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Upcoming Events:

A Message from LJIA President

We are fast approaching good ice fishing ice on Lake Jennie. We have had a rough year with new lake weeds showing up. Hopefully we can get enough snow to slow the weed production during the winter months.

I only had one response for at home recycling since the last newsletter. This will be tabled for now.

The lake is experiencing Beaver problems. They have a dam started on the north east corner of the lake by the water outlet. There is also evidence of Beavers near the south boat landing. We are working with the DNR to eliminate this problem.

LJIA membership is around 77% of lake residents. It would be great to get to 100% and be number one in Meeker county lakes. Reminder your membership dues help LJIA do more projects.

There are still about 28 Lake Jennie residents that I don't have email addresses to receive our newsletter by email.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from LJIA.

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

Shoreline Restoration

Below are the before and after pictures of shoreline restoration on lake Jennie this summer.



Summer Lake Weed Problem

The lake board had Daniel McEwen of Limnopro look at the weeds that had floated up on the shore line by south boat landing. He stated that the weeds are Canada waterweed (*Elodea Canadensis*), coontail, and water celery. These are native weeds which you cannot get a permit for offshore treatment. There also was chara, which is a macroalgae blooming.

One option to treat these weeds would be to do it at the individual property level. The DNR will typically allow two treatments per year for up to half of an individuals shoreline length. That is something your applicator can do when they treat your Curly Leaf Pond Weed the second time. Just some thoughts for up coming 2019 weed treatment.



Pickled Northern Pike – Mary Nass

Pickled Northern Pike from Gene Potts from Arrowhead Resort

Take 4 medium northern pike fillets with Y bones

1. Cut fillets – Bones & all into $\frac{1}{2}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch chunks Put in clean glass container
2. Make brine 2 cups pickling salt or Kosher salt with 8 cups of water. Cover and soak for 48 hr. in fridge
3. Drain fish and rinse with water Clean container and put fish back in container and cover with white vinegar and place back in fridge for 24 hours. Drain and rinse with water before final brine.

Pickling Brine

4 cups of white vinegar

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of sugar

10 whole cloves

8 bay leaves

4 tsp mustard seed

2 tsp whole allspice (usually found in grocery baking items) do not use ground allspice

2 tsp whole black peppercorns

Bring brine to a boil and let it cool overnight

Mixing

Layer fish with LOTS of sliced onions ($\frac{1}{2}$ red and $\frac{1}{2}$ white onions works best) and pour the Pickling brine over the fish and onions. Stir occasionally to mix spices through out the container

Final instructions

Wait 4-5 days before sampling

Y-Bones will be dissolved (taste better if you use pike with Y bones) Enjoy Pickled Pike on crackers with your favorite beverage Finished product will keep for several weeks in fridge. Pike should taste like sweet pickled herring, if bitter add sugar. If you have too many fish, make more pickling brine, it takes a while to make mixture to come out exact ratio

Many times we bring pike back and throw away after a few months - this is an excellent use of a fish resource.

From The Dock - Mitch Fabel

As we kick off the ice fishing season Lake Jennie went through an unusual fall. Very heavy weed pressure late summer made for some tough fishing conditions. Areas of usually good pan fishing or Walleye spots were choked out due to the population boom of weeds in the lake. Although heavy weed cover can make for tough fishing it is beneficial to the young fish species as it offers a lot of cover and food sources for them to mature into bigger fish. With the abundance of Perch and young pan fish in the lake, the weeds offered good habitat for development and should help the already improving Sunfish and Crappie population. The development of a healthy Perch population is dynamic to the development of newly stocked walleyes as they provide forage for the predator fish such as the Northern Pike and Bass to feed on and give the young walleyes a chance to grow.

Although the weeds were not a fan favorite to the lake goers it is beneficial to the fish population. Hopefully weed outbreaks like the one we just experienced remain cyclic and we don't see another one like it for a while. It will be interesting to see results of DNR stocking and what looks to be a good rebound to pan fish populations in the upcoming fishing season.

Although the ice fishing season has gotten off to a slow start due to ice conditions, it looks to be promising due to improved fish numbers. Spearing was hit and miss early due to the ice and some water clarity issues. The future fishery for Lake Jennie still holds a lot of promise and remains healthy for all the species. Good luck and hope to see you on the lake.

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Membership Goal 90% for July 2018 – June 2019

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