are several areas where watercraft operators can improve their AIS prevention techniques.

- Drain the boat bilge / plug area good by parking the trailered watercraft on a slope allowing water to drain out completely. We have observed several instances of water coming out as a boat was being backed down the access. This indicates that they were not drained completely when they were pulled out of the water previously.
- Make sure to lower the motor and let all water drain out of the motor after loading the boat on the trailer. We saw several people that did not do this and observed water coming out of one motor as it was being backed into the ramp for launching.
- Jet skis: You need to run the motor for 10 seconds after loading on the trailer to expel all the water from the propulsion system. This will not hurt the jet ski. We saw at least 2 cases where operators did not do this when they put their jet skis back on the trailer.

For any questions on these or other AIS topics, please reach out to Tom Mahoney, Jim Schultz or Dave Rysdam.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE FUN EVENTS!

IT'Z A PIZZA PARTY!

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH from 4-6 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

Hosts: **ED & SUSAN SISOLA** at their home, 9148 Strawberry Lake Road

Come for a slice of fun! Menu to include pizza, antipasto, salads, wine, lemonade and more!

RSVP Appreciated to Susan and Ed by July 24th at sisisola@msn.com to help them know how much dough to make!

Thank you to lake neighbors who have loaned extra chairs to the Sissolas for this event.

KIMBLE COFFEE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

9-11, RAIN OR SHINE

HOSTS: **VAL & MAUREEN USLE, BOB & KATHY EMERTON**

ADDRESS: 10027 Kimble Creek (Usle's)

Join the Usle's, Emerton's and your neighbors for a morning of conversation, coffee and light refreshments.

10TH ANNUAL MEXICAN FIESTA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH from 4-6 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

HOSTS: **Larry & Maxine Knutson, Ric & Barb Rowe**

ADDRESS: 9609 N. Kimble Lane

It's that time again! Gather for some fun, margaritas and Mexican food. RSVPs appreciated by Aug. 5th, but not required. Come enjoy this annual Kimble Lake favorite!

Get ready for Fall with a **KIMBLE CHILI COOK-OFF!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH from 4-6 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

HOSTS: **Todd & Jan Lodico** at 34493 County Rd. 39

More information coming soon.

HOSTS, THANK YOU FOR OPENING YOUR HOMES AND GIVING YOUR TIME AND ENERGY TO PUT THESE EVENTS TOGETHER!!!!

Kimble Gear Order Date Approaching

Maxine Knutson will be placing an order on July 28 and then one more on September 29. If you wish to order any t-shirts, hats, etc. please reach out to Maxine.

Some Pictures from the O'Neil family

Summer work at the cabin never ends



George watering the Rysdam's flowers. What a responsible young man!



Henry and Mike O'Neil redoing their yard. Dad, when do i get to drive the bobcat?

But
there

is always time for some fun with friends (Ozzie Lillemoe) and family



And finally some beautiful sunset pictures



PLEASE Submit your Pictures and Articles

If you have a picture to share, an article or an idea for an article, please reach out to Carol at capwitz@comcast.net.

The O'Neils would love to see your pictures in the next newsletter - Please send them in to Carol.

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OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

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The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association was formed in 2002. Membership costs \$25 per year, due at the time of the annual meeting. Join today! Simply download the [KLHA Membership form](#) and send payment to:

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