



# Spring is Here!

LSIA Spring 2019 Newsletter



Spring is here and we are all very excited to get docks and boats in the water to kick-off another great summer at Lake Sarah. We hope to see you on the water soon and at one of our LSIA meetings as well!

## Key 2019 Meeting Dates

- **April 29** – General Membership Spring Meeting (Independence City Hall) - 6:30pm social time / 7:00pm meeting
- **July 4** - Lake Sarah Boat Parade
- **July 21** – Summer Picnic/Annual General Membership Meeting (Jorgenson Park)
- **October 21** - Fall General Membership Meeting (Choo Choo)

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## **LSIA Spring Meeting - Independence City Hall - Monday April 29**

The annual LSIA spring general membership meeting will be held at Independence City Hall on Monday April 29. A social hour starts at 6:30pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm. In addition to some LSIA updates, our guest speaker will be Eric Fieldseth. Eric is an AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) specialist whom we contract to survey our lake and make treatment recommendations. He will be sharing data he has collected about Lake Sarah and will be available for questions. Please come and learn more about the health of Lake Sarah and our plans to continue making progress.

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### **Interested in becoming involved with Lake Sarah Association?**

We are always looking for neighbors who are interested in improving the beautiful lake we share. There are a couple of board positions that will be open this year. We have about 4 board meetings and 3 general membership meetings a year. Additionally, we have a number of other projects to help with including the summer picnic! It is a wonderful way to learn about the lake, assist with planning and do projects designed to improve Lake Sarah. A side benefit is that you get to meet many great neighbors! If you are possibly interested please feel free to contact any board member or send us an email at [LakeSarahAssociation@yahoo.com](mailto:LakeSarahAssociation@yahoo.com)



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**It's Time!**

### **2019 LSIA Membership Drive**

A big thank you to all of the Lake Sarah area residents who have sent in their 2019 membership donation! Once again, our annual dues are only \$35.00. We usually have around 150 paid members and are less than half way to our goal. Our Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) supports efforts to improve water quality, the fishery, a neighborhood directory,



and a number of community events including our 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade and the popular summer picnic!

So please help support our lake and community by joining LSIA. You can [print the membership form](#) and mail it along with your tax-deductible check for \$35.00. You can also find membership information and a convenient link to PayPal at LakeSarah.com

Not sure if you have paid yet or have any question? Please feel free to contact Anne Horn @ [annehutchhorn@msn.com](mailto:annehutchhorn@msn.com)

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## **2019 CLP and EWM week Treatment Program**

The Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) along with Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed District and Three Rivers Park District will be contracting with a vendor to continue chemically treating Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in early spring 2019. Our intent is to continue treating CLP on an as needed basis per our Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP). Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will also be treated in 2019 at a later date.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted the Lake Sarah Improvement Association a waiver of the requirement to obtain signatures of approval of owners of lake-shore property. Instead the LSIA will be notifying property owners as part of general communications including this newsletter. Lake Sarah property owners who wish to opt out of treatments adjacent to their property should notify LSIA immediately. You may contact the Lake Association via email at [lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com).

LSIA is seeking a donation of \$150 to cover the cost of the 2019 treatment program. You are encouraged to combine your membership dues of \$35 along with the treatment program donation for ease of administration. The board sincerely thanks those who have already contributed and encourages those who have not to send in their tax deductible donation as the 2019 treatment is fast approaching.

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## **FAQ's!**

***“Why do I have weeds on my lakeshore when we treat the lake?”***

***“I contribute to the lake treatment but I have weeds on my lakeshore. Why?”***

On many occasions the LSIA board is asked these questions by lakeshore owners.

The lake treatment plans for Lake Sarah are designed to control the growth of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) such as Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil. After independent surveys are completed each spring recommendations are made to the LSIA board on where to treat the AIS and how many acres. This recommendation is presented to the DNR for approval and to obtain a permit. Even though it may be referred to as a “whole lake treatment” we basically are only able to spot treat the problematic areas. Please feel free to ask any questions related to the lake treatment to Eric Fieldseth or the LSIA board at the spring meeting. Unable to attend? Email your question to [LakeSarahAssociation@Yahoo.com](mailto:LakeSarahAssociation@Yahoo.com) or contact either Scott Walsh or Kevin Horn.

### ***“How do I get rid of weeds on my lakeshore?”***

If you have weeds on your lakeshore that interfere with your boating or recreation it is your personal preference/responsibility to remove them.

There are a number of options available to lakeshore owners to make your boating and beach area more accessible and enjoyable. There are a number of private companies who will come and treat for weeds and other concerns. **Any chemical treatment of lakeshore requires a permit from the DNR.** The private companies will apply for your permit and treat your property. LSIA contracts with Aquatic Solutions. Another local company is Lake Restoration. Prices do vary so contact them for a quote.

Or you can do it the old fashion way and rake them out!

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### **Lake Sarah Weir Surveyed**

In response to inquiries over the summer of 2018 regarding the runout level of the cable Crete mat located at the Sarah creek outlet, LSIA asked Three Rivers Park staff to do a cross section elevation survey of the weir. The results could then be used to compare to the original as-built survey in an effort to determine if the runout control had changed or settled since it's installation.

The survey compared very closely to the original as-built cross section survey. Thank you to Three Rivers Park and to Amy Timm, Water Resources Supervisor - Three Rivers Park District.



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## Cross Country Ski and Walking Trail returned in 2019



Since the winter of 2014 Ron Jorgenson had prepped his Kubota UTV and groomed the X-country ski trail around the lake near the shorelines.

The trail, a wide flat groomed path with 2 grooves in the center for traditional cross country ski touring and flat areas adjacent to the ski track for walkers/runners, is created by a custom made hydraulic groomer Ron purchased and modified for this use.

Since Ron's untimely passing last year, Larry Nystul and Mary Jorgenson decided to continue grooming Ron's trail in his memory.

Thank you to Larry Nystul for donating his time and talents to maintain Ron's wonderful tradition and to Mary Jorgenson for her continuing generosity to her lake Sarah area neighbors! Know that we all miss Ron and continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers



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## CD3 (Clean - Drain - Dry - Dispose) Boat/Trailer Cleaning Station installed near lake Sarah public Access

Hennepin County, LSIA, and the City of Independence have arranged for the installation of a cleaning station on the west side of the circle above the lake Sarah Public access / boat landing. The station is equipped with solar powered lighting and tools to help boaters inspect and remove AIS from their boats and trailers as they leave lake Sarah. The tools available on the station





include a reaching / grabber tool, long handled brush, and a drain plug removal tool.

Thank you to Tony Brough and Hennepin County for their assistance in the customization of this station and for the grant funding that made this project possible.

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## **LSIA Chosen as AIS Grant Recipient**

We are excited to report that we will be partnering with Hennepin County in a pilot project on AIS (aquatic invasive species) pathways!

At no cost to LSIA or lake home owners, Hennepin County will be funding a grant aimed at furthering our understanding of the pathways of AIS introduction. Much research exists on how a lake's visitors can introduce AIS, but virtually nothing is known on how AIS can also be introduced via lake residents. We will endeavor to help Hennepin County understand lake-use such that educational outreach in the future can be better tailored for lake-use not only in our county, but also state and nationwide. Likewise, as part of the project, we will have the opportunity to staff our public access with observers in 2019 and/or 2020 to track, monitor, and educate lake visitors on AIS prevention. And hopefully help with the use of our new CD3 station!

Much of the work will be carried out by Jenny Winkelman, an environmental biologist with 30 years of experience in natural resources. Jenny will be saying hello and will make a brief introduction at our spring meeting. Stay tuned!

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# First Quarter Financial Statement

## Lake Sarah Improvement Association Financial Statement ###

Prepared by: Mike Malone  
4/18/2019

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 YTD March 31 ACTUAL	2019 APPROVED BUDGET	NOTES
<b>Assets:</b>						
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$24,916	\$35,897	\$31,981	\$31,256	\$31,256	
PayPal cash balance	-	-	83	34	34	
21st century CD - 6 month (7378)	6,991	-	-	-	-	
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	8,967	8,976	8,985	8,994	8,994	
21st century CD - 6 month (0003)	30,038	-	-	-	-	
21st century CD - 6 month (0389)	-	37,019	37,056	37,092	37,092	
<b>Total Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$70,912</b>	<b>\$81,892</b>	<b>\$78,105</b>	<b>\$77,376</b>	<b>\$77,376</b>	
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Membership for 2018	-	-	4,690	-	-	134 member:
Membership for 2019	-	-	-	1,400	4,900	40 member:
Membership for 2016	5,310	-	-	-	-	140 x \$35 budgeted
Membership for 2017	-	4,790	-	-	-	
Contributions - Walleye Fund	505	565	380	250	500	5 donation
Contributions - Water Quality	-	70	15,125	4,185	-	28 donation
Contributions - Curly Leaf	-	17,130	-	-	16,500	110 x \$150 budgeted
Contributions - Other	-	400	1,594	-	400	channel
Interest - checking	14	6	6	2	5	
Interest - CD's	46	47	46	2	50	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>23,008</b>	<b>21,842</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>22,355</b>	
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, pos)	102	56	134	-	150	
Directory	47	21	35	-	50	
Membership/Board meetings	-	-	-	-	200	
Spring Meeting	63	46	-	-	150	
Boat Parade (prizes)	150	258	200	-	250	
Biff at Public Access	250	-	-	-	250	do we need this in 2
Biff at Picnic Grounds	367	302	283	-	375	
Water Quality materials / equipment	-	-	100	-	100	
Water Quality Education Seminars	-	-	-	-	500	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	597	531	741	-	750	
Fall Meeting	-	41	84	-	150	
Winterfest	-	-	-	-	-	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	40,943	44,893	31,354	-	34,000	CLP \$28, EWM \$4,
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(49,203)	(20,177)	(11,551)	-	(12,000)	DNR \$0, PSC/TRPC
PayPal fees	233	170	155	45	200	
Other Fees	-	(346)	35	-	-	- reconciling item
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>(5,451)</b>	<b>26,795</b>	<b>22,569</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26,125</b>	
<b>Overage / (Deficit)</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>(3,787)</b>	<b>(727)</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>(3,770)</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$82,238</b>	<b>\$78,105</b>	<b>\$77,378</b>	<b>\$83,170</b>	<b>\$73,606</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>						
6-mo CD - 7378	-	-	-	-	-	
PayPal cash balance	-	83	34	756	-	
12-mo CD - 0805	-	8,985	8,994	8,996	-	
6-mo CD - 0003	-	-	-	-	-	
6-mo CD - 0389	-	37,056	37,092	37,093	-	
Outstanding checks written	-	-	-	-	-	
Checking	-	31,981	31,256	36,326	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$78,105</b>	<b>\$77,376</b>	<b>\$83,170</b>	<b>\$83,170</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>-</b>	

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## Letter to the Editor

### “Len’s Stories”

*As told to Dolores Ullstrom over several interviews in September, 2018*

During our first meeting it became clear, that Len Nadasdy loves to tell stories. He is not only good at storytelling, he has an interesting story to tell.

Len was born in Brookings, South Dakota; his father was buyer for a wool growers’ co-op. The co-op eventually became the largest rural marketing organization in the country. At the time, raising sheep in Minnesota and surrounding states was a thriving business. In 1945 the Nadasdy family moved to Golden Valley. Len was sixteen years old. He cannot forget the year because of two memorable events. The first was Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, which he celebrated in Brookings with a day off school. The second was Victory in Japan Day, Aug. 14, 1945 which he celebrated in his new home with merry makers in downtown Minneapolis. Golden Valley did not have a high school at the time, and so Len attended St. Louis Park High. His bus stop was located on Hwy 100, a long walk from home. His parents grew tired of driving him to and from the bus stop. So, his dad, Carl, brought him a slightly used 1947 Dodge car for \$700. Back then, cars were not common with teenagers and Len’s was the only student car in the school parking lot! Carl Nadasdy eventually became Mayor of Golden Valley and served for twelve years.

In 1948, Len entered the Univ. of MN and majored in History and Political Science. He recalls that tuition and fees for one quarter was \$46. Early on, Len joined College Republicans. They shared an office with the College Democrats. One day he met an impressive student named Walter Mondale. It was clear to everyone that Walt had a bright future in politics. Len learned that he was a Republican at the tender age of six years. Someone had pinned a “Roosevelt for President” button on his shirt. Upon seeing it, his dad removed it and while explaining the political facts of life, replaced it with a “Landon for President” button.

A major life changing college experience for Len was suggesting, organizing and leading students at the “U” in a mock political convention, a relatively rare occurrence on college campuses. It was a successful event, and Len’s name and fame spread within the National Republican Party.



ROTC (Reserved Officers' Training Corps) was mandatory for male freshman and sophomores at the "U". One hour ROTC classes were held three times a week at the armory on campus. On those days students were required to wear their military uniform to classes. The Korean War broke out in 1950. Len signed up for two more years of ROTC to delay being drafted until after graduation. After graduation and before he went to ROTC boot camp, Len was asked to come to Chicago and assist with the presidential nominating convention for Dwight Eisenhower. If you can get Len talking, he can fill you in on some interesting details. As a result of this effort, Len's reputation for political acumen took a giant leap forward. After boot camp at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia, an experience he did not particularly enjoy, Len was sent to Fort Jay which is located on Governors Island in New York harbor. In spite of the heavy workload, Len liked his job as Special Services and Public Information Officer. One of his responsibilities was to defend soldiers up for court martial. This, in spite of the fact, he had no legal training. Len liked the fact that Fort Jay had on its grounds structures built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The British Governor lived in one of them, thus the island's name. Three structures were Civil War forts. All of this was gold to a history major fresh out of college.



After serving two years in the Army, the Korean War was over. At 23 years of age, Len was discharged and looking for a job. He was asked to help out C. Elmer Anderson's gubernatorial campaign. His suggestion that Anderson travel the state in a helicopter was thought to be original and effective in spite of the fact that Anderson lost the election. Through the years Len continued to be politically active. He once entertained Governor Quie at his Lake Sarah home. Len worked as a newspaper ad salesman, in public relations at North Central Wool Marketing, and in various public relations jobs at General Mills. He was also a trade magazine editor, and President of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. For twelve years he served on the Minnesota Arts Board, including two years as chairman.

In 1967 Len bought his lot on Lake Sarah. He was living in Plymouth but wanted a lake place. It was hard to get a look at Lake Sarah itself because it was surrounded by farms and roads were few. He rented a boat at Shady Beach Resort and started looking. When he saw a beautiful sandy beach on a piece of property in the east basin owned by Madge Beamish, his search ended. He brought his dad to look the property over. After driving on a rough trail and walking in tall grass to get to the site, his dad asked him why he wanted to live in such a God forsaken place, no neighbors, no roads. After climbing the hill and looking down on the lake, he understood. He helped Len finance the \$10,000 cost of the lot. Three years later Len bought the lot next door for \$15,000. Howie and Madge Beamish had purchased the farm of Irene Klaers, widow of Frank around 1955.

A brief history of the area: Hennepin County was organized in 1852, after which settlement began. The property on which Len's home sits, had been in three generations of the Klaers family. Joseph Klaers (1826-1904) emigrated from Germany and acquired it in 1857. His son Theodore (1859-1943) owned it next. His son Frank was the last Klaers to own the property. Theodore is the great-grandfather of Randy Klaers who currently owns the farm on the south side of Sarah. The road off Hwy 55 to the Beamish property is suitably named Klaers Drive. Howie, who intended to develop the lake shore also owned The Silver Dollar Salon east of Cty 19. To advertise his lake lots and to entice perspective customers, Howie had a 4'x8' sign erected on Hwy 55. On the sign, which stayed in place for several years, he named his development Pirates' Cove, a name which never took hold. Klaers Drive in its more primitive days was the "trail" Len and his dad drove down to see the property.

After the lake shore was developed, Howie began a second addition of development. This consisted of dredging a channel through a wet land thereby increasing the number of lots for sale with lake access. The drag line which dug the channel did so from a bit of land in the middle of the channel. That little piece of ground remains in place today and is called Todd Island, named in honor of Howie's youngest son. Residents say the island is a mini rookery used by geese, cranes and blue herons.

At the time, Beamishes were developing their land, there were few city ordinances to regulate development. Howie Beamish died of a heart attack in 1968. His family believes that the stress of development including a lawsuit with the channel excavator contributed to his early death.

In 1967, Lake Sarah Heights Drive was a gravel road interrupted by a wetland with a creek flowing through it. To this day the Loretto Post Office delivers mail on the east end and Rockford Post Office on the west. School children living on the Rockford side, but enrolled in Delano schools, had to wear boots to walk through the wet area on their way to their bus stop. The kids took off their boots and stashed them behind a tree. There the boots waited until the children returned from school. Some children would, on nice days, row across the

lake to Shady Beach and catch the Delano bus from there. Neighbors eventually grew tired of this situation and saw no solution in sight. Bukowski and Beamish had come to an impasse over who would pay to complete the road. Neighbors decided to take matters into their own hands. One of them, employed at Tri-State, got his hands on a culvert. The group set about putting it in place. A flare of tempers ensued and the Mayor of Independence, Harry Poole, was called. Seeing the importance of the road and frustrated by the feuding parties, he arranged to have the City of Independence complete the project. The newly completed road was adequate but just barely. In spring, it was deeply rutted and very muddy. Residents once again took matters into their own hands and originated a petition drive in which they agreed to cover the cost of improvements. In the early 1980's Lake Sarah Heights Drive was improved and blacktopped. It was the first city managed road in Independence to be blacktopped.

On Len's newly acquired property, there was a small shack (which still exists as the boat house named Camelot Landing) from which over the years, fishing boats were rented. This was typical. Farms with lake shore often had a cabin or two and a few boats to rent out. It is said that on summer Sunday mornings all rented boats were on the water by 6 a.m. Lake Sarah was a very popular and well known panfish lake. Treats were also sold out of the shack. Because there was no electricity to the building, beverages were kept cold with ice purchased from the Mielke family who lived on the west end of the lake. Len heard but it's never been confirmed that one winter, in another shack on his property, a man's frozen body was found.



After spending a glorious afternoon at the lake, a friend suggested to Len that he call his place “Camelot”. The name stuck. Len has a welcoming style and loves giving opportunities to others, especially youth. Len has mentored several individuals. In fact, there are two young men who he took under his wing who now call him “Dad”. He put one of them through the U of MN. This man, who majored in Chemical Engineering, is currently a very successful business man in China. He gives Len all the credit for his success. A few years back I learned that Len hosted three local high schoolers, including my son-in-law, Joe Tabery, on a memorable vacation trip to Washington D.C.

With nostalgia, Len recalls the two resorts that were on the lake when he moved in, Wally’s and Shady Beach. The latter, as a convenience, sold gas for boats. He fondly remembers the many warm Saturday evenings when live music from Shady Beach serenaded everyone on the lake. The music was often from one of many wedding receptions held at the resort over the years.

In winter, many snowmobile trails stopped at Shady Beach Resort. As snowmobiles lined up outside, their owners were inside visiting and enjoying a beer. Len says the lake community was cordial and neighborly in those days. Neighbors spent time together. He remembers



helping to host progressive dinners. He provided the hors d'oeuvre course and then jumped into his boat and headed for the house hosting the next course.

Len loves to travel the world. He has memories and, he says, too many photo albums, of the more than 130 countries he has visited around the globe.

Len has health problems now and has trouble getting around. He no longer drives. A recent planned trip to China had to be cancelled. Lee, one of his "sons", has moved into the house to help out. He has made the house more accessible and safer for Len. It is once again his Camelot. Members of his lake Sarah community wish Len the very best. His dedicated service to the Lake Association including his most recent position as President of the LSIA (2008-2010) is greatly appreciated.



A few people have helped me with historical facts and I would like to thank them for their contributions to this piece. They are Jan Daly, Mayor Marvin Johnson, Gene Berthieaume, Jack Leddy, Todd Beamish, Brad Spencer and especially Brian VanBeusekom.