



Spring Newsletter 2019

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Upcoming Events:
June 29th Annual Meeting

A Message from LJIA President

Welcome to Spring . Hopefully with the snow this past winter the Curly Leaf Pond Weed had a stunted growth season.

LJIA has secured 5 grants from MCAL (Meeker County Area Lakes) for lake improvements. 2 grants were given for shore line restoration for 2 members who applied last fall. Another grant will be used to treat up to 35 acres of Curly Leaf Pond Weed. A fourth grant will be used to do a nutrient water quality study on inlets on Lake Jennie. The fifth grant will be used to help individual residents with the cost of weed treatment.

LJIA will be sending application forms to individual residents after we determine our applicator.

Welcome to 2 new residents on Lake Jennie:

Dave and Connie Carlson in the Handa addition and Daniel & Lisa Fischer in the Eagle Point addition.

Brenda Kotila still has extra Lake Jennie gear. Call 320-296-6659 to check inventory. You can see what sizes are available on our Facebook page.

Please send email addresses to: lakejennieimprovement@gmail.com.

Randy Newman LJIA President

Fish Stocking - Bob Lindee

Last spring ten property owners, who were tired of the poor fishing on Lake Jennie, decided to do something about it. They pitched in and paid to have 3000 Crappies stocked, in the lake, in time for them to spawn. They also stocked 1000 Walleyes, with hope they would spawn, instead of being eaten. Apparently it worked.

The DNR did a test netting last summer, and the results were very encouraging. Crappie catch rates jumped from 4.7 per net in 2016 to 23.4 per net. This is the highest Crappie net catch on our lake since the 70's! Walleye numbers jumped from 2.7 per net in 2016, to 4.1 per net, after our stocking. It's proof that we can make a huge difference in quality, of the fishing in Our lake. This equates to quality of life on the lake. This is not just for us, now, it effects all generations to come, that will enjoy fishing. That makes the property values, of the properties on the lake go up!

Since the original stocking, four more property owners have donated money, to keep the stocking program going. I would hope that more of you will pitch in and help. We have a wonderful opportunity to make our lake fantastic. Please, Please, Please send a donation to the Fish Stocking Fund, at Lake Jennie Improvement Association. Application form is in this newsletter.

Thank You, Bob Lindee

From The Dock - Mitch Fabel

Hopefully when this article hits the press the ice will have come off the lake and it will be the beginning of a new fishing season and the end of what ended up being a long tough winter for area lakes. With the early ice and heavy snow amounts late winter, a lot of stress was placed on the lakes and fish populations. As I write this some local lakes are feared to have “died out” due to low dissolved oxygen levels. Fish tolerance to low oxygen levels is different from fish specie to specie. Fish like Walleyes and young panfish are the first to die off and unfortunately rough fish like Carp and Bullheads are the last. Late ice out dates and cool spring water also affect spawning success. The later fish spawn the less time young fish have to eat and build up to prepare for the next winter. Lake Jennie’s dissolved oxygen levels were low but hopefully the winter kill will be minimal.

On a positive note, Lake Jennie was the featured lake in Outdoor News Lake Profile in the March 22, 2019 issue. Staff writer Glen Schmitt’s headline read “Pike, Bass are two reasons why anglers love Meeker’s Jennie”. In Glen’s article he talks about how Northern Pike and Largemouth Bass are primary targets of anglers on the lake. He also mentioned Jennie holds panfish, and although not big numbers you will find walleyes. I think this pretty much sums up the state of Lake Jennie as discussed in past articles. Jennie continues to be one of the premiere Bass lakes with league nights and tournaments being fished a lot. There are also a lot of anglers on the lake catching nice Northern Pike. I think the exciting mention was that of panfish. The Lake continues to improve the Crappie and Sunfish population with nice fish being caught as of late. Also mentioned before Walleyes continue to be the challenge for the Lake. Schmitt mentioned that per discussion with Chris Foster with the DNR Fisheries the abundance of pike is likely leading to the limited supply of Walleyes. Stocking efforts have switched to yearling fish on an every-other-year basis. Bottom line as talked about in past writings Lake Jennie remains an exciting lake to fish with hopefully great things to come.

Panfish Chowder by Mary Nass

Ingredients

6 bacon strips, cut into 1-inch pieces	2/3 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery	3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 cups water	1/2 cup chopped carrots
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon dill weed	1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper	1 cup half-and-half cream
1 pound panfish fillets (perch, sunfish or crappie), cut into 1-inch chunks	

Directions

1. In a 3-qt. saucepan, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon to paper towels; drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings. Sauté onion and celery in reserved drippings until tender.

2. Add the potatoes, water, carrots, parsley, lemon juice and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Add fish and bacon; simmer for 5 minutes or just until fish flakes with a fork. Add cream and heat through.

Nutrition Facts : 1 cup: 325 calories, 18 g fat (8g saturated fat), 103 mg cholesterol, 324 mg sodium, 19 g carbohydrate (5 g sugars, 8 g fiber), 20 g protein.

Total Time : Prep: 20 min. Cook: 40 min. Makes: 4-6 servings

New AIS Treatment Options for Area Lakes by Peg Truax

In 2019, the Lake Jennie board will be considering a new way of treating the curly leaf problem. Like many other lake associations in the Meeker watershed area, there is growing concern that funding for chemical treatments for AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) will end in the coming years. Additionally, the DNR may not be supporting the use of these chemicals in the state's lakes as there is evidence that these chemicals may not be effective enough to warrant annual use.

Many lake associations in the Meeker County area are considering purchase of weed harvesting machines, and the Lake Jennie board is no exception. We are currently evaluating the prospect of purchasing a machine for use on our lake. We also need to include the DNR in discussions as we consider the feasibility and the value of owning and operating one of these machines on Lake Jennie.

The machine would be effective against curly leaf and can be used in and around dock areas too. The machines are expensive, so we will be looking into grant money for the purchase as well as fundraising efforts with membership and other lakeshore activities.

There are many issues to consider and we welcome your thoughts and invite you into the conversation. The weed harvester machine will be a focal conversation at the annual meeting this coming June, so plan to bring your ideas, questions and comments to the table—See you in June!

For more information on an example of an Aquatic Weed Harvester, check out <https://weedersdigest.com>



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